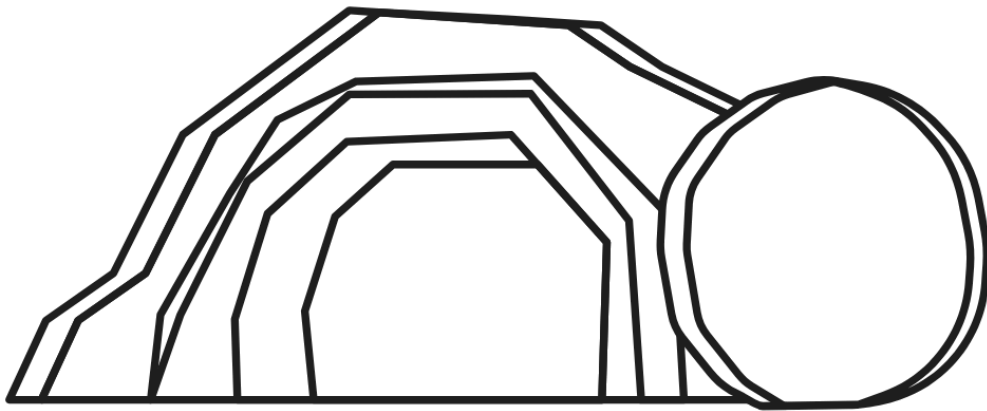


# The Second Sunday of Easter



HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS  
RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE  
THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

MATTHEW 28:6

April 7, 2024

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

# **Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's!**

Name tags are available. We'd love to make one for you if you do not have one already.

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe," and feel free to bring it to your pew. We're casual.

We invite children to make themselves at home at our children's table, where there are weekly activity bulletins and crayons.

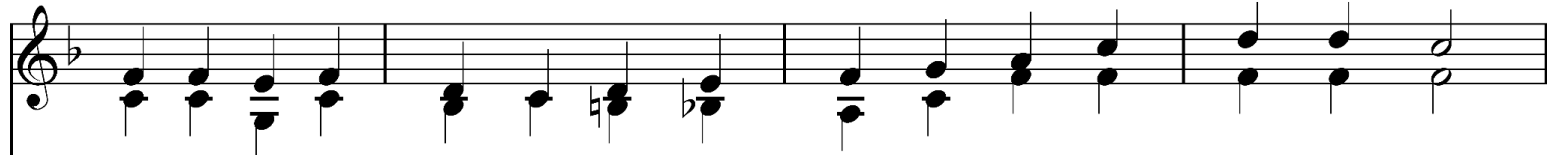
Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15 am. The link to our YouTube channel is available on our website, [stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org).

We do not pass an offering plate during the service. If you would like to make a financial gift, you can place it in the plate (by the sign-in binder) or contribute online.

## PRELUDE

### OPENING MUSIC

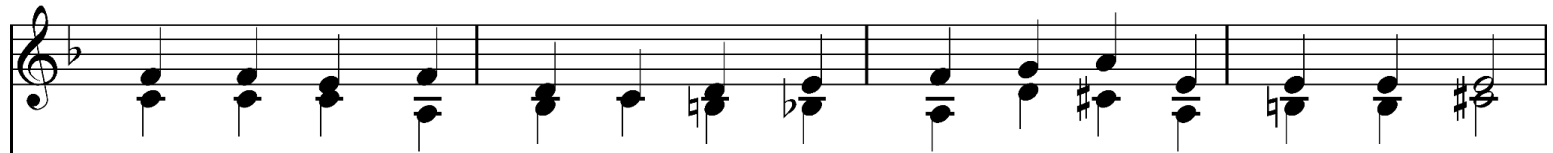
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”



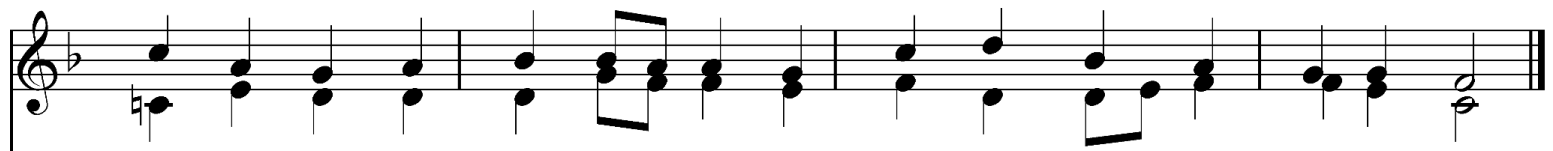
1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day:



1 Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;  
2 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,  
3 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,



1 Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
2 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, “I am with you ev - er - more”?  
3 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ has risen.

**Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

**Christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

*A reading from the book of Acts, the fourth chapter...*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and

brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

### THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

*A reading from the book of First John...*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that

was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

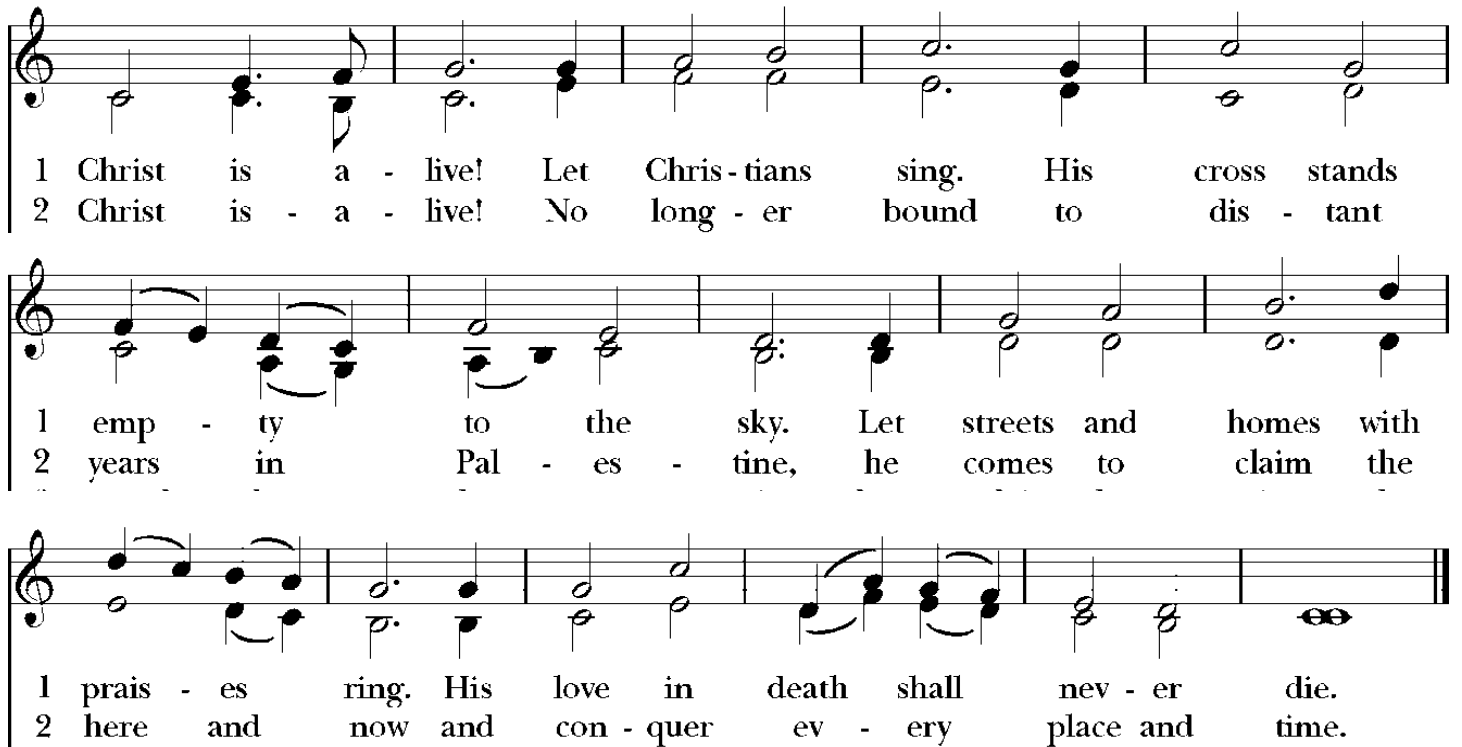
My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*"Christ is Alive"*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.

## GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Cindy



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Community of Iona Abbey*

**We believe in God  
in whom is power and compassion.  
We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe,  
set solar systems dancing into space,  
shaped molecules and mountains,  
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.  
God's power topples tyrants,  
and brings down walls of separation;  
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,  
encouraging and caring for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus, born in poverty in an occupied land;  
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief.  
He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil,  
spoke truth with courage and clarity,  
forgave his enemies and changed lives.  
In his living, dying and rising again he showed  
love strong enough to save the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who sustains, comforts and empowers us,  
opens the scriptures, opens our minds,  
and illuminates earth's darkness.  
Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION** *Please be seated*  
*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on one of the Prayer Boards during the music.*

## PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying

**Thank you, God.**

For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life,

**Thank you, God.**

For the richness of soil that covers so much of our earth that we may know your presence more fully as we work to remediate the soil in city lots as we nurture the land.

**Thank you, God.**

For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,

**Thank you, God.**

For your life giving spirit and your promise to always be with us. We pray for those who are experiencing pain, sadness, distress, or uncertainty that you may provide relief to their suffering. We pray especially today for...

**Thank you, God.**

*Celebrant:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

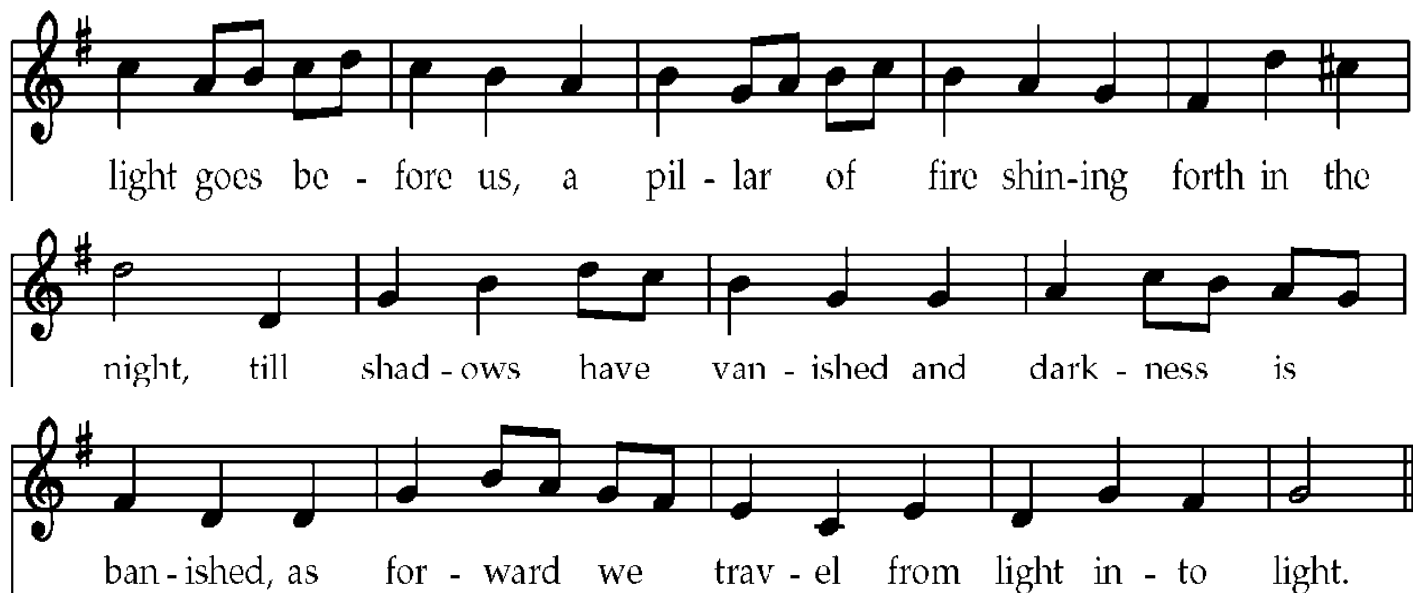
*Celebrant:* I appeal to you, brothers and sisters in Christ, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

*Eucharistic Ministers bring the elements and offering forward*

## DOXOLOGY

“Let all Things Now Living”

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the  
night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

## MUSIC

## *"Crowded Table"*

*Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna  
Text adapted for worship*

## **Refrain**

I want a church with a crowded table

And a place at the altar for everyone

Let us take on the world while we're fed and able

And bring us back together when the day is done.

If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed

Plant a little happiness - let the roots run deep

If it's love that we give - then it's love that we reap

If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed (+ **Refrain**)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

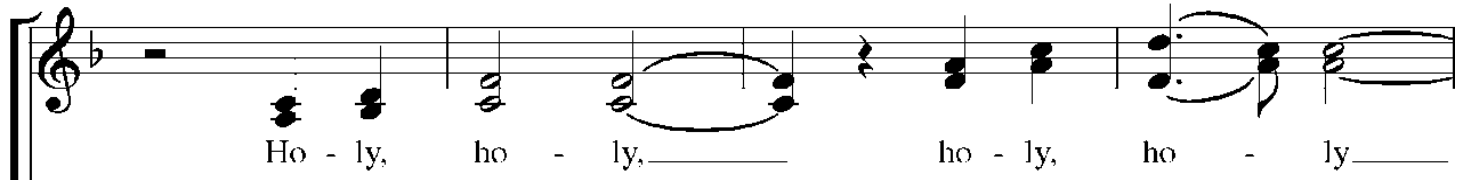
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself.

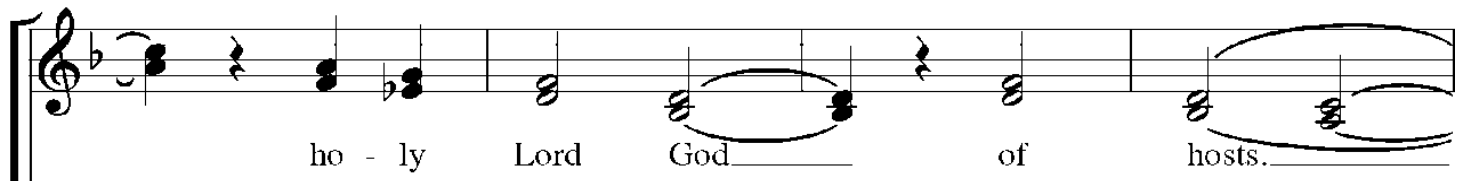
And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation. As a parent tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister and Joseph our brother.

Jesus revealed your care for all you have made. You send forth your Holy Spirit ever giving birth and rebirth to your church.

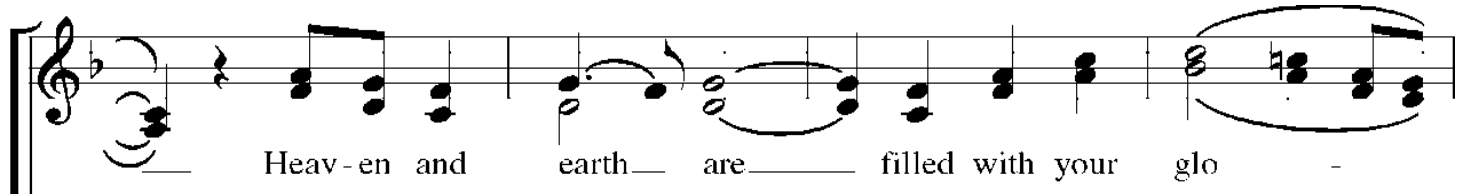
Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we sing your hymn of unending love,



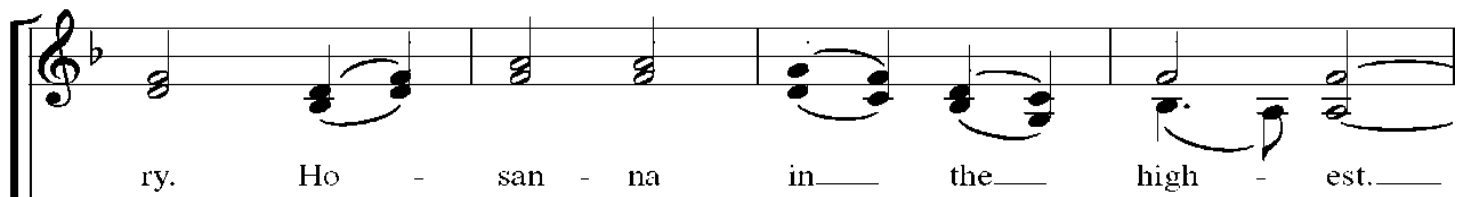
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly



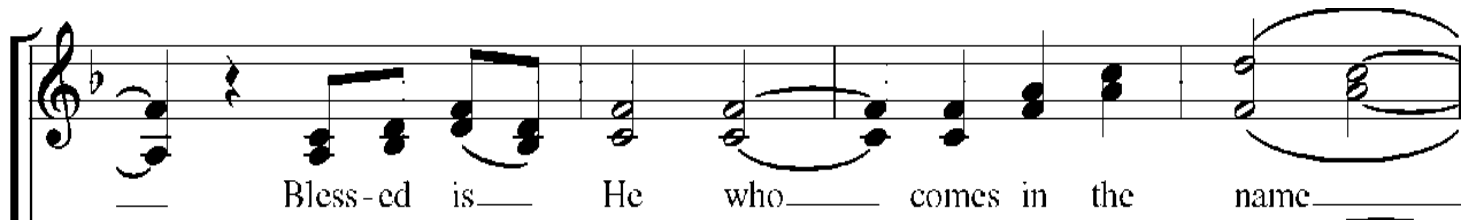
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



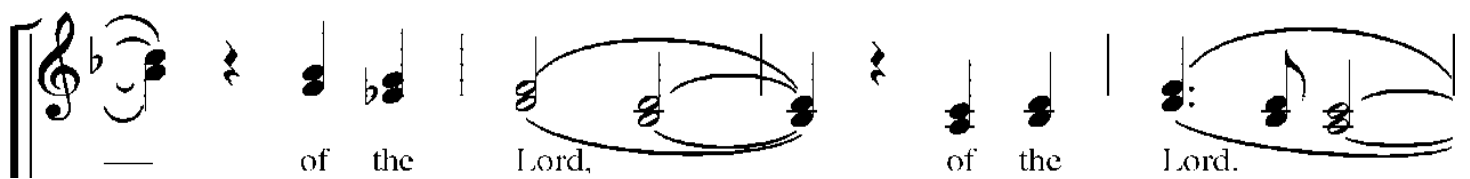
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -



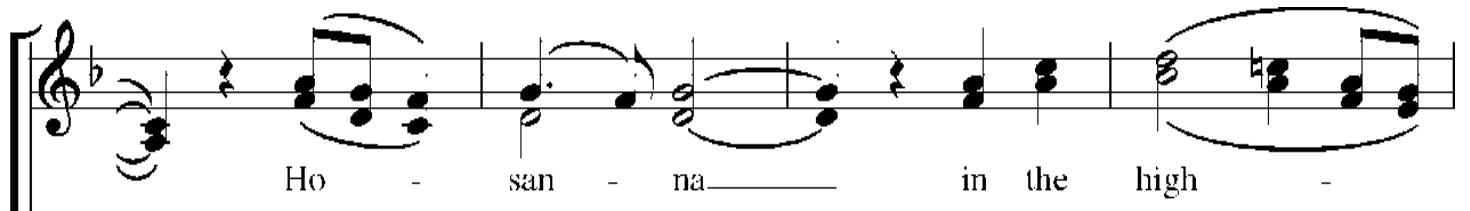
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



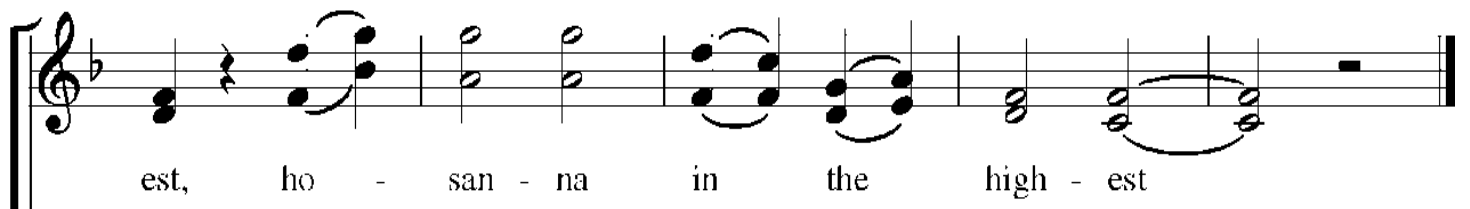
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord, of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high -



est, ho - san - na in the high - est

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.**

After supper, he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.**

And so, in this sacrament, we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and this celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your resurrected body offering hope to the world.

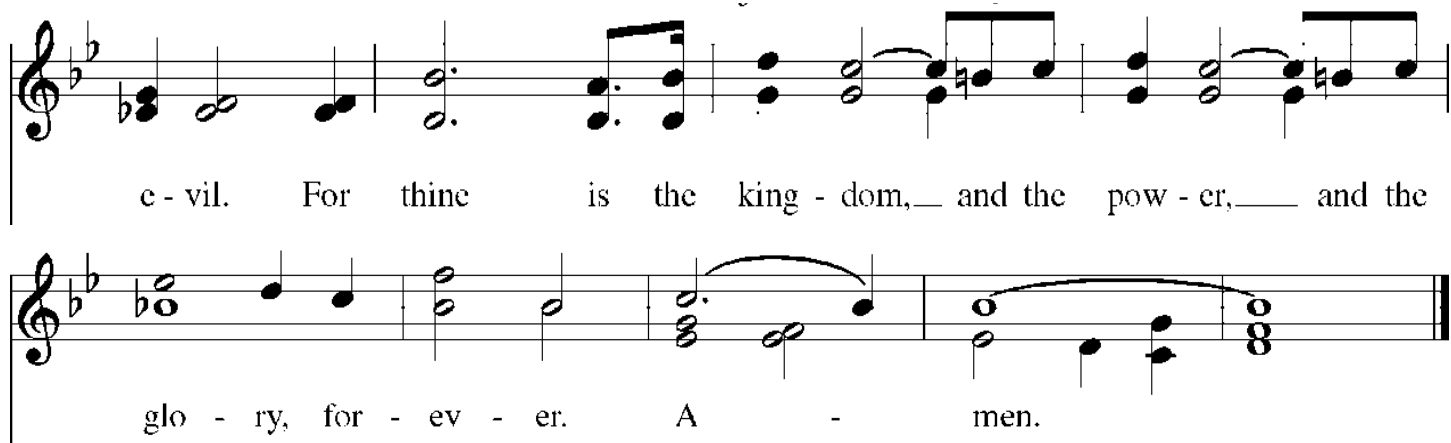
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who have not been heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere,  
now and forever. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed  
be thy name, Thy king - dom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly  
bread. And for - give us our debts as we for - give our  
debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion. But de - liv - er us from





e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the  
glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with God's goodness.

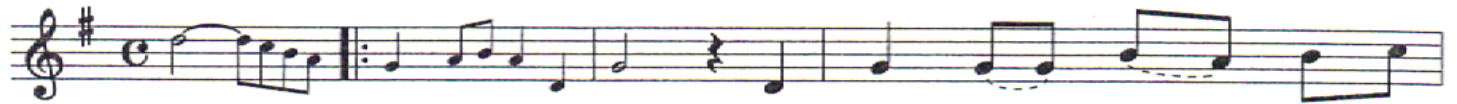
## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*ALL are welcome to receive communion. Please be seated.*

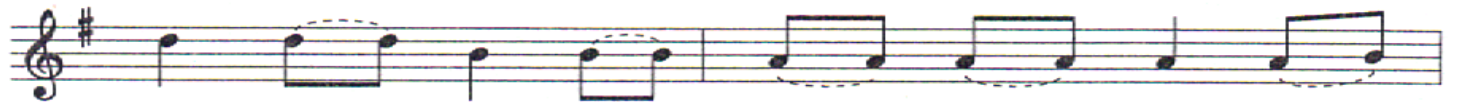
*An usher will direct you to the center aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available. We offer both the common cup/ individual glasses (grape juice is also available). We ask that you refrain from intinction (dipping your wafer into the common cup). If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion just let Pastor Cindy know.*

# COMMUNION MUSIC

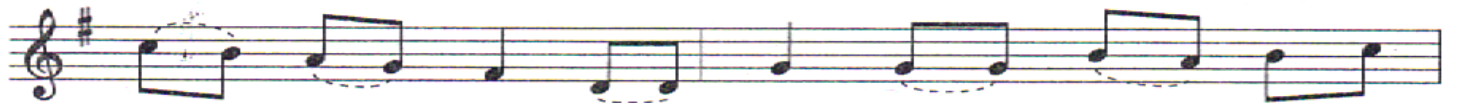
# "Lord of the Dance"



1. I danced in the morn-ing when the
2. I danced for the scribe and the
3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I
4. I danced on a Fri-day when the
5. They cut me down and I



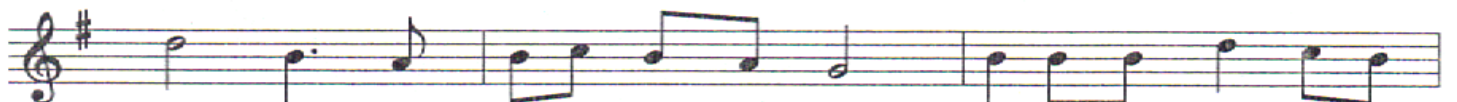
world was be-gun, And I danced in the moon and the  
phar-i-see, But they would-n't dance, and they  
cured the lame: The ho-ly peo-ple said it  
sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the  
leapt up high; I am the life that-'ll



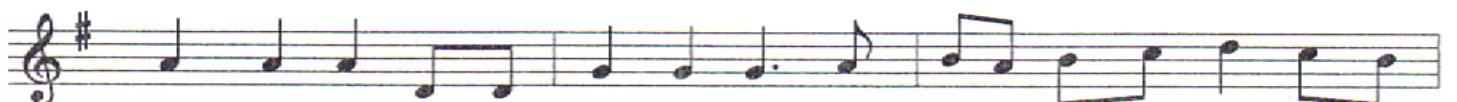
stars and the sun, And I came down from heav-en and I  
would-n't fol-low me; I danced for the fish-er-men, for  
was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they  
dev-il on your back. They bur-ied my bod-y and they  
nev-er, nev-er die; I'll live in you if you'll



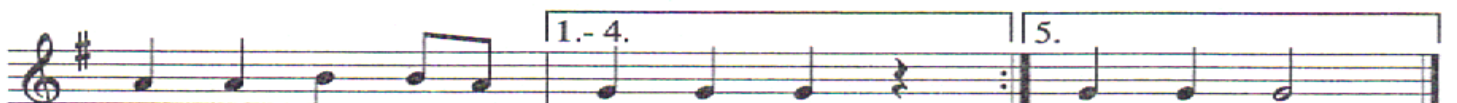
danced on the earth; At Beth-le-hem I had my birth.  
James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.  
hung me high, And left me there on a cross to die.  
thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on.  
live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance then wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the



dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, And I'll



lead you all in the dance, said he. dance, said he.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## FINAL BLESSING

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The blessing of God Almighty, the Holy Trinity, bless you and raise you to new life, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Worship Leaders for April & May

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson and Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson &amp; Usher</b>	<b>Prayers of the People &amp; Greeter</b>
4/7	Mary E.	Dave E.	Bob C.
4/14	Heather G.	Terri C.	Deb S.
4/21	Joe C.	Michele H.	Tom F.
4/28	Theresa H.	Steve F.	Sharon K.
5/5	Mike F.	Heather G.	Terri C.
5/12	Deb S.	Joe C.	Michele H.
5/19	Tom F.	Theresa H.	Steve F.
5/26	Sharon K.	Mike F.	Mary E.

## Worship Leaders for April & May

<b>Date</b>	<b>Common Cup</b>	<b>Single Cup Tray</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
4/7	Mike F.	Sharon K.	Theresa H.
4/14	Tom F.	Michele H.	Joe C.
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5/19	Joe C.	Deb S.	Terri C.
5/26	Heather G.	Bob C.	Dave E.

## Weekly Opportunities for Worship & Service

Worship with Eucharist - Sundays at 9:15 am

Food Shelf Distribution - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

*Volunteers needed to sign guests in and distribute food. Sign up on our website at [stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer](http://stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer).*

## Announcements

After Worship today! Our monthly **Connections Group** will meet in the back of the Sanctuary. Join us for fellowship and conversation.

Come cheer on Team SMSJ at the Uganda Water Project 5K on Saturday, 4/13 in Powder Mills Park at 9 am. We'd love to see you there.

Our **Seed Starting Day** will be Saturday, 4/13 at 1 pm in the Great Hall. It's time to start our seeds. Come lend a hand for some fun and get your hands dirty!

Tuesday @ 10am **E.D.E.N. Garden Bible Study** begins Tuesday, May 14th. If you would like to be part of the leadership team contact Pastor Cindy.

Last year we postponed **Confirmation/Affirmation/Reception** classes due to Bishop Lane canceling his visit. We have been assured that Bishop Kara will be scheduled for the Fall. If you are interested in participating in these classes please let Pastor Cindy know.

Tickets for the Beer Tasting are on sale now! Get yours at [bit.ly/SMSJBeer2024](http://bit.ly/SMSJBeer2024). The event will be Friday, May 10th at 6:30 pm.

## Upcoming Events @ SMSJ

EDEN Garden Volunteer Day - Sat. April 20 @ 10 am

Earth Day Liturgy & Neighborhood Clean-Up - Sun. April 21 @ 9:15 am

Beer Tasting Fundraiser - Fri. May 10 @ 6:30 pm

EDEN Garden Volunteer Day - Sat. May 25 @ 10 am

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Are we missing your information? Send us an email at [admin@stmarksandstjohns.org](mailto:admin@stmarksandstjohns.org) so we can add it and celebrate your special day with you!*

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Heather G. - April 15	<i>Celebrating an anniversary in February? Let us know so we can celebrate you!</i>



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Alternate Diocesan Delegate: Terri Censak

Treasurer: Michele Holmes

**Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition Representative**

Terri Censak