

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021

Welcome to SMSJ

Help yourself to coffee in the “cafe”. Feel free to bring it to your pew.
We are broadcasting live on YouTube today starting at 9:15am. As always,
the link to our live YouTube stream is available on our website,
stmarksandstjohns.org

PRELUDE Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC “Shall We Gather at the River” *Please Stand*
Music and Lyrics: Robert Lowry

ACCLAMATION

ALL: **Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us
the fire of your love.**

ALL: **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.**

Deacon: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,
and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to
do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous might not stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

**Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.
Peace be upon Israel!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Hallelujah" *Please stand*

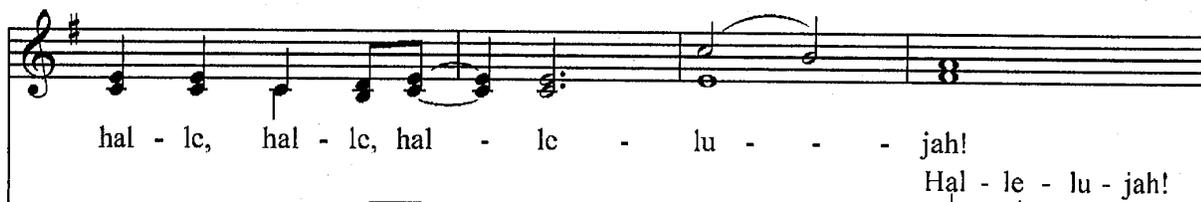
Masked singing encouraged

Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean.

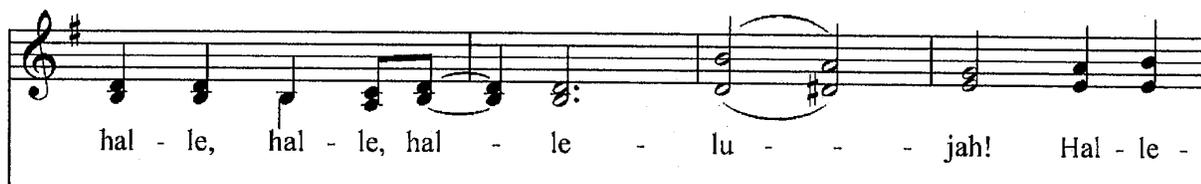
Arranged by Mark Sedio



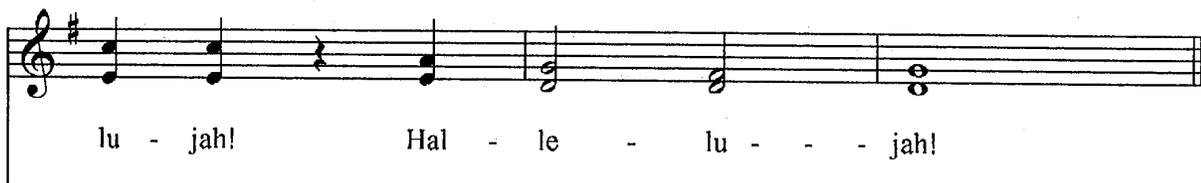
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lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

John 7:24-37

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "This I Believe"

Crocker Matthew Philip and Fielding Benjamin David

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 the Prayer Board during the music. Please stay socially distant.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need. We especially pray for _____ . Blanket them with your healing and hope.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

CLOSING COLLECT: Into your care, O God we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSIC

“Crowded Table” (Please stand and sing)

Brandie Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna

Text adapted for worship

Eucharistic Ministers come to the altar during this music

Refrain

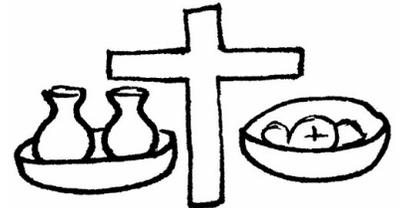
I want a church with a crowded table
And a place at the altar for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're fed and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

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 HOLY EUCHARIST

ALL: We ask you to lift our hearts as we give thanks for all you do

Gracious God, you made the world and all that is in it;
you made this day and we rejoice in it!
For this is the day your prophets testified about
when you destroy the shroud of death
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.



You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea and sky, with angels and archangels who envelop us,
with all the saints before us and beside us,
with sisters and brothers, east and west, north and south,

And with loved ones, separate from us now, who yet,
in this mystery are close to us,

We join in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open deep the tomb of our pain,
calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your Spirit, that broods over the deep, stirs our hearts, who
comforts and confounds. Your Spirit, that animates all of creation - plants,
animals, and all of us. Your Spirit, that dwells in us.

On the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

**“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had
given thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**“Drink this all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, here in this place,
we celebrate the flames that gave birth to the church

And has shared among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily things,
this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us your body and blood,
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Anoint us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your
presence in each and every person.

**By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all
honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.

The feast of life has been prepared for you -
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion.

Please be seated. Our Eucharistic Ministers will come to you. As they approach, please stand if you are able. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

COMMUNION MUSIC There is a Balm in Gilead

Music by David Hurd

POST COMMUNION 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

RECESSIONAL MUSIC Praise the Lord Through Every Nation

Music by Hans Sacks, lyrics by James Montgomery

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Tend to your spirit and our city.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (September 5, 2021 - September 11, 2021)

Monday *Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day*

6pm E.D.E.N. 1199 Culver Garden
Captains: Melanie and Judy

Tuesday

9am Food Shelf Ministry Prep & Foodlink Delivery

10am E.D.E.N. 408 Rosewood Terr. - *Children's Garden*
Captain: Erin

10am E.D.E.N. 336 Parsells Ave. Garden
Captain: Deacon Mike

5pm E.D.E.N. 448 Merchants Rd. Garden
Captain: Deb S.

Wednesday

9am E.D.E.N. Church (1245 Culver) Garden
Captains: Mary E. and Mary Ellen F.

9:30am Morning Healing Eucharist -
Weather permitting it will be held in the garden

10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry

Thursday

4pm-7pm CSA Food Share pick-up for Farm Stand

7:00pm Bible Study-The Book of Acts
Zoom link will be available on the website

Friday

11:30am E.D.E.N. Denver Training Garden
Captains: Aisha & Becky

Saturday

9:30-12:30pm Farm Stand

Saturday Farm Stand

Thank you to all our gardeners and Farm Stand volunteers who helped plant, care for and harvest our veggies.

Teen Empowerment

We continue to share our space with Teen Empowerment. They have been working on asset mapping in the Beechwood neighborhood this summer. We look forward to continuing to support the good work they do.

Bible Study

Beginning **September 8th**, Pastor Cindy will be leading a weekly Bible Study. Study will take place on Thursday nights at 7:00pm and participants will be able to attend online. We will be studying the Book of Acts! The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer. First names will be shared during the Prayers of the People.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister, please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. The September and October schedule is attached. If you are unable to serve a particular weekend, please find a replacement and let Pastor Cindy know.

Next Vestry Meeting

Monday September 20th, 6pm-8pm is our next Vestry meeting. We will continue to meet by Zoom.

Worship Leaders for September, October, and November of 2021

Date	First Lesson and Psalm	Second Lesson	Prayers of the People	Hold Cup Tray	Give Single Cup	Collect Cups
9/5	Bob C	Deb S	Joe C	Dorothy B	Kathy J	Bob C
9/12	April L	Terri C	LaVonne N	Sharon K	Joe C	Char K
9/19	Mary E	Stephanie S	Tom F	Terri C	April L	Mary E
9/26	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Heather G	LaVonne N	Tom F	Stephanie S
10/3	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V	Mary Ellen F	Deb S	Heather G
10/10	Bob V	Michele H	Kathy J	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V
10/17	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
10/24	LaVonne N	April L	Terri C	Bob C	Dorothy B	Kathy J
10/31	Tom F	Mary E	Stephanie S	Char K	Sharon K	Joe C
11/7	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Mary E	Terri C	April L
11/14	Paula V	Walt S	Samantha G	Stephanie S	LaVonne N	Tom F
11/21	Kathy J	Bob V	Michele H	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Deb S