

Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day Observed

October 31, 2021

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe". Feel free to bring it to your pew. We invite children to make themselves at home at our children's table where there are weekly activity bulletins. Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15am. As always, the link to our live/recorded YouTube channel is available on our website, stmarksandstjohns.org

PRELUDE

Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC "For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest"

Please Stand, masked singing encouraged

Music by William Walsham How

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
Thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'Mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west.
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array,
As God to glory calls them all away.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
All praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
Where you die, I will die –
there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

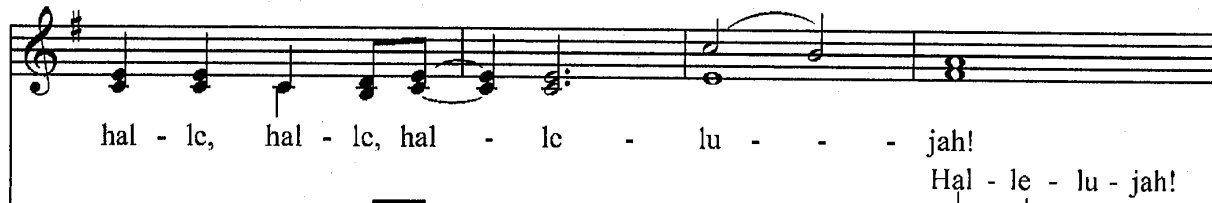
ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Hallelujah" sung 2x

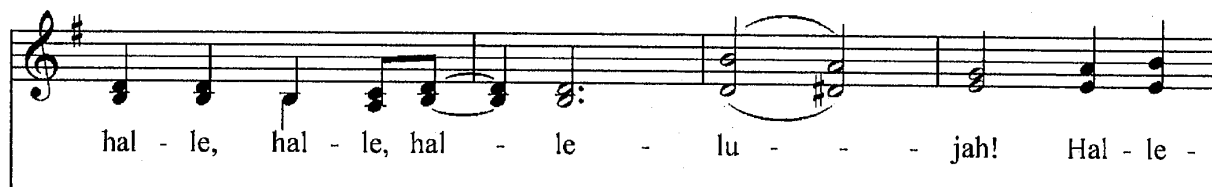
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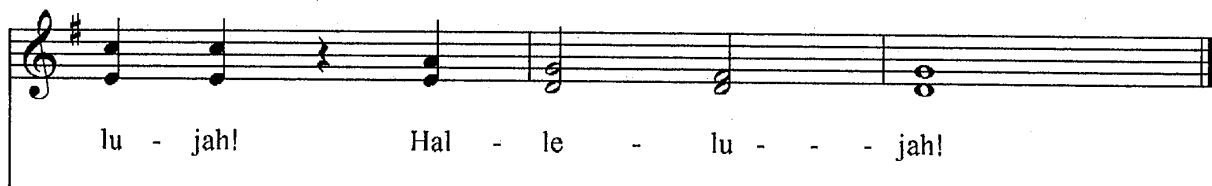
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hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!



hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Mark 12:28-34

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev’d Cindy Rasmussen

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. On this All Saints Day, we give you thanks for the lives of (see the list of Saints before the Announcements in the bulletin).

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Eucharistic Ministers come to the altar during this music

MUSIC

“Let All Things Know Living”

Please stand and sing

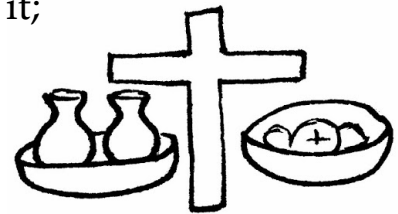
Music by Ash Grove, Lyrics by Katherine Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly who raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us
who still guides us on til the end of our days
God’s banners are o’er us
His light goes before us
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night
Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

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:

(To be sung)

Holy, holy, holy, holy

Holy Lord God of hosts

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, of the lord

Hosanna in the highest, 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, he 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.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these earthly 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 God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

(to be sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on, earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, 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.

If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms in front of you.

COMMUNION MUSIC "I am the Bread of Life"

Composed by Suzanne Toolan, arranged by Betty Pulkingham

I am the bread of life;
They who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:

And I will raise them up
And I will raise them up
And I will raise them up
On the last Day!

The Bread that I will give
Is my Flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
They shall live forever
They shall not have life within you.

Refrain

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

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Pat and Adelaide Flood
Joe and Michelle Laskey
Guy Indivino
Jim Lamuraglia

Frances Schindler
Virginia McBride

John and Alice Travers
Mel Serafine
John Farrell

Gary, Terry, and Violet Estey
William and Nellie Burton
Elizabeth Zwerger
Elinor Smith
Gert Hoban

David Howard
William Taber

Betty Sheridan
Burtum Body
Dorothy and Herold Green
Eula Barnes
Willey Barnes
Ruby Gissenanner

Curtis and Beatrice Leach
Rampsey Nicholson
Stanley and Agnes Kowalski
Irv and Shirley Brumber

Barbara Snyder
Andrew Drahnak

Jeff Caruso
Michael Gehl
Rose and Frank Caruso

Catherine Edwards
The Rev. Marilyle
Sweet Page
Kathy Schautel
Gloria Colletta

Lena Rogers
Helen Washington

Charles Graham
Phyllis Graham
Gertrude Traugott
William Traugott
Audrey Wiles
Richard Wiles
Wendy Wiles
Joseph Gilfoy

SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (October 25, 2021 - October 31, 2021)

Tuesday

9:00am Food Shelf Prep & Foodlink Delivery

Wednesday

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

10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry

Thursday

9:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Bible Study-The Book of Acts

Zoom link will be available on the website

Friday ___ *Pastor Cindy's day off*

2022 Pledge Campaign

We have only received 4 pledges totalling just under \$6000 which leaves us considerably short of our goal of \$95,000. There are paper pledge forms available or you can pledge online by clicking the "Giving" button and then the "Make a Pledge" button. The official ingathering of pledges will take place on Sunday, November 21st. Thank you for your generosity.

Food Shelf Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a few more food shelf volunteers to unload the pallets of food Foodlink delivers on Tuesdays. More volunteers are also needed to cover food shelf once a month on Wednesdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Bible Study

Continuing this Thursday, **November 4th**, Rev' Cindy is leading a weekly Bible Study at 7:00pm and participants will be able to attend online. We are studying the Book of Acts! The Zoom link is posted on the website.

Weekly Worship Email

Look out on Fridays for our weekly Sunday Service reminder email! It will include links to the live stream, our Youtube channel, and this week's bulletins. If you aren't receiving it in your inbox, check your spam and promotional folders.

Garden Volunteer Opportunities

We would love some additional help getting our gardens ready for winter. Please email clouthangreen@stmarksandstjohns.org with any questions and interest.

Sanctuary Renovations Continue

Fred Bradshaw has continued his work in the Chancel.

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. If you would like to include any of these names on our regular prayer list, please email Terri Censak at scensak@frontiernet.net.

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 November and December schedule is attached. If you are unable to serve a particular weekend, please find a replacement and let Pastor Cindy know.

Monthly E-Newsletter

If you have not been receiving our monthly E-Newsletter and you would like to, please add your name and email address to the list on the clipboard in the Narthex.

Worship Leaders for November and December of 2021

Date	First Lesson and Psalm	Second Lesson	Prayers of the People	Hold Cup Tray	Give Single Cup	Collect Cups
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
11/28	Bob C	Deb S	Joe C	Dorothy B	Kathy J	Bob C
12/5	April L	Terri C	LaVonne N	Sharon K	Joe C	Char K
12/12	Mary E	Stephanie S	Tom F	Terri C	April L	Mary E
12/19	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Heather G	LaVonne N	Tom F	Stephanie S
12/24	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V	Mary Ellen F	Deb S	Heather G
12/26	Bob V	Michele H	Kathy J	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V
1/2	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
1/9	LaVonne N	April L	Terri C	Bob C	Dorothy B	Kathy J