

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

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*October 3, 2021*

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/recorded YouTube channel is available on our website,  
[stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org)

PRELUDE Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC "All Glory be to God on High" *Please Stand*  
*Masked singing encouraged* *Music and Lyrics: Nikolaus Decius*

All glory be to God on high,  
and peace on earth from heaven,  
and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.  
We bless, we worship you,  
we raise for your great glory thanks and praise,  
O God, Almighty Father.

You only are the Holy One,  
Who came for our salvation,  
And only you are God's true Son, who was before creation.  
You, only, Christ, as Lord  
we own and with the Spirit,  
you alone share in the Father's glory.

## 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

*Please be seated*

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch

out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 26

Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**Test me, O Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**

For your love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners,  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

**Whose hands are full of evil plots,  
and their right hand full of bribes.**

As for me, I will live with integrity;  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

**My foot stands on level ground;  
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.**

#### THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

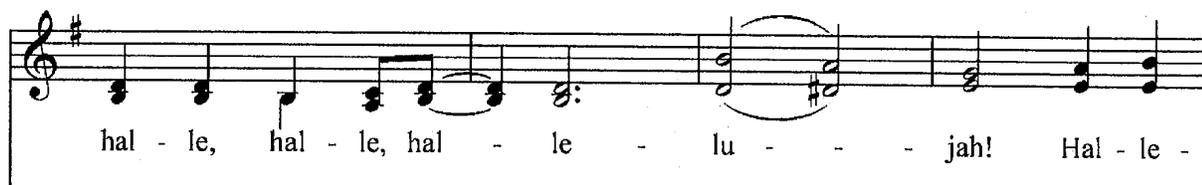
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Hallelujah" *Please stand*  
*Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean. Arranged by Mark Sedio*



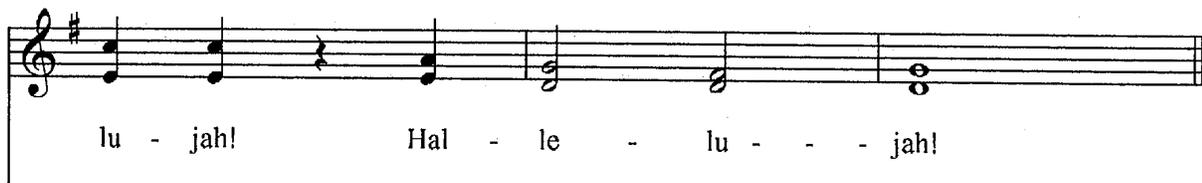
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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two,

but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Mark 10:2-16*

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

MUSIC                    “Let All Things Know Living”                    *Please stand and sing*  
*Music by Ash Grove, Lyrics by Katherine Davis*

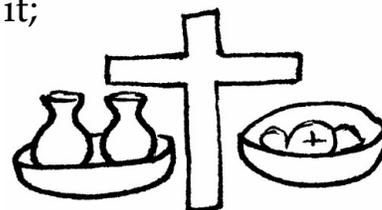
*Eucharistic Ministers come to the altar during this music*

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:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy**  
**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 Father, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC      “Oh Lord Hear My Prayer”

*Music and lyrics by Taize Community*

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

When I call answer me

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

Come and listen to me

## 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

### CLOSING MUSIC "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

*Music by George Stebbins, Lyrics by Adelaide A. Pollard*

Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!  
Mold me and make me  
After thy will,  
While I am waiting,  
Yielded and still

Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being  
Absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit 'Til all shall see  
Christ only, always, Living in me!

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (October 3, 2021 - October 9, 2021)

### **Monday**

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

### **Bible Study**

Continuing this Thursday, **October 6th**, 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.

### **Ongoing Sanctuary Renovations**

We look forward to welcoming Fred Bradshaw back this month to complete the Chancel renovations. We are also eager to commission the building of a new altar, lectern, and credence table to match our new pews. If there is anyone who would like to "gift" one of these pieces of furniture in celebration of a loved one please talk to Pastor Cindy.

### **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.

### **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 September, October, and November of 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson and Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>Hold Cup Tray</b>	<b>Give Single Cup</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
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