

The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany



February 27, 2022

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

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe".

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, crayons, etc...

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

“Come Now is the Time to Worship”

Music and lyrics by Brian Doerksen

The image shows a musical score for the song "Come Now is the Time to Worship" in 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is labeled "Verse" and has two lines of lyrics. The second staff continues the verse. The third staff is labeled "Chorus" and has two lines of lyrics. The fourth and fifth staves continue the chorus. Chord symbols C, Csus, and G are placed above the first four measures of the first staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

C Verse

1. Come now is the time_ to wor - ship_ Come
2. Come just as you are_ to wor - ship_ Come

Csus C G

now is the time_ to give_ your heart_ :||
just as you are_ be - fore_ your God._ Come

Chorus

One day ev - ery tongue will con - fess_ you are God_

One day ev - ery knee_ will bow_ Still the great - est treas - ure re - mains_

_ for those_ who glad - ly choose you now

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

The Lord is King;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

**The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

**"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

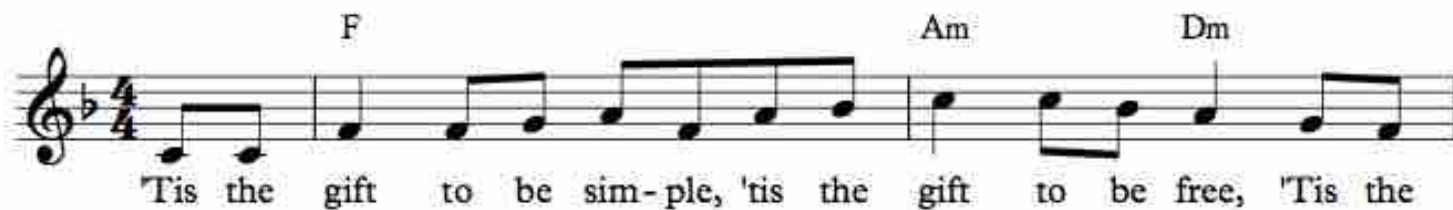
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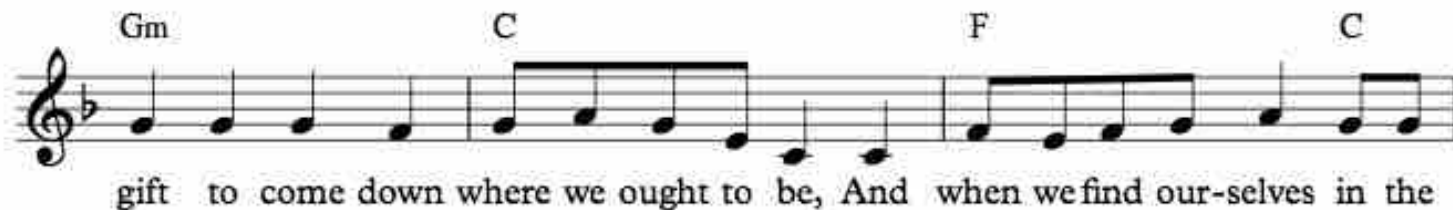
EPIPHANY HYMN

"Simple Gifts"

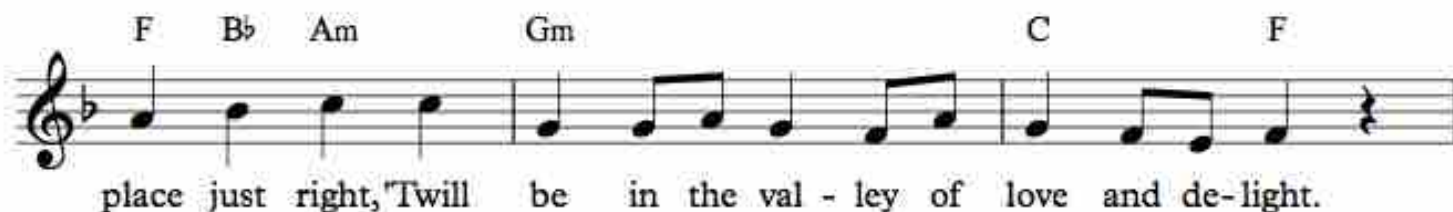
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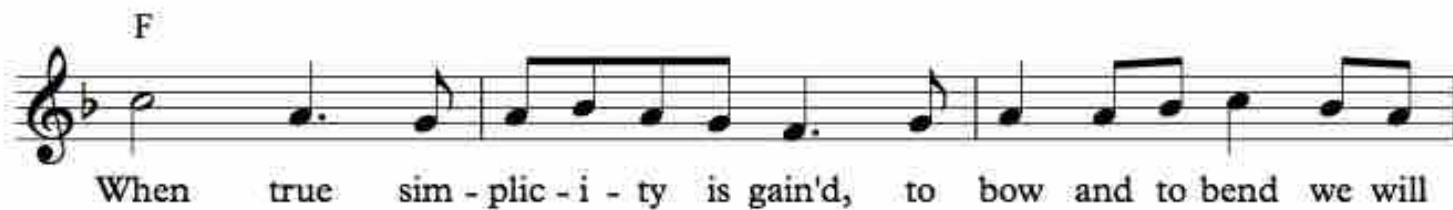
F Am Dm
'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the



Gm C F C
gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the



F B \flat Am Gm C F
place just right, 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.



F
When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, to bow and to bend we will



C F
not be a-sham'd, to turn, turn will be our de-light, 'Till by



C F
turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
companion and friend,**

Redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world
where all things are fixed,
and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one,
the one in three. 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. Please stay socially distant.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand

Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, make your presence known throughout your church in all its different forms. Guide preachers and teachers to proclaim the work you do in this and every place. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You created the earth and all it contains. Send rain and snow to parched places so that plants and animals thrive. Direct us to be good stewards of all that you create. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You heal what is broken and make all things new. Grant peace at the Ukrainian Border and in war-torn nations especially in Afghanistan, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo that diplomatic wisdom and good will be with their leaders to end the torment of violence, so that all people can live in safety and security. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call us as your children and comfort us in our afflictions. Bring patience to the distressed, compassion to the grieving, and relief to the suffering. We pray especially today for...

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give us examples of Christ-like living through the witness of the faithful departed. As your beloved called on the name of Jesus throughout their lives, inspire us to call upon him in joy and in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Rejoicing in your glory revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation, through Christ our light. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY

Eucharistic Ministers bring the elements and offering to the altar.

To be sung

Yahweh, I know You are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe.
and You lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, You have searched my heart,
And You know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
Keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from Your love?
If I climb to the heavens You are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
Still I'd find You there.

HOLY EUCHARIST

God is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.



It is right to glorify you
and to give you thanks, our holy and living God;
you dwell in light inaccessible
from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice
in the splendor of your radiance.

Now we praise you with the faithful of every time and place,
and give voice to every creature,
as we join in the eternal hymn:

**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.

You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our
care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might become
stewards of all creation.

Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through
the prophets, you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent
your only begotten one to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy
Spirit, born of your servant Mary, Jesus lived as one of us. To the
poor Christ proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners,
freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

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.**

Elements are elevated

From the gifts, you have given us we offer you this bread and this cup, 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 death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our 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 body in the world.

Elements are elevated

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast

FRACTURE ANTHEM

“God is So Good”

Anonymous

1 God is so good; God is so good;
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God's so good to me.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God take them in remembrance of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and feed on him in your hearts by faith.

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

"There is Balm in Gilead" *African American Spiritual*

F B^b F C⁷

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole,

5 F B^b F/C C⁷ F

there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

9 F B^b F C

1 Some times I feel dis - cour - aged and - think my work's in vain,

2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

13 B^b F B^b F⁷ G^m F/C C⁷ D^m B^b

but - then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.

you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace and share God's light in the world.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Presider and Preacher: The Rev'd Julie Cicora

Deacon: The Rev'd Mike Finn

Musician: Andy Lacey

Audio and Video Producer: Robert Thornton

Lay Leaders: Mary Estey, Stephanie Siuda, Tom Flood

SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (2/27/22 - 3/5/22)

Tuesday

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| 9am | Food Shelf Prep & Foodlink Delivery
(<i>Kowalski</i>) |
| 1pm | Food bagging (<i>Kowalski</i>) |

Wednesday

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| 10:30-12pm | Food Shelf Ministry (<i>Kowalski</i>) |
| 12pm | Ash Wednesday Service |

Thursday

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| 9:30am | Lenten Prayer |
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Friday

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| 9:30am | Lenten Prayer |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday service will take place at 12:00pm on 3/2. The service will be available in person and via livestream.

Remembering a Member of our Community

Isaiah Pierre, grandson of SMSJ parishioner Dorothy Barnes, passed away unexpectedly this past Saturday at age 25. Our thoughts and prayers are with his grieving family.

March Newsletter

We are currently in the process of creating our March Newsletter! If you have anything you would like us to add, please send your idea/story/update to our administrative email, admin@stmarksandstjohns.org

Garden Design Community Forum

Join us on Tuesday, 3/15 at 6:00pm to see final garden designs for the Parsells, Denver, and Children's garden plots through our Partners for Places grant. Zoom information will be on our website.

Pastor Cindy on Vacation

Pastor Cindy will be away from Wednesday (2/23) returning on Thursday (3/3) with Lenten morning prayer at 9:30 am. For pastoral emergencies please contact Deacon Mike Finn at (585) 301-0241.

"Seed Sowers and Storytellers"

Beginning March 1st, SMSJ will become the host site for this new afterschool program. It will run twice a week for 10 weeks, focusing on School 33 children ages 3-6. The program is led by the Freedom Scholars Learning Center and Cornell Cooperative Extension

Bible Study

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke is canceled for the next two weeks and will resume on March 9, 2022.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the Food Shelf Ministry. If you are available, email us at admin@stmarksandstjohns.org or sign up for a shift on our website on the “Volunteer” page.

Tuesdays: 9-2pm

Wait for the Foodlink truck, unload the delivery of two pallets of food, and move delivered food to the basement to be bagged

Tuesdays: 2pm or later

Bag 60-80 bags of food to distribute at Wednesday morning Food Shelf

Wednesdays: 9:30-12pm

Serve guests by carrying bags up a set of stairs and outside

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 February and March schedule is attached. If you are unable to serve a particular weekend, please find a replacement and let Deacon Mike know.

Worship Leaders of February and March of 2022

Date	First Lesson and Psalm	Second Lesson	Prayers of the People
2/27	Mary E	Stephanie S	Tom F
3/6	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Heather G
3/13	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V
3/20	Bob V	Michele H	Kathy J
3/27	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S
4/3	LaVonne N	Theresa H	Terri C
4/10	Tom F	Mary E	Stephanie S
4/17	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S
4/24	Kathy J	Bob V	Michele H
5/1	Bob C	Deb S	Joe C
5/8	Bob C	Terri C	LaVonne N

Date	Hold Cup Tray	Give Single Cup	Collect Cups
2/27	Dorothy B	Kathy J	Bob C
3/6	Sharon K	Joe C	Children
3/13	Terri C	Mary E	Children
3/20	Mary E	Terri C	Theresa H
3/27	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
4/3	Bob C	Dorothy B	Children
4/10	Joe C	Sharon K	Children
4/17	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
4/24	Theresa H	Terri C	Mary E
5/1	Stephanie S	LaVonne N	Tom F
5/8	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Deb S



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