

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 21, 2026

9:30 a.m.

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 9:30 am. The link to our YouTube channel is available on our website, 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

Instrumental

OPENING SENTENCE

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

(Revelation 4:8)

Glory to God for ever and ever.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

1982 Hymnal, 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

COLLECT FOR JUNETEENTH

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you rescued your people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages you have never failed to hear the cries of the captives; We remember before you our sisters and brothers in Galveston, Texas who on this day received the glad tidings of their emancipation; Forgive us for the many grave sins that delayed that liberating word; Anoint us with your Spirit to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from the book of Jeremiah, the twentieth chapter...

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me

see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69:8-11, 18-20

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

**"Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (sung twice)

MHSO, 18

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

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

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

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

Pastor Cindy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Written by Christine Sine

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS AND MEDITATION

Please be seated

We invite you to share prayer intentions that are close to your heart. Write your intentions on the prayer boards, light a candle for healing, and let its glow join the prayers of this community as you place it in the sand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Filled with the promised Holy Spirit, let us pray in confidence for all who are in need.

Silence

Pour out your Spirit upon the earth to renew the face of the ground, that all may be fed and nourished by the abundant resources you provide for all your people.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the nations that leaders, judges, and peacekeepers may stand against oppression and seek peace throughout the world.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your Spirit upon those who suffer (*prayer intentions are read*), that they may know healing, hope, and joy.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your Spirit upon all who mourn, that your promise of everlasting life and peace make our hearts sing even in the face of death.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

Eucharistic Ministers bring the Communion elements and offering forward

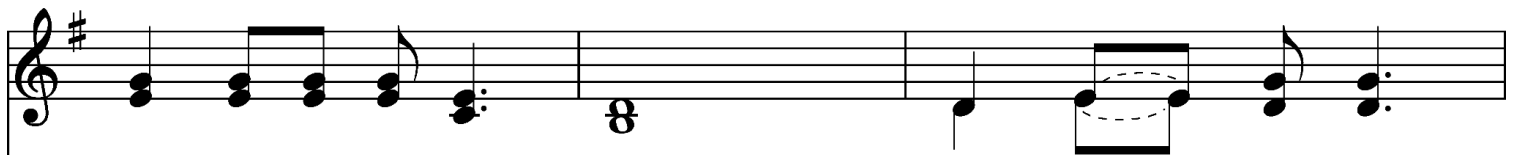
OFFERTORY

“This Little Light of Mine”

LEVAS II, 221

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,
2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,



1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I



1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it



1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

"Crowded Table"

*by 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

Verse: 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

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 Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name 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.

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 for ever. 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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Taste and See”

Refrain

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final flourish on the last staff.

Taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, O
taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the
Lord.

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 with thanksgiving.

All are invited to come to the table.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

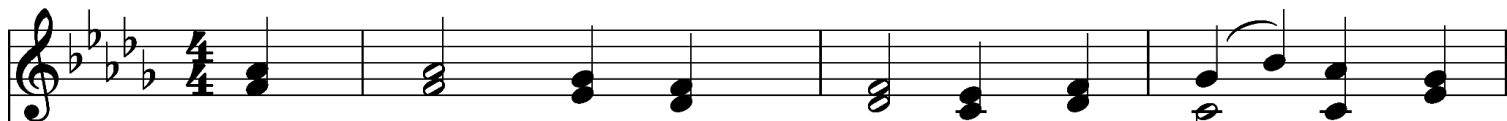
If you would like to receive a blessing just let us know.

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

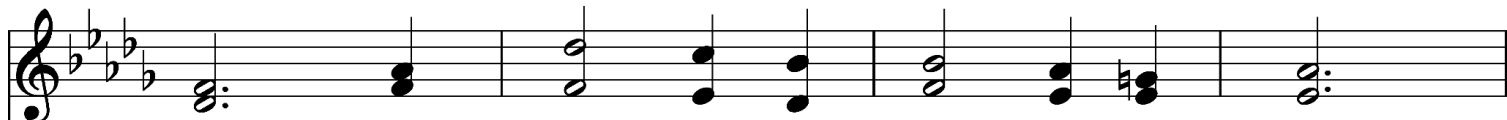
COMMUNION MUSIC

"It is Well with my Soul"

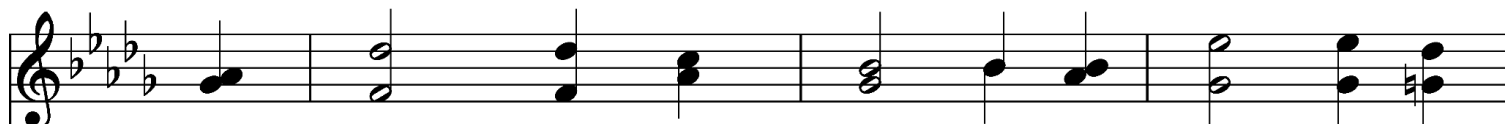
LEVAS II, 188



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be



1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,



1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. taste, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my



soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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.

"THE BLESSING" (Aotearoa)

adapted for SMSJ liturgy - original music and words by
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
make Her face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn Her face toward you and give you peace. (1x)**

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

**May Her favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children and their children,
and their children. (1x)**

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

FINAL BLESSING

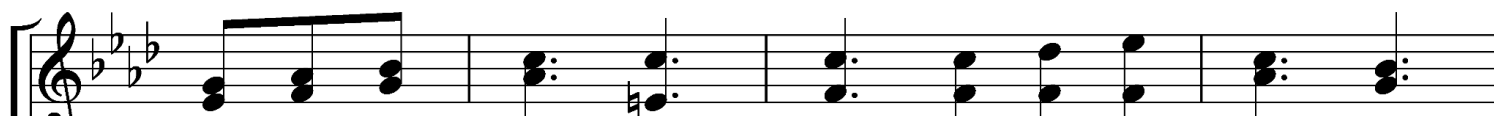
May the Spirit of truth, who poured out the fire of love upon the first disciples, ignite within you a passion for the healing of the world. May the God of love and justice strengthen you to be God's hands and feet in this world—to mend the broken pieces, to speak the language of peace, and to walk the living way of Jesus. And the blessing of God Almighty: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you now, breathe through you always, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS


RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”

LEVAS II, 1



1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning



1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when — hope un - born — had



1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning —
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y —

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. _____
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? _____

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry _____ is won.
 2. stand at _____ last Where the white gleam of our bright star _____ is cast.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace. Be bold knowing we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

What Juneteenth and why is it celebrated in the Episcopal Church?

Juneteenth, celebrated annually on June 19th, is the oldest nationally observed commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. It marks the specific date in 1865 when Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, officially announcing that all enslaved people in Texas were free. This critical message arrived more than two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and roughly two months after the Civil War had effectively ended, making it a profound symbol of delayed justice, resilience, and true emancipation for African Americans.

The Episcopal Church recognizes Juneteenth as a sacred feast day and liturgical commemoration to actively engage in the ongoing work of racial justice, healing, and reconciliation. By embedding this day into its shared life and worship, the Church acknowledges that the defense of human dignity and the liberation from physical and systemic oppression are deeply rooted in the heart of God, echoing biblical narratives like the Exodus from Egypt. Celebrating Juneteenth liturgically serves as an open acknowledgment of the historic sin of slavery and a communal commitment to honor the stories and contributions of Black Americans while addressing the enduring legacy of institutional racism.

Furthermore, the observance aligns with the Episcopal baptismal covenant, which explicitly vows to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being". Dioceses and congregations across the country mark the occasion with special worship services, educational forums, and community events to demonstrate that true Christian faith requires active work toward dismantling societal inequities. Ultimately, the Church recognizes Juneteenth because it reminds the faithful that human liberation is a continuous, spiritual task—one that demands remembering the past in order to faithfully shape a more equitable, "Beloved Community" for the future.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Bruce B. - June 1 Theresa H. - June 13 Mary E. - June 17 Ra'Quel N. - June 20 Char K. - June 24 Dave E. - June 25 Michele H. - June 25	Let us know if you are celebrating an Anniversary in June!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us Sunday, July 5th for our monthly “*More Than Coffee*” gathering. We’re beginning this new tradition on the first Sunday of each month! If you’re interested in bringing something to share please sign-up on the sheet in the back.

Weekly Food Shelf - We serve between 40-70 households each week with emergency food assistance for neighbors across Monroe County. If you’d like to be part of this mission-critical volunteer force, please contact Pastor Maria at mhartz@stmarksandstjohns.org.

EDEN Community Days - We had a great time connecting with neighbors during our first EDEN Community Day. We will gather in our gardens and invite neighbors in for community time - sharing produce, sharing stories, and sharing time together. The invitation is open to neighbors, partners, and our congregation.
Join us Saturday, June 27 from 10 am-Noon in the EDEN 1199 Garden!

Join us in welcoming upcoming Volunteer Groups & Partners

“Service for Sammi” - June 28

Missionpalooza! - July 6

SMSJ Weekly Calendar

June 22-28, 2026

Monday, 6/22	10:00 am - Staff Meeting
Tuesday, 6/23	1:00 pm - Food Shelf Bagging 4:00 pm - Gardening at EDEN 1199 5:00 pm - Gardening at EDEN Merchants
Wednesday, 6/24	9:00 am - Gardening at EDEN Church 10:30 am-Noon - Food Shelf
Thursday, 6/25	
Friday, 6/26	Church Office Closed
Saturday, 6/27	10 am-Noon - EDEN Community Day @ 1199 Garden
Sunday, 6/28	9:30 am - Holy Eucharist 10:30 am - Monthly Vestry Meeting

*Please note: beginning in June, the Church Office will be closed on **Fridays** for summer hours.*

Worship Leader Schedule - Lectors

Date	Crucifer	First Lesson & Psalm	Second Lesson	Greeter & Prayers of the People
6/21	Joe	Mary Ellen	Deb	Theresa
6/28	Sharon	Ella	Bonnie	Dave
7/5	Scott	Mike	Heather	Sharon
7/12	Paul	Nancy R.	Helena	Bob

Eucharistic Ministers

Date	Common Cup	Single Cup Tray	Collect Cups
6/21	Ella	Tom	Nancy R.
6/28	Michele	Heather	Sharon
7/5	Helena	Bob	Paul
7/12	Joe	Mary Ellen	Steve



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Bob Caruso (Clerk)

Terri Censak ('29)

Dave Everson ('28)

Heather Gilfoy ('27)

Michele Holmes ('28)

Deb Snyder ('29)

Nancy Willer ('27)

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Ella Webster ('26)

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Terri Censak