

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

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 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 "Make Me A Blessing"

Please Stand

Masked singing encouraged

Music by George Schuler, Lyrics by Ida B. Wilson

Out in the highways and byways of life
Many are weary and sad
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife
Making the sorrowing glad

Refrain:

Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing
Out of life May Jesus shine
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love
Tell of His power to forgive
Others will trust Him if only you prove
True, every moment you live

Refrain

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.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 _____

Please be seated

Job answered the Lord:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-8, 19-22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

**He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Hallelujah" sung 2x

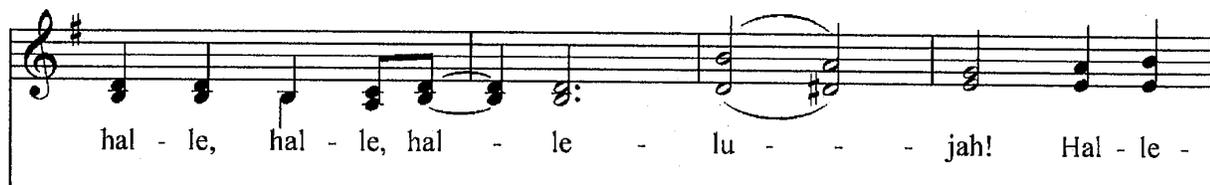
Please stand Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean. Arranged by Mark Sedio



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



hal - lc, hal - lc, hal - lc - 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.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak,

he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Mark 10:46-52

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.

Eucharistic Ministers come to the altar during this music

MUSIC

“Let All Things Know Living”

Please stand and sing

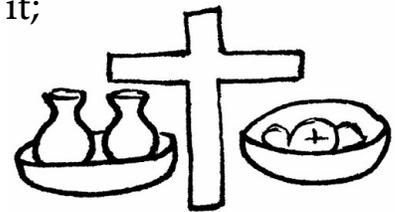
Music by Ash Grove, Lyrics by Katherine Davis

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

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,

(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 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Music and Lyrics by James K Manley

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."

Refrain:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

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!

SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (October 24, 2021 - October 30, 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*

Saturday

_____8:00am-1:00pm Episcopal Diocese of Rochester Convention

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, **October 28th**, 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.

All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on 10/31. Please share the names you would like us to read as part of the service. There are forms on your pews. Forms can then be placed in the offering plate near the church entrance.

Website Launch

The new website was launched last week! The new site includes our new logo and branding, clearer information about all of our missions, and an archive of recorded services for easy access and convenient watching. If you have any questions about the update, send an email to our new administrative account, admin@stmarksandstjohns.org.

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.

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. 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 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

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