

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

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*November 7, 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](http://stmarksandstjohns.org)

## PRELUDE

Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" *Please Stand*

*Masked singing encouraged*

*Music by Rick Founds*

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Lord, I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift Your name on high

*Repeat all 2x*

## 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: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 \_\_\_\_\_ *Please be seated*

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said

to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 127

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
their labor is in vain who build it.

**Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

**Children are a heritage from the Lord,  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

**Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.


**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Hallelujah" *sung 2x*

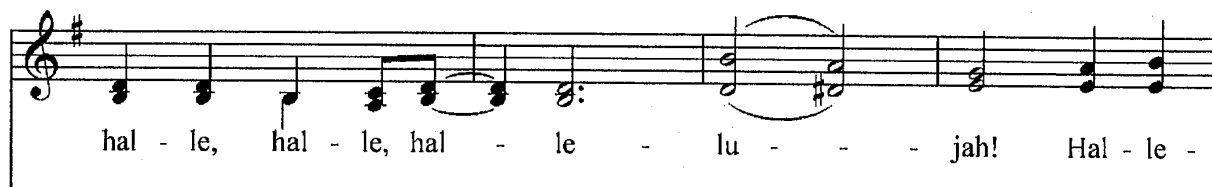
*Please stand Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean. Arranged by Mark Sedio*



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.**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*Mark 12:38-44*

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 bring the elements and offering to the altar.*

**MUSIC**

*“Let All Things Know Living”*

*Please stand and sing*

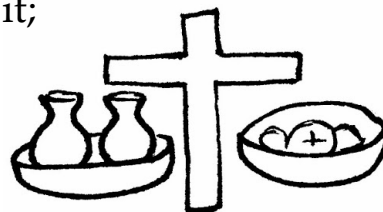
*Music by Ash Grove, Lyrics by Katherine Davis*

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 each of 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     “Taste and See”

*Music by James E. Moore Jr.*

*Refrain:*

Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me.

*Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free.

*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 (November 7, 2021 - November 13, 2021)**

**Sunday** 10:30am Coffee Hour

**Tuesday**

9:30am Food Shelf Prep & Foodlink Delivery

**Wednesday**

9am-11:30am ARC of Monroe Volunteers at the Church

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*

**Sunday**

10:30am Mendon Ponds Park Family Hike

**2022 Pledge Campaign**

We have received 6 pledges totalling just over \$8000 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.

### **Mendon Ponds Park Hike**

Join us on November 14th at 10:30am for a hike on the Birdsong Fairy trail in Mendon Ponds Park! Home to over 40 dwellings for fairies, trolls, and dwarves, the Birdsong Fairy trail is a fun hike for all ages. The trail begins by the Wild Wings facility at 27 Pond Rd in Honeyoye Falls.

### **Bible Study**

Continuing this Thursday, **November 11th**, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

<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>
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