

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

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*November 14, 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 "Higher Ground"

*Please Stand*

*Masked singing encouraged*

*Music Charles H. Gabriel, Lyrics by Johnson Oatman Jr.*

I'm pressing on the upward way  
New heights I'm gaining every day  
Still praying as I onward bound  
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

### *Refrain*

Lord lift me up, and let me stand  
By faith on heaven's table-land  
A higher plan than I have found  
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts aries and fears dismay  
Though some may dwell where these about  
My prayer my aim is higher ground

### *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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Samuel 1:4-20

\_\_\_\_\_ *Please be seated*

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat

beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the Lord;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

**“There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;**

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

**Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

**For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them he has set the world.**

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.  
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

**The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”**

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

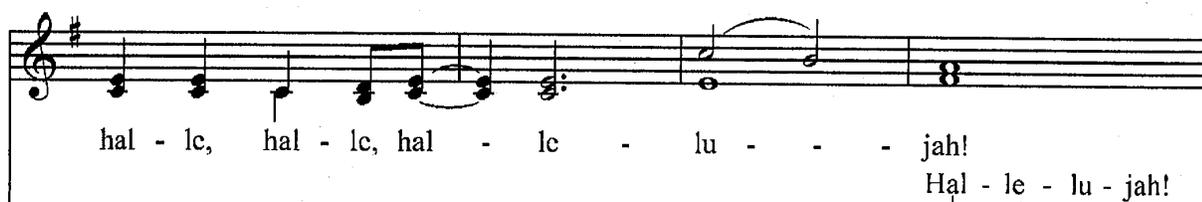
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

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



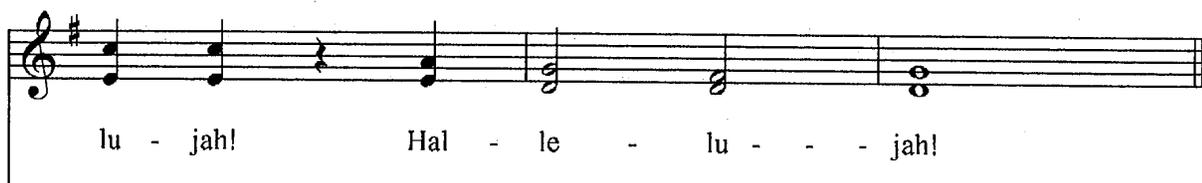
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!



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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 came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then

Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

*Mark 13:1-8*

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "This I Believe"

*by Matthew Philip Crocker and Benjamin David Fielding*

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One  
God Al-mighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender, Suffered and cruci-fied  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection, When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

### 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*

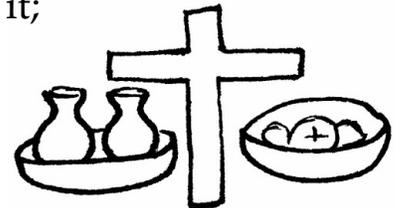
*Music by Ash Grove, Lyrics by Katherine Davis*

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:

*(sing)*

**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,

*(sing)*

**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    “Bread of Life From Heaven”

*Adapted by Susan Briehl*

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given

We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again

## 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 14, 2021 - November 20, 2021)**

**Sunday (Today)**

10:30am Mendon Ponds Park Family Hike

**Tuesday**

9:30am Food Shelf Prep & Foodlink Delivery (Bob V)

**Wednesday**

9:30am Morning Healing Eucharist -  
*Weather permitting it will be held in the garden*

10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry (Bob and Paula V)

**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*

## **Mendon Ponds Park Hike**

Join us today 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.

## **2022 Pledge Campaign**

We have received over \$50,000 in pledges so far this year, bringing us over the half-way mark in our \$95,000 campaign. 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 need some help if we are going to be able to continue offering a weekly Food Shelf for our neighbors. Here are some dates we need coverage:

Tuesday, Dec. 7, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Dec. 2, Unload truck, unpack food, set-up for baggers (9am)

Tuesday, Dec. 21, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Dec. 28, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Jan. 4, Unload truck, unpack food, set-up for baggers (9am)

Tuesday, Jan. 4, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Jan. 11, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Interested in more information or signing up? Contact Paula Valeri at [pvaleri@gmail.com](mailto:pvaleri@gmail.com)

## **Bible Study**

Continuing this Thursday, **November 18th**, 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. The Denver Training garden is in particular need of attention. Please email [clouthangreen@stmarksandstjohns.org](mailto:clouthangreen@stmarksandstjohns.org) with any questions and interest.

### **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).

### **Next Vestry Meeting**

Our next vestry meeting will be in-person on Monday, November 22 at 6pm. Please check the Vestry Google folder before the meeting.

### **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	Bob C	Terri C	LaVonne N	Sharon K	Joe C	Char K
12/12	Mary E	Stephanie S	Tom F	Terri C	Mary E	Children
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	Kathy J	Terri C	Bob C	Dorothy B	Children