

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

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

*October 17, 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 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Please Stand*

*Masked singing encouraged*

*Music and Lyrics: Doris Akers*

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain:*

Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 38:1-7, 34-41

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*Please be seated*

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements – surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?  
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?  
Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?  
Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,  
when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clouds cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
when they crouch in their dens,  
or lie in wait in their covert?  
Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God,  
and wander about for lack of food?”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers  
and flames of fire your servants.**

You have set the earth upon its foundations,  
so that it never shall move at any time.

**You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle;  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

At your rebuke they fled;  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath,  
to the places you had appointed for them.**

You set the limits that they should not pass;  
they shall not again cover the earth.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

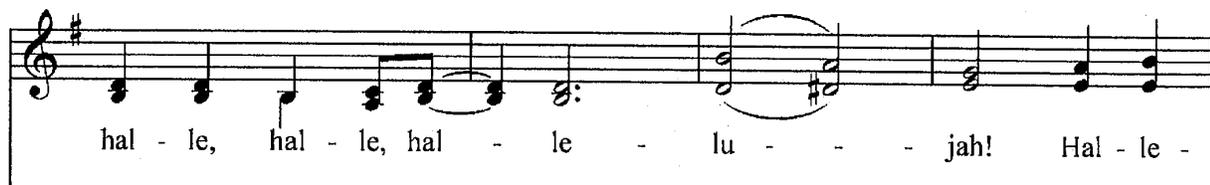
Please stand Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean. Arranged by Mark Sedio



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



hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - 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.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will

drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*Mark 10:35-45*

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*

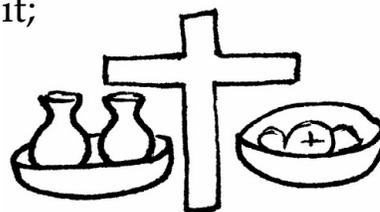
MUSIC                    “Let All Things Know Living”                    *Please stand and sing*  
*Music by Ash Grove, Lyrics by Katherine Davis*

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 “Jesu, Jesu”

*Lyrics by Tom Colvin, music adapted by Tom Colvin from Chereponi*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet.  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

*Refrain:*

Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away.

*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 17, 2021 - October 23, 2021)

### **Sunday**

10:00am RIT Volunteer Day

12:00pm U of R Volunteer Day

### **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**

7:00pm Bible Study-The Book of Acts

*Zoom link will be available on the website*

**Friday** \_\_\_ *Pastor Cindy's day off*

### **Bible Study**

Continuing this Thursday, **October 21th**, 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 this 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](mailto:admin@stmarksandstjohns.org).

## **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.

## **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](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 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

<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>
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