

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021

Welcome to SMSJ

Please help yourself to a cup of coffee in the “cafe”. You are welcome to bring it to your pew.

We are broadcasting live on YouTube today starting at 9:15am. As always, the link to our live YouTube stream is available on our website, stmarksandstjohns.org

PRELUDE Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC “Lead Me Guide Me” *Please Stand*
Music and Lyrics: Doris Akers

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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 *Please be seated*

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45:1-2, 6-9

My heart overflows with a goodly theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

**You are the most handsome of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.**

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.
Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;
you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Hallelujah" *Please stand*

Masked singing encouraged

Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean.

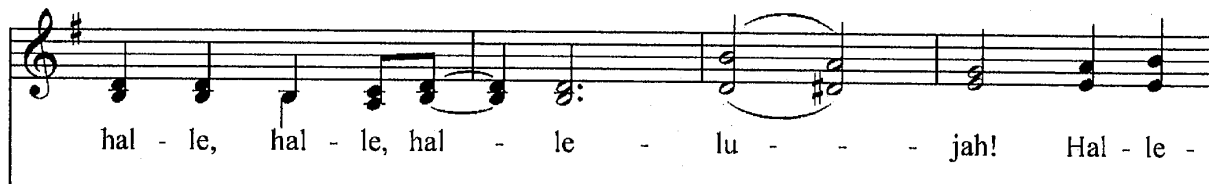
Arranged by Mark Sedio



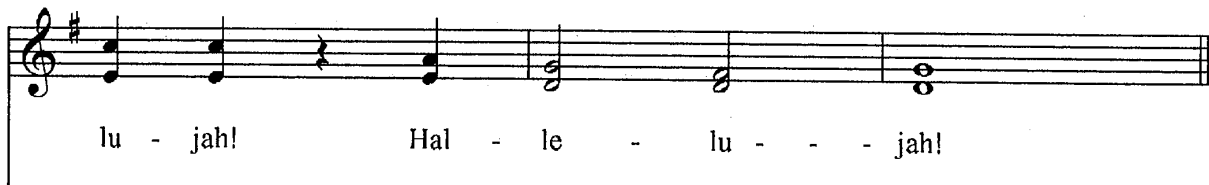
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lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

John 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSIC

“Crowded Table” (Please stand and sing)

Brandie Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna

Text adapted for worship

Eucharistic Ministers come to the altar during this music

Refrain

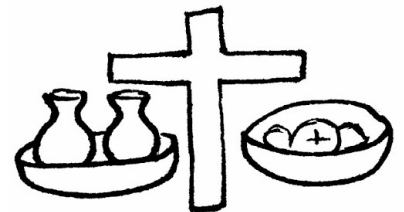
I want a church with a crowded table
And a place at the altar for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're fed and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

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 (+ Refrain)

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.
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,
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.**

Therefore, here in this place,
we celebrate the flames that gave birth to the church

And has shared among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily 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,

**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 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

Music and Lyrics by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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

RECESSIONAL MUSIC Lift Every Voice And Sing

Music by J. Rosamond Johnson, lyrics by James Weldon Johnson

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Tend to your spirit and our city.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (August 29, 2021 - September 4, 2021)

Monday

6pm E.D.E.N. 1199 Culver Garden
Captains: Melanie and Judy

Tuesday

9am Food Shelf Ministry Prep & Foodlink Delivery

10am E.D.E.N. 408 Rosewood Terr. - *Children's Garden*
Captain: Erin

10am E.D.E.N. 336 Parsells Ave. Garden
Captain: Deacon Mike

5pm E.D.E.N. 448 Merchants Rd. Garden
Captain: Deb S.

Wednesday

9am E.D.E.N. Church (1245 Culver) Garden
Captains: Mary E. and Mary Ellen F.

10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry

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

Thursday

4pm-7pm CSA Food Share pick-up for Farm Stand

Friday

11:30am E.D.E.N. Denver Training Garden
Captains: Aisha & Becky

Saturday

9:30-12:30pm Farm Stand

Saturday Farm Stand

Thank you to all our gardeners and Farm Stand volunteers who helped plant, care for and harvest our veggies.

Teen Empowerment

We continue to share our space with Teen Empowerment. They have been working on asset mapping in the Beechwood neighborhood this summer. We look forward to continuing to support the good work they do.

Bible Study

Beginning **September 8th**, Pastor Cindy will be leading a weekly Bible Study. Study will take place on Thursday nights at **7:00PM** and participants will be able to attend in person or online. We will be studying the Book of Acts! Sign-up and additional information about the course will be distributed soon.

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.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister, thank you for serving. Please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know if corrections need to be made to the list below.

Eucharistic Minister

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| Dorothy Barnes | Kathy Johnson |
| Bob Caruso | Sharon Kowalski |
| Joe Casper | Char Krichew |
| Terri Censak | April Laskey |
| Mary Estey | LaVonne Nelson |
| Tom Flood | Stephanie Siuda |
| Mary Ellen Forszt | Deb Snyder |
| Heather Gilfoy | Walt Snyder |
| Samantha Glarner | Paula Valeri |
| Michele Holmes | Nancy Willer |

Readers and Prayer Leaders

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