

✝ *Second Sunday of Easter* ✝

April 11th, 2021

10:00 am Online Live-streamed Eucharist



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Mark's!

Sharing Christ's love by feeding people in body, mind and spirit.

*But the gospel doesn't need a coalition devoted to keeping the wrong people out.
It needs a family of sinners, saved by grace, committed to tearing down the walls,
throwing open the doors, and shouting, "Welcome! There's bread and wine.
Come eat with us and talk." This isn't a kingdom for the worthy;
it's a kingdom for the hungry. – Rachel Held Evans*

Thanks for connecting online to our service!

Welcome to Easter Season at St. Mark's! This Easter Season will be different from that of prior years due to being only a live-stream rather than in-person, gradually evolving into a hybrid of in-person and live-streamed worship.

At this point in time, with vaccination rates increasing and infection rates gradually decreasing, we are hoping and planning on resuming limited in-person worship THIS coming Sunday, April 18! If the summer goes well, we are hoping to be back in full in-person worship by fall. For now, we continue live-streaming only.

While we DO believe that in-person worship is important to our long-term spiritual health, we also believe that sacrificing the privilege of worshipping in person in order to keep both members and the community safe is something Jesus would do and calls us to do.

So, grab a cup of coffee or tea, sit back, and follow along online as we worship together even as we are physically apart.

-- The Rev. Tom Sramek, Jr., Rector

*As we begin with meditative music and our Prelude,
you are invited to make yourselves comfortable wherever you are
and to prepare your heart and mind for worship, doing your best
to put aside your cares and worries, if only for a little while.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Meditative Music “Chant: The Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo”

Prelude “Easter Fanfare: Organ, Timpani & Trumpet” by Stanley Leonard

Opening Hymn “Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing”



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say the Collect for Purity.

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.**

Song of Praise

"Christ Has Risen, Alleluia"

Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its strength by God was dis-persed.
The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Je - sus who is not here.
"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free; al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais-es be.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its
He who gives life did death un - der - go; and in its con - quest His might did
See for your-selves the tomb is all bare; on - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done; e - ven the bat - tle with sin is
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing; He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly

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The Collect of the Day

Priest God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson – Acts 4:32-35

A Reading from the book of Acts

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

At the conclusion of the reading, the lector says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm – Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

The People say the Psalm responsively, reading the portion of the verse after the asterisk.

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *

when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *

that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *

and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *

that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *

life for evermore.

Second Lesson – 1 John 1:1-2:2

A Reading from the First Book of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

At the conclusion of the reading, the lector says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn "Open our Eyes" by Bob Cull

D G G Em7

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we
O - pen our ears, Lord, and

A7 G D Bm D

want to see Je - sus, to reach out and
help us to lis - ten. O - pen our

Gmaj7 1 Em A7sus A7 G

touch eyes, him, and say that we love

D D 2 Em7 A7 A7

him. Lord, we want to see

G Repeat ending D.C. Song ending D D

Je - sus. sus.

Gospel – John 20:19-31

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn "Open our Eyes" by Bob Cull
See Music Above

SERMON – The Reverend Tom Sramek Jr., Rector

The Nicene Creed – *all stand*

*After a time of silence, the Celebrant invites the People to **stand** and join in affirming the faith passed on by our forbearers.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially **Anne Henry, Lou Worland, Tielar Horn & Family; Roan Wildmare, Allen Stewart, Debra McFadden, Tom Upton, Tina Reis-Leveron, Betty Senser, Dustin Freshour, Ed Allen, Steve Powers, Dan Casey, Bonnie McNamara, Joe Hamilton, Roger Hercl, RuthAnn, Astra & Carmen Miller** and all whom we remember now.

Silence

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence

Confession of Sin

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People:

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The priest absolves the people with these words:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

All stand and greet one another in the Lord's name, the Celebrant first saying

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Hymn "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God"

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G G F#m7 B7 Em Em



1. My grat - i - tude now ac - cept, O God, for ten - der care that
 2. From all your boun - ty I give to you; for all the bless - ings

1. Gra - cias, Se - ñor, por lo que me das, gra - cias por ben - de -
 2. Te doy de lo que tú me das, con go - zo en mi

Bm Bm7 C C G G 1-3 A7



you pro - vide; for your a - bun - dant faith - ful - ness. End - less is
 you im - part. Re - ceive this of - fer - ing I bring. Re - ceive my

cir - me. Gra - cias por tu fi - de - li - dad y por tu
 co - ra - zón. Re - ci - be hoy mi o - fren - da, te la en -

A7 D7sus D7 4 Am D7 G G



your sup - ply. _____ gifts from the heart ac - cept. _____
 joy - ful heart. _____

pro - vi - sión. _____ de lo que tú nos das. _____
 tre - go a ti. _____

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow...

Praise God all creatures here below...

Praise God above, ye heavenly host...

Praise God, the Son and Holy Ghost... Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (EOW Eucharistic Prayer 2)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say

Sanctus *‘Sanctum nomen Domini’*

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mark and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says words of Invitation

As we continue to worship spiritually together while physically apart, I receive these elements on your behalf and invite you into this communion.

During this unique time, the Celebrant will receive the bread and the wine on behalf of the congregation that is spiritually, but not physically, present. Then all are invited to reflect on the Lord's presence during the Communion Music.

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Refrain



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Prayer When We Are Unable to Receive Communion in Person

(from A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ, proclaim your resurrection and await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

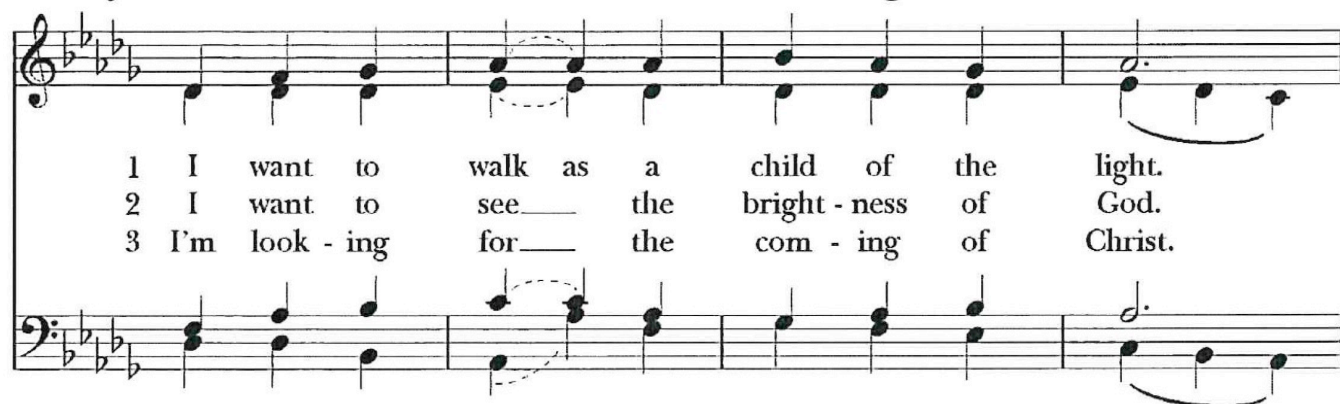
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing of God's People

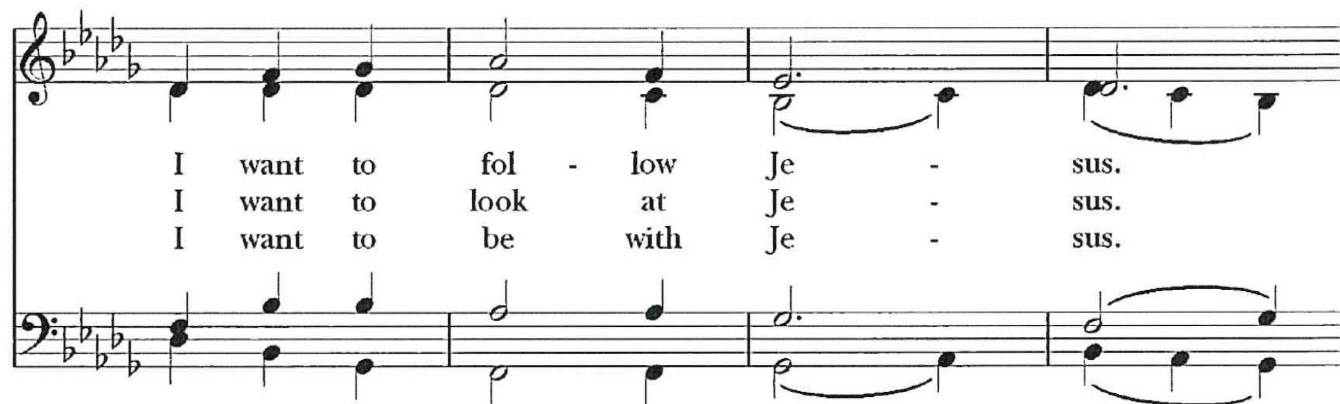
The bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people, saying:

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light!" Verses 1&2



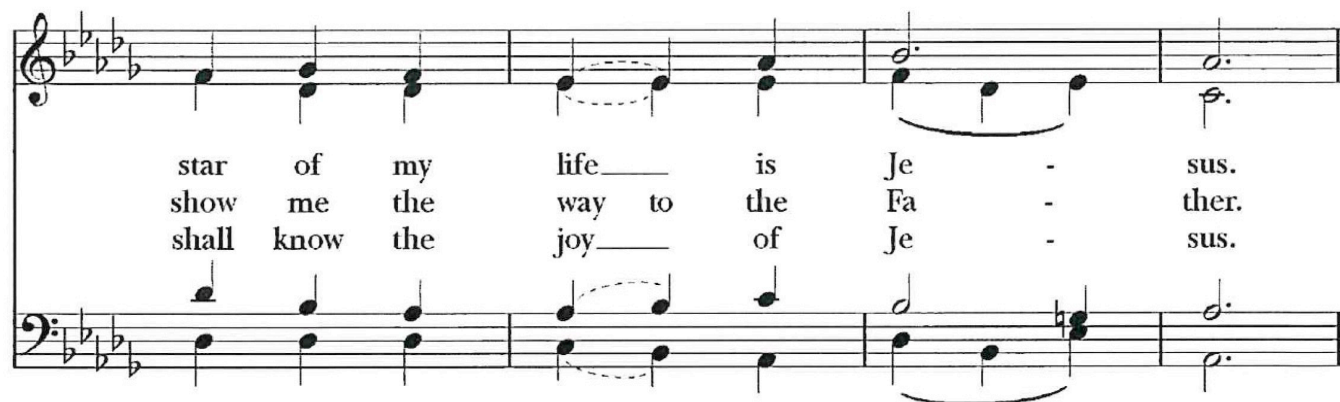
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain is on the next page

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these or similar words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Nearer My God To Thee" by BYU Vocal Point

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mark's Masks



We continue to offer masks with the St. Mark's window logo silkscreened on them. Our cost for each mask is \$12, but you are invited to pay one of the following prices per mask:

\$10 (or less) if you can't afford full price (no judgment).

\$15 to partially cover costs for those who need the discount, or with shipping.

\$20 (or more) to help fund the Rector's Covid-19 Ministry Fund to be used for safety equipment, sanitizer, and live-streaming equipment..

***Masks are three-ply with two cotton layers
and an outer waterproof layer. Not for medical use.***

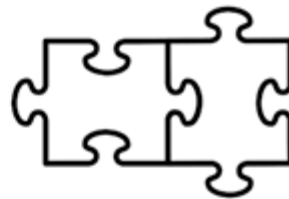
Masks are available at the office or by mail.

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A NOTE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

St. Mark's has two prayer lists: a public one included in our bulletin and a private one kept by our Prayer Team. If you would like a name added to or removed from either or both lists, please contact the church office or Susan Ladue, Prayer Team Coordinator. The private prayer list is kept confidential for the Rector and Prayer Team only.

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We are glad that you are here and encourage you to connect in whatever ways are helpful to you.



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