

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 20



SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
10.00 AM

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 EAST PECAN STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with the St. Mark's community. Whether you are in San Antonio, a long-time member, or a visitor who is joining via streaming, we are grateful for your presence. We hope you will look at our many varied offerings. The website, www.stmarks-sa.org is regularly updated and your best source of information. Our weekly eNews and parish Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stmarkssa) also contain helpful information for you to connect with us. If you are visiting, please let us know by filling out an online visitor card.

Our new program year is well underway, with many new formation and worship opportunities for all ages. These offerings are by Zoom and other electronic platforms until we are able to be in person together again. We long to have opportunities for in-person worship, and hope the public health data will support that in the near future. Please stay tuned for specifics!

While we are worshipping in new ways, we are rediscovering the importance of our faith and the sustenance it can offer. We have been able to stay connected and in fact have expanded the reach of our worship through the dedication and creativity of our staff and community. We are remembering that worship at its best always points us to Jesus Christ and the life of faith and discipleship he offers to all who seek him. He promises to be present and overcome all barriers to bring life to places that seem beyond the love and grace of God.

We are grateful you have joined us today. We plan to offer Spiritual Communion on the first Sunday of the month and Morning Prayer for other Sundays. During the week, we also continue to offer Morning Prayer at 8.30am as well as Compline at 7.00pm Monday - Friday. Our bible studies are meeting regularly. Video resources are available for our children. Our youth are also gathering regularly.

Our Vestry has approved plans to resume in-person worship in the coming weeks. Details of that are forthcoming as we plan and prepare for that time. We are continuing to monitor public health indicators and will announce dates in the future when our workgroup and Vestry feel it is safe to come back together. We miss being with one another and long for that time.

As we are gathered today in this unusual way for services at St. Mark's, we aim to engage in all of the important parts of our weekly worship services. One of those important worship elements is receiving the offering. Our financial gifts support what God is doing at St. Mark's to make ministry possible throughout the week including all of our virtual offerings. All of these things require financial resources. Please take a moment now to make a gift to support ministry at St. Mark's.

- Give online. <https://www.stmarks-sa.org/give/>
- Text your gift amount to 210-399-0072
- Mail a check to the church office at 315 E. Pecan St., San Antonio, TX 78205

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

VOLUNTARY • *Nimrod* ("Enigma Variations," op. 36)

Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

HYMN 9 • *Not here for high and holy things* (vss. 4-6)

Morning Song



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

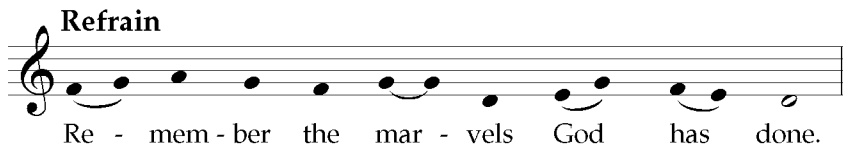
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

JUBILATE (*Psalm 100*)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Mode 1



Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

Refrain

Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.

Refrain

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

Refrain

He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

Refrain

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

Refrain

For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.
So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.

Refrain

He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,
That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Refrain

The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Reader: The Word of Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise_ you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son _____ of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of_ God, you take a - way the sin_ of the world: have mer - cy
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. For you al - one are the Ho - ly One, you al - one are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God_ the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE OPPRESSED

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH NOTICES

HYMN 551 • *Rise up, ye saints of God!*

Festal Song

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final three lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

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INTERCESSIONS

O, Gracious Healer, as we mark the one year anniversary of the scaffolding falling on our building, we once again give you grateful thanks that no one was seriously injured, and that our beloved community continues to experience real “acts of God” through connection, hospitality, worship, and reaching out together. We celebrate as our sacred spaces of brick, wood, glass, and stone are being repaired, giving thanks for the ways the Holy Spirit binds us together as the Body of Christ. Help us to serve with joy and in hope, trusting that by your goodness we have all we need to continue to be the church together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your beloved children who suffer from illness or any kind of trouble, especially... and those with long-term concerns.... Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened by your presence, and may have confidence in your loving care.

We pray also for those who have died, especially...that they may know the fullness of your presence, and for those who grieve, that they may be surrounded by your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY • *We Sing to Him*

Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)

PRAYER LIST (*updated 9/17/2020*)

Immediate Needs:

Royce Balzer
Barbie Beach
Ginny Thomas Brewer
Aynslye Baird Brown
Rita Browning
Chris
Ron Cobb
Jean Dahlgren
William "Bill" Dean
Vic DeForest
Mardi Dunkley
Tyler Fakhoury
Jennifer Franklin
Michael Franklin
Rod Haff
Clark Hendley
Jamie Johnson
Frank Jones

Lynne Miller
JD Monk
Wayne Morrison
Eleanor Phelps
Cathy Robinson
Walter Schoellmann
Patricia Scott
Kathleen Seale Withers
Sharon Cotton Wood

Those with long-term concerns:

John Beers
Juan Jose Davila
Geoffrey Fleming
Ruby Garza
Fernando Guerra
Harry Guidry
Gloria Guzman
Alice Haney

Hudson Hanselman
Eleanor Johnson
Jason Morris
Ruth Peyton
Frank Sitton
Patsy Warncke

Deaths:

Jane Dunkel
David Ferre
Maria Rodriguez de Molinar
Rick McDole

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, *Rector*

Officiant: The Rev. Matthew Wise, *Associate Rector*

Organist: Samuel Gaskin, *Assistant Organist & Choirmaster*

Staff Singers: Emma Lucero, Jonathan Maislin

Readers: Derrick Dodge, Pat Bridwell

Intercessor: Webb Morgan

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: **Sally Buchanan, his wife**, by Bob Buchanan; **Eugene Spires** by his family; and **Pauline Gillespie Gossett, his wife**, by Robert F. Gossett, Jr.

Parish Notices

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer

- We are offering Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday. We hope you make plans to join us via [Facebook Live](#) at 8.30am. This is a more lengthy service with multiple scripture readings. Resource for Morning Prayer: [Mission St. Clare](#) - they also have an app for smart phones.

Compline

- We are offering Compline, Monday through Friday. We hope you and your family will make plans to join us via [Facebook Live](#) at 7.00pm. This is a shorter service and would be great for families to do together! Resource for Compline: [BCP Online](#) - on the left side, click "Daily Office", then click "An Order for Compline"

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Each Sunday at 10.00am we gather online for worship. The first Sunday of each month is a celebration of Holy Eucharist. The subsequent Sundays, we offer Morning Prayer. We hope you'll make plans to join us each Sunday via [Facebook Live](#) or our [website](#).

ZOOM GATHERINGS

All in person programming has been postponed. Questions about Zoom? Email Rachel Dugger at rdugger@stmarks-sa.org.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays at 7.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 946-349-785, password – stmlion315).

Time Out Bible Study

Thursdays at 10.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 979-222-853, password – stmlion315).

Art Class

Tuesdays at 10.00am via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID - 359-019-174, password – stmlion315).

Pauline Letters Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6.30pm via [Zoom](#). (Meeting ID - 884 4007 6632, password - stmlion315)

ADULT FORMATION

To view all Adult Formation offerings, [visit the website](#).

Sunday Morning Formation - The Way of Love

Sunday, September 13 - October 25

9.00am via [Zoom](#)

Led by St. Mark's Clergy with special guests The Rev. Mary Earle, The Rev. Dr. John Lewis, The Rev. Dr. Jane Patterson, and Br. James Dennis

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has outlined these seven practices in living out Jesus' way of love and commended the whole Episcopal Church to engage them: TURN, LEARN, PRAY, WORSHIP, BLESS, GO, and REST. This class will explore each of the practices offering some practical applications.

Midweek with the Mystics

Wednesdays beginning September 16

12.00pm via [Zoom](#)

Led by The Rev. Beth Knowlton

Spend some of your lunch hour each Wednesday learning from the work and life of Christian Mystics.

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM

Sundays at 11.15am - We'll gather on [Zoom](#) for some time for fellowship and to check-in with each other.

ST. MARK'S SECOND SUNDAYS

The St. Cecilia Series presents St. Mark's Second Sundays.

Sunday, October 11 at 7.00pm: Lydia Beasley, soprano; Samuel Gaskin, accompanist - Lydia Beasley and Samuel Gaskin present "Letters", an art song recital comprised of letters of love, familial connection, and a war-time farewell. Featured in the recital will be Songs from Letters: Calamity Jane to her daughter Janey, 1880-1902, a song cycle by American composer Libby Larsen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Introducing a new section of the announcements! We will fill this section with interesting facts, tutorials, and many other things! This week, we're going to teach you how to find events on the website and where the Zoom information is. [Watch the video](#) online to learn how to find events on our new website.

MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE

What can you set down today?

INTERFAITH STUDY & DIALOGUE

The Second Temple Period, the Roman Period, the time of Jesus: All of the above and more

Tuesdays, 12.00-1.00pm

October 13, 20, 27, November 3

Uri Feinberg is back to lead us in a 4-week exploration of this watershed evolutionary moment in Jewish history, Christianity and the history of the world. Our exploration will begin shortly after the return of the Jewish People to the Land of Israel, when during the regional reign of the Persians, the Second Temple will be built.

Over the course of four sessions together, we will follow the trajectory of the Jewish People as they begin anew in the Land. The fall of the Persians and the rise of the Greeks will provide fodder for rebellion, new leadership, new law and lots of challenge. Once the Romans enter the picture the Jewish world changes forever, in more ways than one. As the dust settles around the destroyed Second Temple, with continued residue yet to fall, the stage will have been set for new paths, both internally and externally.

Registration information is available [online](#).

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