



St Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Church of the Holy
Comforter
*The Spirit is Making
All Things New*



Thanksgiving Shared Service
November 24, 2024

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Thou visitest the earth
Danah Dargon, soprano

Maurice Greene

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 397 (Blue Book)

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Holst



O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Joel

Joel 2:21-27

Mickie Jones

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
 Great lib - er at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -

ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
 soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
 pressed. May those who long for what is right with

wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
 fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
 jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who

o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
 gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
 mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may

seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

A Reading from the First Letter of Timothy

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Karen Franklin

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn

"You are Alpha and Omega"

Erasmus Mutanbira

A

You are Al-pha and O-me-ga. We wor-ship You, our

6

Lord. You are wor-thy to be praised. You are praised. We give You

B

all the glo-ry. We wor-ship You, our Lord. You are

15

wor- thy to be praised. We give You praised.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

(Please be seated)

Homily

(Stand or kneel)

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Ryn Kennedy

Intercessor: Let us give our thanks for all of God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Intercessor: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For all that is gracious in the lives of the human family, revealing the image of Christ,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

All: We thank you, Lord.

Intercessor: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

All: To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**All: 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 Absolution

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

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community

***The Thanksgiving offering will go to
support the St. Mark's Food Pantry Ministry.***

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



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Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Offertory

Do not be afraid

Poem: Gerard Markland (Isaiah 43)

Music: Philip Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.
When you walk through the waters,
I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.
You are mine, O my child,
I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2 *(from Enriching Our Worship Volume One)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: 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 sing (say):

Sanctus

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: 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.

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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 [_____ 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

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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,
forever and ever. AMEN.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Now the sil-ence, now the peace, now the em - pty hands up - lift - ed;
 now the kneel - ing, now the plea, now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come; Now the hear - ing,
 now the pow - er, now the vess - sel brimmed for pour - ing; now the bo - dy,
 now the blood, now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion now. Now. Now.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: *ALL are welcome to share in Communion.*

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the front you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher
 and the clergy will bring communion to you.

Art Raymond, Bass Guitar

Thank you, Lord, Thank you,

Lord; Thank you, Lord

I just want to thank you, Lord.

Communion Hymn

In the Lord

Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el me - u

joyce! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your
cant. Ell m'ha e - stat la sal - va - ci - ó. En ell con -

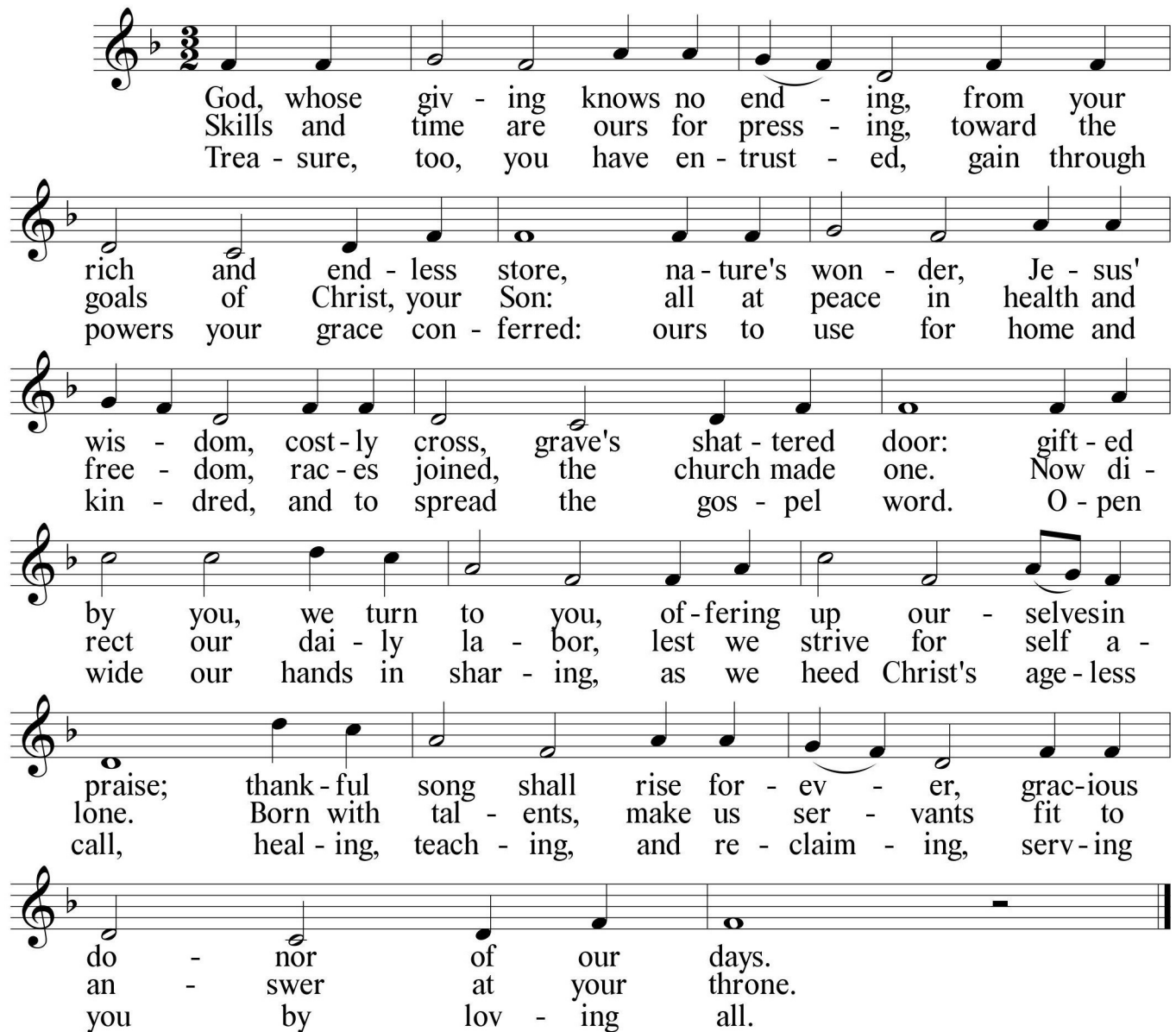
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
fi - o, i no tinc por. En ell con - fi - o, i no tinc por.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.

The Blessing



God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your
Skills and time are ours for press - ing, toward the
Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through
rich and end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'
goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and
powers your grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and
wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed
free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di -
kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen
by you, we turn to you, of - fering up our - selves in
rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a -
wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less
praise; thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, grac - ious
lone. Born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to
call, heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing
do - nor of our days.
an - swer at your throne.
you by lov - ing all.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Land Acknowledgement

“We recognize and remember the First Nations, the native people who were removed from this portion of God’s creation by force. These nations/tribes in Virginia include the Powhatan, the Chickahominy, the Monocan, the Arrohateck, the Nottoway, and other nations/tribes whose contributions we’ve lost. We recognize and remember enslaved Native Americans, and enslaved Africans and their descendants, separated from their families by force, and who lived under horrific conditions to help build this country. May we always remember that the earth does not belong to us but is a gift from God. May God’s grace and wisdom lead us from our past mistakes to become instruments of justice and peace for all people.”

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