

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn #526 ELW

"God is Here!"

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, [+]**one God,**
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

Gloria #S-280 Hymnal 1982

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children: **Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your way of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Scripture readings

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Deus, in nominee

Response Antiphon: Robert Fryson, 1994

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God is the up - hold - er of my life.

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¹Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

²Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my
mouth.

³For the insolent have risen
against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

⁴But surely, God is my helper;
God is the upholder of my life. ℣

⁵God will repay my enemies
for their evil.

In your faithfulness,
put an end to them.

⁶With a freewill offering I will
sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name,
O God, for it is good.

⁷For God has delivered me from
every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph
on my enemies. ℣

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in

disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn #659 ELW *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant,
too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the
load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your
fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you
long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've
seen this journey through.
5. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant,
too.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

...Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, “Peace I give you; my own peace I leave you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace of that heavenly kingdom where you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**
(The peace is shared while remaining in place)

Offertory Hymn #218 LEVAS (#595 ELW) "Jesus Loves Me!"

Let us pray. **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus #S-125 Hymnal 1982

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Communion #S-166 Hymnal 1982

Communion Anthem *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

Postcommunion Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Hymn #843 ELW

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3. Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve Christ in your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude
