



July 25, 2021, 10:30 am
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
According to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
People say or sing words in bold type.

THE PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major by Johann Sebastian Bach

Dene Thomas, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Debbie Shew

THE OPENING HYMN

Hymn 304, I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord, Verses 1, 3, and 4

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Lector: Linda Geer

Lector: A reading from Second Samuel:

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did

you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE Psalm 14

Dixit insipiens

Recited responsively by whole verse.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 **The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one
who seeks after God.**
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned
bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 **Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call
upon the Lord?**
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 **Their aim is to confound the plans of the
afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.**
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of
Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

Lector: Judie Stewart

Lector: A reading from Ephesians:

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power

to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*People:* **Thanks be to God.****SEQUENCE HYMN***Hymn 178, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord (refrain)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
praise to his Name.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

The Rev. Debbie Shew

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People:* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat

down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into

the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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THE NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Litanist: Wendy Hassemer

Celebrant: Gracious God of abundance, you feed the hungry from your hand and comfort us in our storms: Hear your people as we pray for the whole world, saying: May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Litanist: Loving and compassionate God, give to your Church the power to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ,

that your power at work within us may accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine.

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Litanist: Let our leaders and all in authority bow their knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, that they may use their power justly, feed the hungry and share your abundance with all your children.

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Litanist: Generous God, in every place of hunger, bring food; in every place of poverty, bring abundance; in every place of terror, bring comfort and security.

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Litanist: Receive gifts from our children and from the poor in our community, and from their generosity create a plenitude which will satisfy the true needs of every person.

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Litanist: Come to us in our stormy darkness and comfort us in our fears; with your generous touch, heal those for whom we pray, especially ____.

Hear our thankfulness for the abundance of your grace, especially for ____.

You gather up the lives of all your children, receive into your fullness those who have died, especially ____.

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Celebrant: Your people look to you for nurture and healing, O Holy One: Fill our hungry lives with the abundance of your Spirit, that we may be fruitful disciples of the one whose compassion reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journey of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Taste and See Linda Mack Berven, Cathy Duggan,
Paul Duggan, and Gordon Thomas

THE HOLY COMMUNION**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING****Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Proper Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our

human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 for ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn 335, *I Am the Bread of Life*, Verses 1, 2, and 5



1 I am the bread of life; they who
2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
5 (Yes,) Lord we believe that

1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
5 you are the Christ, the

1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
5 Son of God who has

1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er, they shall live for ev - er.
5 come in - to the world.

Refrain
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them
up, and I will raise them up on the
last day. day.

Final Ending
last day. day.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the riches of God's glory dwell within you to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine;

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and fills you with all the fullness of God;

May you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Holy Spirit;

And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity be with you, dwell with you, now and always.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 390, Praise to the Lord, Verses 1, 2, and 4

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth to bless and serve God's world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX by Benedetto Merello

Dene Thomas, organ

For Healing & Strength: Ginna, Betsy, Diana, Salas, James, Don, Wendy, and David.

For those in the Armed Forces, Civil Service, on Missions: Erik, Justin, Safula, and Jill.

For those who have Died: Jackson and John.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Chase, Jeff, Charlie, Chuck, Nathaniel, and Kathy.

In St. Mark's Prayer Cycle Today: Pray for St. Mark's Youth leaders and Sunday School teachers; Katie Knox, Ron Thompson, Rob Kolter & Maria Kolter-Housely—Alex & Phillip, Will & Megan Krischke—Flannery & Soren, and Joan Kuhn.

For others who have asked our prayers:

All those affected by the Coronavirus.

All in danger's way because of fires.

Summer Series - St. Mark's Sacred Stories: Join us for an amazing romp through St. Mark's history, from its earliest beginnings in the Wild West of newly-created Durango and beyond. Learn how God created an Episcopal presence here and remained faithful through fires, bank heists and failures, pandemics, and more. You'll meet some intriguing characters and be encouraged by

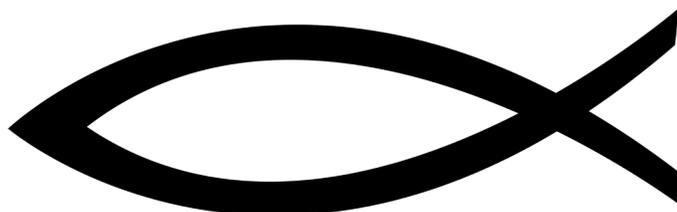
how God sustained St. Mark's in every era.

Hosted by parishioner Kip Boyd, whose research has minded parish records, newspaper archives, Ancestry.com and more.

Each session is a stand-alone story, so come weekly for the whole series, or occasionally as you can.

Gardners Needed: We need several more gardners to keep the flower beds looking nice this summer. Some of our crew had to quit, and we are pretty desperate for at least two volunteers. We are asking one hour a week for your assigned section. Please contact Ginna Harbison at ginna.harbison@gmail.com if you can do one hour a week.

We need **ushers for both Sunday services**. Please contact Joyce Boyer (970-946-3779) if you are interested in helping to greet people and handle their needs at either service. This is especially important right now as the ushers help get the church's ventilation ready for worship and monitor for safety during the service.



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