

# **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

*Our mission is to know Jesus Christ and to make him known.*

**January 10, 2021**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**The Holy Eucharist Rite II**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tuesday Bible Study - Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom  
Adult Christian Formation - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by St. Mark's.*

### **\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ\*\*\*\*\***

If anyone in your group had any of the following symptoms this week, please worship with us Online:

- Fever Over 100
- Cough or Sore Throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 (in the past 14 days)

Please confirm that no one in your group has had any of the above and are, therefore, all eligible to attend.

If you attend, and discover that you have been exposed to someone who tests positive, or you test positive, please let Rev. Susie or Kimberly Hart know so we can inform other attendees and close and sanitize.

### **Calling all youth!**

Hannah Smith is our new youth Minister! She will be at the 10 a.m. worship service this Sunday and she hopes to meet you outside after the service. She is a chaplain at Baylor/St. Lukes in the med center downtown and she has worked as a youth minister at other churches before moving to Houston from the Dallas area. Ask her about dorm life at the Houston Ballet! Her email is [hsmith@stmarksfortbend.org](mailto:hsmith@stmarksfortbend.org)

### **Starting a new book in Adult Formation**

We are finishing up "Love is the Way" by Bishop Michael Curry and are going to start "On the Road with St. Augustine, A real World Spirituality for Restless Hearts" by James K.A. Smith in a couple of weeks. We continue to meet for Adult Formation at 1 p.m. by Zoom on Wednesdays. Let Rev. Susie know if you are interested in studying this book with us!

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31 after the 10:00am service. Please join us for the meeting and a time to celebrate what's been an eventful and wonderful 2020.

### **2021 Calendars**

Please donate some of the many calendars that appear in your mailboxes these days. They will be given to folks living in retirement homes to assist them with their schedules and to beautify their rooms. Place them in the box provided in the church narthex.

### **Donate Altar Flowers**

Throughout the year, sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones, commemorate a special occasion or simply give back to the glory of God. Sundays are available for sponsorship on the Altar Flower calendar. After the flowers adorn the church during Sunday services they are given to sick people of the church. Giving flowers is so easy:

~ Sign up on the calendar for a specific week(s).

~ Drop your \$60 check envelope provided and drop in the offering plate or mail to the church office (specify altar flower on your check)

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Support St. Mark's When You Shop**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Processional Hymn: I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the start of the first line. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: '1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise, that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies. I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.'

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

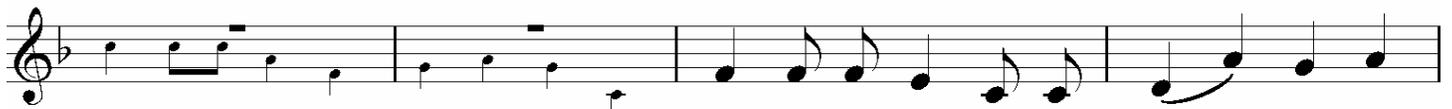
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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.*

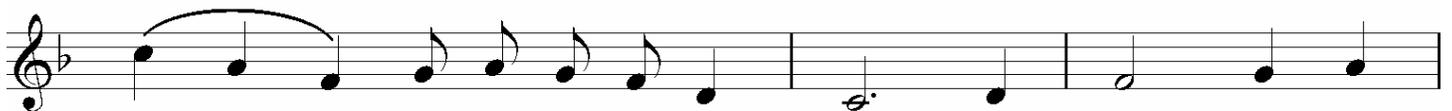
*The people remain standing*

## Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



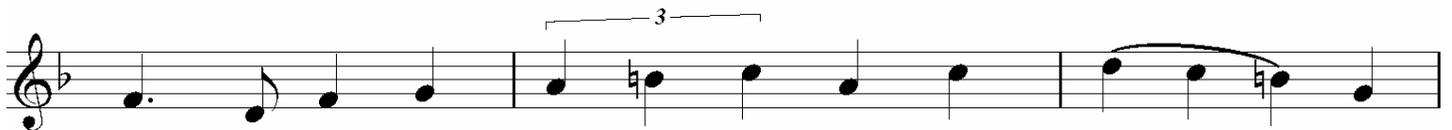
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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 Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*All sit.*

**The First Lesson**

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD\*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

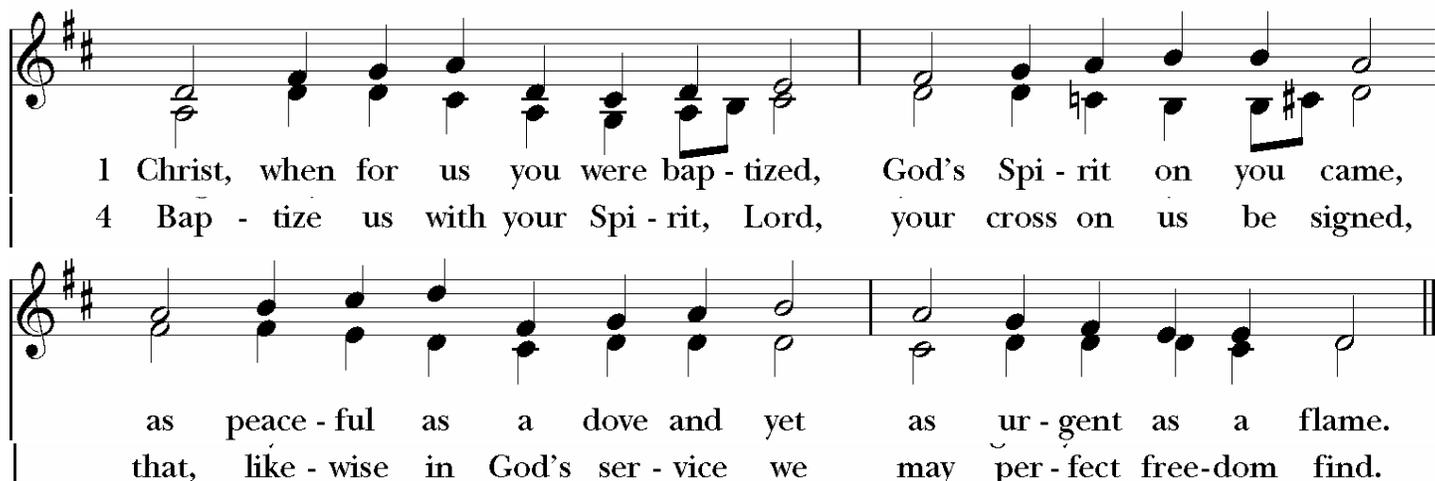
## The Second Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

People                      The Word of the Lord.  
                                    Thanks be to God.



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Reverend Susie Hebert

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant and People, all standing*

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.

*All remain standing.*

### **Prayers of the People Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The Leader then prays from the Prayer Intercessory list.*

*After the list is prayed, the Celebrant will invite other prayers to be said aloud or in silence.*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The Celebrant will invite thanksgivings to be offered aloud or in silence.*

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant says the concluding Collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant then says*

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**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another from a distance in the name of the Lord.*

**PRAYER FOR A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY**

**FOR THE ABSENT**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**Offertory Hymn: "Baptized in Water" (arr. Tom Thompson) - sung by St. Mark's Choir**

*The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Tune: Old Hundredth

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer A**

*All baptized persons are invited and encouraged to receive communion in our church.*

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

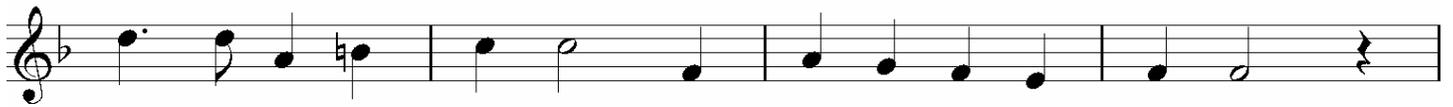
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then the celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### Celtic Alleluia

MHSO 20

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a change in time signature to 9/8 and then back to 6/8, with lyrics and a final measure with a blank line.

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*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

[only the host will be distributed at this time]

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the  
 2. None but the right - eous, none but the  
 3. I love Je - sus, I love  
 4. He's my Sav - ior, He's my

1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -  
 2. right - eous, none but the right -  
 3. Je - sus, I love Je -  
 4. Sav - ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.  
 2. eous shall see God.  
 3. sus, oh yes, I do.  
 4. ior, oh yes, He is.

After Communion, the people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: Spirit Song**

LEVAS 118

1. Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you, with His  
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness, as your

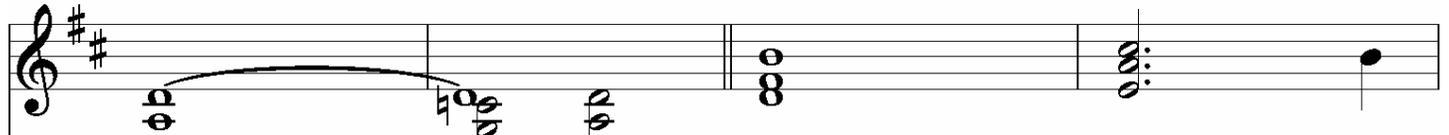
1. Spir - it and His love, Let Him fill your heart and  
2. hearts are filled with joy, Lift your hands in sweet sur -

1. sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let Him  
2. ren - der to His name. Oh, give Him

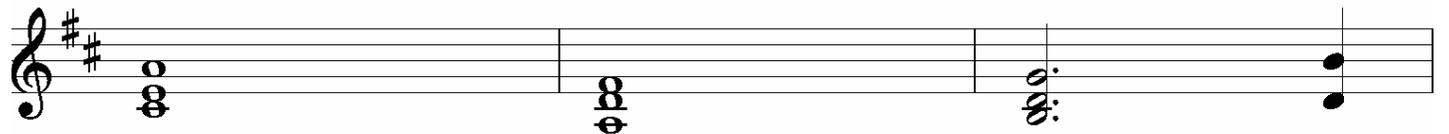
1. have the things that hold you, and His Spir - it like a  
2. all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of



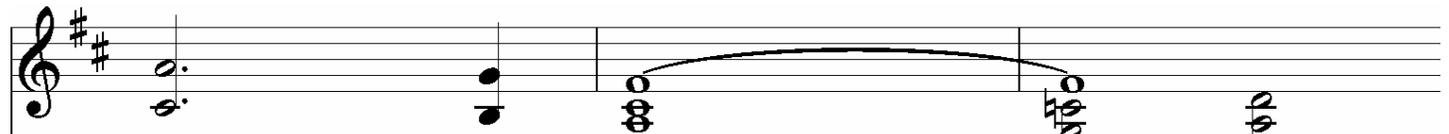
1. dove, Will de - scend up - on your life, and make you  
2. pain, And you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus'



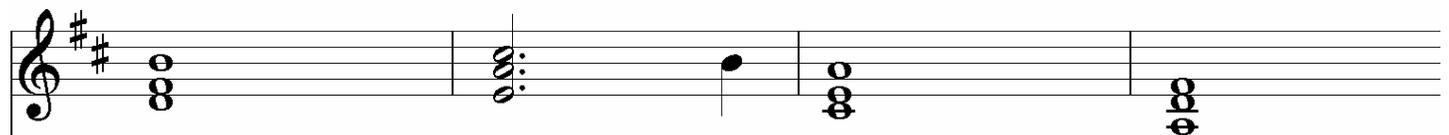
1. whole. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus. Oh,  
2. name. \_\_\_\_\_



Je - sus, come and



fill your lambs. \_\_\_\_\_



Je - sus. Oh, Je - sus,



come and fill your lambs. \_\_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

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### St. Mark's Core Values

**Gracious.** In our relationship with Christ, God welcomes us home, and we, in turn, offer gracious hospitality to all those whom God leads to our church.

**Rooted.** Our worship and liturgy are rooted in the rich tradition of the Episcopal Church, drawing on the wellspring of customs from the ancient church through those of today.

**Authentic.** We are an authentic people, true to our Christian identity, and genuinely thankful for the gift of our gathering and for the sacred space of our church.

**Christ-centered.** We are the church, the Body of Christ, and we therefore have Jesus Christ at the center of our life; for in the risen Christ we live and move and have our being.

**Empowered.** Jesus commissions us to go to all nations with his good news, and we, the people of St. Mark's, are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim by word and example the Gospel in Fort Bend County and beyond.

The Reverend Susie Hebert  
Rector

Hannah Smith  
Youth Minister

Kimberly Hart  
Executive Administrative Assistant

Tom Thompson  
Organist & Music Director

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