Morning Prayer
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

Join via Zoom here: http://tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom

While we encourage you to participate fully, please mute your microphone during the singing and responsive parts of the service. You are welcome to unmute yourself when offering prayers; then mute again when you have finished.

Welcoming Prayer
Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us as part of the St. Mark's family. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who worships with us feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this community be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns, Renew 56, verses 1, 2, 4

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing
who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Response: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Response: 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.
Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.  
Response: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.  
Response: Alleluia.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.  
Response: Alleluia.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have
received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Salmo 98 / Psalm 98

ESPAÑOL:

Canten al Señor cántico nuevo,*
porque ha hecho maravillas.

Con su diestra, y con su santo brazo,*
ha alcanzado la victoria.

El Señor ha dado a conocer su victoria; *
a la vista de las naciones ha descubierto su justicia.

Se acuerda de su misericordia y su fidelidad para con la casa de Israel,*
los confines de la tierra han visto la victoria de nuestro Dios.

Aclamen con júbilo al Señor, pueblos todos; *
levanten la voz, gócense y canten.

Canten al Señor con el arpa,*
con el arpa y la voz de cántico.

Con trompetas y al son de clarines,*
aclamen con júbilo ante el Rey, el Señor.

Ruja el mar y cuanto contiene,*
el mundo y los que en él habitan.

Den palmadas los ríos,
aclamen los montes
al Señor, *
cuando llegue para juzgar la tierra.

ENGLISH:

Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
Juzgará al mundo con justicia, * In righteousness shall he judge the world*
y a los pueblos con equidad. and the peoples with equity.

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of John 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Blessing, Honor and Glory Renew 81

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold Him down, for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne, He is the Lamb of God!

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The Gospel

Lector: A reading from the Gospel of John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon ~ The Rev. Dr. Richard S. Lee

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  Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
and grant us your salvation.

Officiant  Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant  Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant  Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant  Let your way be known upon earth;  
Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant  Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant  Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor:

In our global Anglican Communion, we remember today the The Anglican Church of Kenya.
O Lord,  
Hear our prayer.

In our diocese, we remember the clergy and people of St. Andrew’s by-the-Lake, Lake Elsinore. O Lord,  
Hear our prayer.

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry.  
Teach us to abide in your love.

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.  
Teach us to care for it with love.

We pray for the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish.  
Teach us to reach out to them with respect and love.
We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious.  
(Feel free to unmute, say the names of those you wish to pray for and remute.)

Teach us to respond to their needs with love.

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life.  
(Feel free to unmute, say the names of those who have died and remute.)

Teach us to remember them with love.

Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this world and into the next.

Carrying all these spoken and unspoken concerns, let us pray the way Jesus taught us in the language of our hearts:

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 Collect of the Day
O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 the Renewal of Life
O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your
law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having
done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may,
when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.  

Amen.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries

For a Birthday
O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N.
as she/he begins another year. Grant that she/he may grow in wisdom and grace,
and strengthen her/his trust in your goodness all the days of her/his life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.  

Amen.

For an Anniversary
O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented
the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing
upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in
faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be
a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  

Amen.

Announcements

Offerings  

www.stmarks-cityheights.org/giving-online

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant:  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 blessing may be given

God of Grace and God of Mercy  Renew 301, verses 1, 3, 4

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church’s story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Heal your children’s warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

The Dismissal

Officiant:  Our worship service has come to an end, our service to the world continues. Go in peace to love serve the Lord.

People:  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bobbie Hein Memorial Service**—Saturday, May 15 @ 10 a.m. ‘in-person’ at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121

**Clothes Sorting—Saturday, May 15, 9-noon.** Lots of folks have cleaned out their closets during the pandemic, and many bags of clothes are in need of sorting. Come lend a hand so we keep what is needed for our homeless/pantry guests and purge the rest. Sorting will happen outside. Masking, social distancing and required safety measures will be in effect. For questions or further information contact Amy: amym@stmarks-cityheights.org.

**Have you heard? Volunteers of all ages are welcome back at St. Mark’s** (without age restrictions). We prefer that you be fully vaccinated before returning (including if you have a pre-existing/underlying health condition). You may self-certify. **Masking, social distancing, frequent hand washing and all other safety measures remain in effect.** For more questions or if you’re ready to volunteer, contact Amy Ennenga: amym@stmarks-cityheights.org.

**St. Mark's Hamlets Are Here!** Grow as a disciple by way of these small weekly group meetings. There are currently three meeting times: Monday @ 6 p.m.; Wednesday @ 10 a.m. & Thursday @ 4:30 p.m. Not signed up, but would like to join? Just contact Fr. Richard or Mtr. Hannah and we will be happy to add you. All meetings will be via our general Zoom address: [http://tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom](http://tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom)

**Compline & Morning Prayer** — Visit the St. Mark's Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/stmarks.cityheights](https://www.facebook.com/stmarks.cityheights), Mondays-Thursdays at 8 p.m. for Compline and Fridays at 8 a.m. for Morning Prayer. If you are interested in leading or would like to learn how to, contact Katherine Gordon. Thank you to all who help make this online ministry possible!

**Pantry News & Needs:**
Our pantry is open Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. every week. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Amy Ennenga, 406-291-3149. This week we need:
1. oatmeal, pasta sauce, tomato products & drinks.
2. monetary donations (via our website) to buy food in bulk.
For convenient food donations order online from this [WISH LIST](http://tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom) and your order will ship directly to Amy Ennenga.

**Donations/pledges:** Thank you for your 2021 continued support. Please mail checks made out to “St Mark's” to P.O. Box 5788, San Diego 92165 or you can make online donations via our website: [stmarks-cityheights.org/giving-online](http://stmarks-cityheights.org/giving-online).
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