



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday June 1, 2025

**Holy Eucharist @ 9:45 am**

Online: [tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom](https://tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom)

If this is your first time worshipping at St. Mark's, we welcome you! Wherever you are on your journey of faith we are glad you are here, and we invite you to join us in all that we do. If you are joining us online today and would like to have Holy Communion brought to your home please email Fr. Richard at [fr.richard@stmarks-cityheights.org](mailto:fr.richard@stmarks-cityheights.org)

*The in-person service is being streamed live and pictures may be taken during the service. If you don't wish to be seen on camera or to be photographed, please ask someone at the welcome table for appropriate seating.*

### **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.

## Gathering Hymn      Alleluia, Sing to Jesus Vs 1 and 3 Renew 58

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne:  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;  
Alleluia! Hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

## The Introduction

Presider      Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People**      **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Presider      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.

## Gloria

Renew 67



## The Collect

Presider      God be with you.  
**People**      **And also with you.**  
Presider      Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,

and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **The Readings**

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

**Acts 16:16-34**

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

**Psalm 97** *Read bolded verses responsively*

ENGLISH VERSION SPANISH BELOW

READER:1 The Lord is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**ALL: 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

R: 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**A: 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

R: 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**A: 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.**

R: 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.

**A: 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

R: 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**A: 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

R: 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**A: 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

ESPAÑOL

LECTOR: 1 ¡Dios reina! ¡Alégrense la tierra! \*  
¡Alégrense las costas más remotas!

**TODO: 2 Nubes y tinieblas lo rodean; \*  
la justicia y el derecho cimientan su trono.**

L: 3 Fuego va delante de él \*  
consumiendo por doquier sus enemigos.

**T: 4 Sus relámpagos al mundo alumbran; \*  
al verlos, la tierra se estremece.**

L: 5 Los montes se derriten como cera \*  
ante el Señor, dueño de la tierra.

**T: 6 Los cielos proclaman su justicia \***

**y todo pueblo contempla su gloria.**

L: 7 Que se avergüence quien adora imágenes  
y se jacta de sus ídolos tallados; \*  
que todos los dioses se postren ante Dios.

**T: 8 Se alegra Sion y los pueblos de Judá, \*  
Señor, a causa de tus juicios.**

L: 9 Porque tú, Señor,  
estás por encima de toda la tierra; \*  
exaltado sobre todos los dioses.

**T: 10 ¡Los que aman a Dios, odien el mal! \*  
Dios guarda la vida de sus fieles  
y los libra de las garras del malvado.**

L: 11 La luz está sembrada para el justo \*  
y el gozo para el recto corazón.

**T: 12 Justos, alégrense en Dios \*  
y denle gracias a su santo nombre.**

*A Reading from the Revelation to John*

**Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."  
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

## The Gospel Hymn Thy Word Vs 1 and 2 Renew 94

### **Chorus**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

### **Chorus**

I will not forget your love for me  
And yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side;  
and I will love You to the end.

### **Chorus**

## The Gospel: John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** Fr Richard

## The Nicene Creed

**People**      **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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*The response for each bidding is: **hear our prayer***

## The Peace

Presider      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Potluck Sunday | TODAY** is the 1st of June and the first Sunday of the month, and thus Potluck Sunday. We invite you to join us for fellowship and food. All are welcome and encouraged to linger after the service.

**Food Pantry & Outreach Needs** | The weekly food pantry is St. Mark's biggest, ongoing, outreach commitment, which can only be sustained with your help!! Here are our three current top needs. **1.** We are in high need of clean, sturdy, grocery bags. In a typical week, we need anywhere from 250 to 300+ bags. Yes, that is a LOT of bags, and we need your help to keep them stocked! **2.** Pantry helpers during this coming summer season when many 'regular' volunteers are off on vacation. Can you step in on occasion and help fill the gap? **3.** A Tuesday [restocking volunteer](#) (8:30-11:30 am) who helps get food from the San Diego Food Bank and restock the pantry. For more info or to help out contact our Pantry Manager, Joanna: [joannas@stmarks-cityheights.org](mailto:joannas@stmarks-cityheights.org) or our Parish Administrator, Chris: [chrisn@stmarks-cityheights.org](mailto:chrisn@stmarks-cityheights.org)

**June is Gun Violence Prevention Awareness Month** | According to the [Gun Violence Archive](#), in 2024 there were 16,725 deaths and 31,646 injured as a direct result of gun violence in the U.S. [The Episcopal Church](#) and [The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego](#) encourage us to think about, talk, and develop a parish plan for Gun Safety and Violence Prevention. Next Sunday, our own Casey Zahner, active member of [Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America](#), will be preaching around the topic of Gun Violence Prevention Awareness.

**Back To School Bash Announced** | St. Mark's is getting ready for its 13th Annual Back To School Bash on July 26. The bash will provide backpacks & school supplies for our local pre K - grade 6 school children. We are looking for everyone's support to make this event a success. Ways to help include: financial donations, \$60 supports one child—please earmark your donation for B2SB (Back to School Bash), volunteer for various upcoming tasks (e.g., sign ups during pantry hours, backpack stuffing & other event prep, helping out on Event Day, July 26). Offer your help now by contacting Chris Nolan: [chrisn@stmarks-cityheights.org](mailto:chrisn@stmarks-cityheights.org) or listen for specific calls for help.

**Martin Luther King Community Choir** | The MLK choir (which includes our members Sarah & Chris Young) has a free concert **TODAY at 6 PM** at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2633 Denver St., San Diego 92110. The concert includes a granting of scholarships to high school grads pursuing an education in the Arts.

## Announcements, Blessings for birthdays and anniversaries.

*For a Birthday*



*O God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and joy as we celebrate this/these birthday(s). Thank you for this special day, for the gift of life, and for the opportunity to celebrate another year together. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.*

*For an Anniversary*

*O God, we thank and praise You for the gift of this anniversary and the love and joy that it brings. Pour out we pray, Your love, joy, grace and peace into the hearts of all who are celebrating this day. We pray that in this remembrance, that you join each of us closer, to each other, and to You. Amen.*

## The Offering of Gifts

*The Table is prepared*

## The Doxology

**Methodist Hymnal 94**

Unison  
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise

Harmony  
God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Unison  
lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Unison  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony  
Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it!

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 2*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our 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:

*Presider and People*

**Sanctus** *Argentine Santo, Santo, Santo WLP 785*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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.

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 St. Mark 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*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, in the language of our own heart.

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.**

## **The Invitation**

*Presider* This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So, come, those who have much faith and those who have little, those who have been here often and those who have not been here long, those who have tried to follow and those who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites us; it is Christ, and he invites us to meet him here.

*Presider* 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 Prayer of Spiritual Communion For Those On Zoom

*Presider* We know that some of us are joining this morning on zoom, and although they can not physically receive the holy sacraments, they can receive in their hearts.

*People* **"In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen."**

*We will be offering communion in both kinds: bread & wine.*

*If you would like to **receive the bread and wine** please hold out both hands. You can either drink from the chalice (in which case, after receiving the bread, go to the altar server on the left) or have the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and given to you (in which case go to the altar server on the right after receiving the bread.) If you would like to **receive the bread only** please hold out one hand.*

*If you would **prefer not to receive the body and bread but receive a blessing**, please cross your hands over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive gluten free bread please tell the presider.*

### Communion Hymn:

### Glory Be To Jesus Vs 1,2, and 3 Renew 233

1 Glory be to Jesus,  
who in bitter pains  
poured for me the life-blood  
from his sacred veins!

2 Grace and life eternal  
in that blood I find.  
Blest be his compassion  
infinitely kind!

3 Blest through endless ages  
be the precious stream  
which from sin and sorrow  
doth the world redeem!

## Post Communion Prayer

**People** 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.

## Sending Out of Eucharistic Ministers with Home Communion

**Presider** In the name of God, we send you forth to share communion with those who are not able to be with us today.

**People** **As you have been fed, now feed others.**

**Presider** Our prayers are with you, go in peace.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Easter Blessing

**Presider** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Common Worship

## Sending Hymn: **Lead On, O King Eternal Vs 1 and 3 Renew 298**

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning where e'er your face appears;  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest: lead on, O God of might.

## Dismissal

**Priest** Our worship service this morning has ended, our service to the world continues. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**People** **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**