**St. Mark’s Worship Sunday July 25, 2021**

**Welcome to our Online Worship**

Welcome back to worship *inside* your church!

Stationed at the tables at the entrance our greeters have hand sanitizer and masks if you need them, bulletins and self-contained communion cups (please wait for the Pastor to direct you to open them) and they have a plate and envelopes where you can drop off your offering. We also are collecting your name and contact information. Please follow the direction of the ushers who will seat family groups six feet apart and refrain from hugs and handshakes. The restrooms will be open, but we request that one family group at a time uses the facilities.

We will be serving coffee after the service. We also have a **mask free zone**, for fully vaccinated folks, in front of the organ on the right side of the church. We're staying masked to protect children and anyone who feels vulnerable on the other side of the church, vaccinated or not. All are welcome, unless you aren't feeling well, then please recover at home and watch the worship service on Facebook live at 9 AM.

If you are worshipping at home, you may want to prepare some bread, wine, or juice to receive Holy Communion. You may commune yourself or those around you with these words:

*“The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.”*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

***Opening Song – Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult Verses 1, 4, 5 ELW #696***

**1**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Of our life's wild, restless sea,

Day by day his clear voice sounding,

Saying, "Christian, follow me*"*:

**4**In our joys and in our sorrows,

Days of toil and hours of ease,

Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,

"Christian, love me more than these."

**5**Jesus calls us! By your mercy,

Savior, may we hear your call,

Give our hearts to your obedience,

Serve and love you best of all.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,

let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways**

**of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding**

**rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life**

**and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life,

you are shown God’s mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**Mission**

Celebrating God’s love and forgiveness, we serve others

**Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Children’s message**

### Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18

10All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
 and your faithful ones shall bless you.  
11**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom**  
 **and speak of your power,**  
12that all people may know of your power  
 and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
13**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**  
 **You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**  
14The Lord upholds all those who fall  
 and lifts up those who are bowed down.  
15**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,**  
 **and you give them their food in due season.**  
16You open wide your hand  
 and satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
17**You are righteous in all your ways**  
 **and loving in all your works.**  
18You are near to all who call upon you,  
 to all who call upon you faithfully.

### Lesson 2: Ephesians 3:14-21

### 14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16I 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, 17and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.   20Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: John 6:1-21

1Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When 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?” 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” 10Jesus 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. 11Then 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. 12When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” 13So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14When 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.”  
  15When 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.  
  
  16When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” 21Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Karla Halvorson

***Hymn of the Day – We Come to the Hungry Feast All Verses ELW #479***

**1**We come to the hungry feast

Hungry for a word of peace.

To hungry hearts unsatisfied

The love of God is not denied.

We come, we come to the hungry feast.

**2**We come to the hungry feast

Hungry for a world released

From hungry folk of ev'ry kind,

The poor in body, poor in mind.

We come, we come to the hungry feast.

**3**We come to the hungry feast

Hungry that the hunger cease,

And knowing, though we eat our fill,

The hunger will stay with us; still

We come, we come to the hungry feast.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your Mercy is great.**

**Blessing of prayer quilts**

**Song**

God Is so good,

God is so good,

God is so good,

He’s so good to me!

**The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also, with you.**

*(you may share the peace of Christ with anyone who is with you, share the peace in the comments, text an offering of peace to someone, or simply send a prayer of blessing and peace to someone.)*

**Offering**

**Thanksgiving Moment**

**Offering information**

St. Mark’s Church, 580 Hilltop Dr. Chula Vista, CA 91910

Venmo: @stmarks-churchchulavista

**Offering Song**

Thank you for giving to the Lord

I am a life that was changed

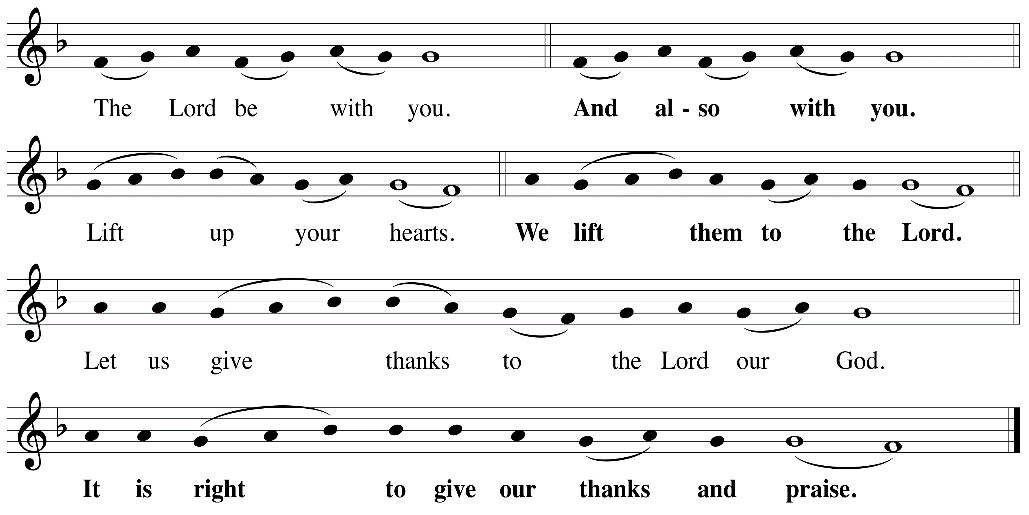
Thank you for giving to the Lord

I am so glad you gave

**Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

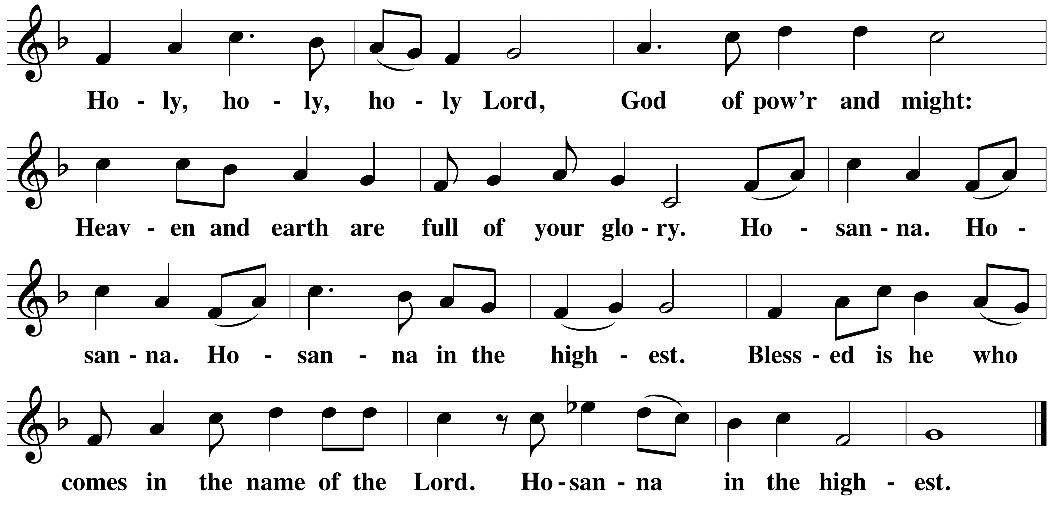
**The Great Thanksgiving**



*P:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should, at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy Holy**

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

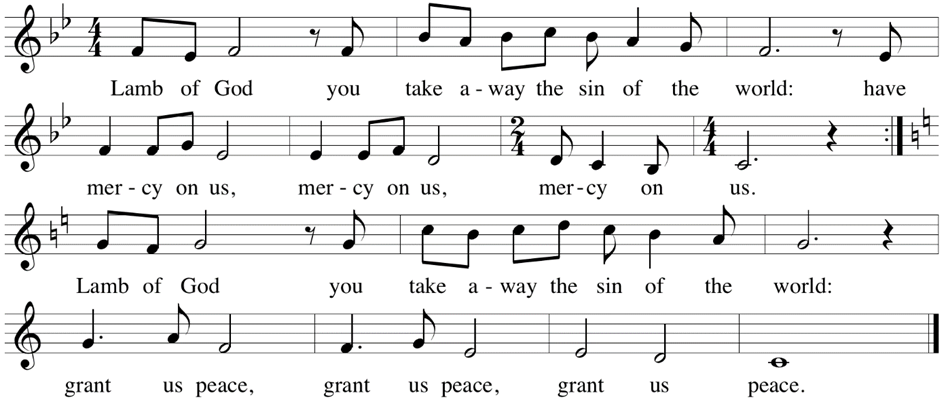
**Invitation to the Table**

*You may now take the individual cups provided for communion. Please receive communion with these words: “The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.”*

**Table** **Blessing**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Communion Hymn – Lamb of God***



**Post**-**Communion** **Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**Community Time – Herb Geier**

**Blessing**

The blessing of God,

Who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Sending Song – We Are Called All Verses ELW 720***

**1**Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God.

***Refrain***

*We are called to act with justice,*

*We are called to love tenderly;*

*We are called to serve one another,*

*To walk humbly with God.*

**2**Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So hatred and blindness will be no more.

***Refrain***

*We are called to act with justice,*

*We are called to love tenderly;*

*We are called to serve one another,*

*To walk humbly with God.*

**3**Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk

with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love.

***Refrain***

*We are called to act with justice,*

*We are called to love tenderly;*

*We are called to serve one another,*

*To walk humbly with God.*

**Sending**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Share the Peace of the Lord in the comments below!**