**St. Mark’s Worship Sunday August 8, 2021**

**Welcome to our Online Worship**

**Christian Education begins** 

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're staying masked to protect children and anyone who feels vulnerable, 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 – By Your Hand You Feed Your People All Verses ELW #469***

**1**By your hand you feed your people,

food of angels, heaven's bread.

For these gifts we did not labor,

by your grace have we been fed:

*Refrain*

*Christ's own body, blessed and broken,*

*cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,*

*given as a living token*

*of your world redeemed, restored.*

**2**In this meal we taste your sweetness,

bread for hunger, wine of peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom

satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

**3**Send us now with faith and courage

to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

In our living and our dying,

we become what we receive: *Refrain*

**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, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Children’s message**

**Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8**

### 1I will bless the Lordat all times;  the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. 2**I will glory in the Lord;**  **let the lowly hear and rejoice.** 3Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  let us exalt God’s name together. 4**I sought the Lord, who answered me**  **and delivered me from all my terrors.** 5Look upon the Lord and be radiant,  and let not your faces be ashamed. 6**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me**  **and saved me from all my troubles.** 7The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord  and delivers them. 8**Taste and see that the Lord is good;**  **happy are they who take refuge in God!**

### Lesson 2: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

25So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and do not make room for the devil. 28Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 6:35, 41-51

35Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Karla Halvorson

***Hymn of the Day – I Am the Bread of Life Verses 1, 2, 4, 5 ELW #485***

**1**"I am the Bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger,

and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me

unless the Father beckons."

*Refrain*

*"And I will raise you up,*

*and I will raise you up,*

*and I will raise you up on the last day."*

**2**"The bread that I will give

is my flesh for the life of the world,

and if you eat of this bread,

you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

**4**"I am the resurrection,

I am the life.

If you believe in me,

even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

**5**Yes, Lord, I believe

that you are the Christ,

the Son of God,

who have come into the world.

*Refrain*

**Prayers of Intercession**

Leader: God, in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

**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

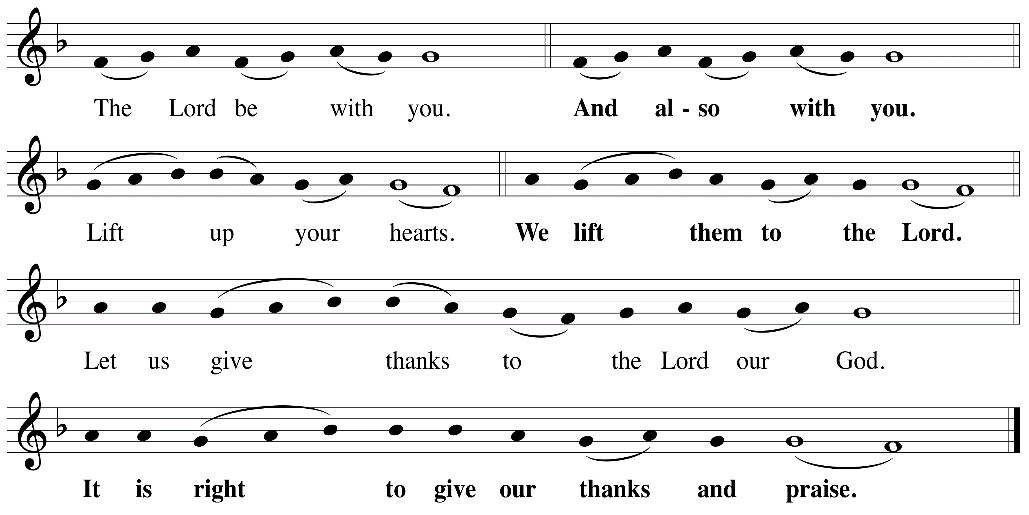
Thank you for giving to the Lord

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.**

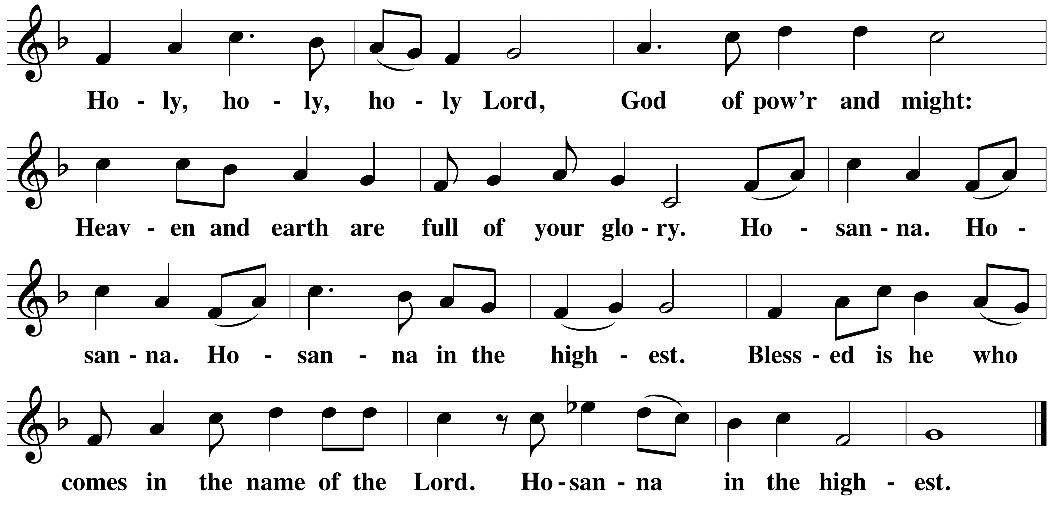
**The Great Thanksgiving**



*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**

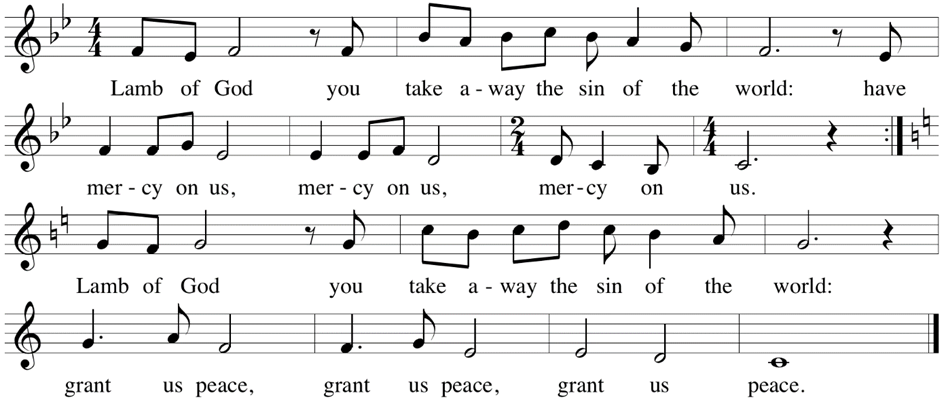
**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.”*

***Communion Hymn – Lamb of God***



**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.**

**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**

**Blessing**

The blessing of God,

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

☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Sending Song – Be Thou My Vision All Verses ELW #793***

**1**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:

thou my best thought

both by day and by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

**2**Be thou my wisdom,

and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my soul's shelter,

and thou my high tow'r,

raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

**3**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,

thou mine inheritance, now and always:

thou and thou only, the first in my heart,

great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**4**Light of my soul, after victory won,

may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Sending**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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