**St. Mark’s Worship Sunday August 16, 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'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 – I Come with Joy All Verses ELW #482***

**1**I come with joy, a child of God,

forgiven, loved, and free,

the life of Jesus to recall

in love laid down for me,

in love laid down for me.

**2**I come with Christians far and near

to find, as all are fed,

the new community of love

in Christ's communion bread,

in Christ's communion bread.

**3**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,

each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,

and strangers now are friends,

and strangers now are friends.

**4**The Spirit of the risen Christ,

unseen, but ever near,

is in such friendship better known,

alive among us here,

alive among us here.

**5**Together met, together bound

by all that God has done,

we'll go with joy, to give the world

the love that makes us one,

the love that makes us one.

**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**

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Children’s message**

**Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14**

### 9Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,   for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. 10**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**  **but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.** 11Come, children, and listen to me;  I will teach you reverence for the Lord. 12**Who among you takes pleasure in life**  **and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?** 13Keep your | tongue from evil  and your lips from lying words. 14**Turn from evil and do good;**  **seek peace and pursue it.**

### Lesson 2: Proverbs 9:1-6

1Wisdom has built her house,  
 she has hewn her seven pillars.  
2She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
 she has also set her table.  
3She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
 from the highest places in the town,  
4“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
 To those without sense she says,  
5“Come, eat of my bread  
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
6Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
 and walk in the way of insight.”

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 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] 51“I 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.”  
  52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” 53So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Karla Halvorson

***Hymn of the Day – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence All Verses ELW #490***

**1**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

and with fear and trembling stand;

ponder nothing earthly-minded,

for with blessing in his hand

Christ our God to earth descending

comes full homage to demand.

**2**King of kings, yet born of Mary,

as of old on earth he stood,

Lord of lords in human vesture,

in the body and the blood,

he will give to all the faithful

his own self for heav'nly food.

**3**Rank on rank the host of heaven

spreads its vanguard on the way;

as the Light of light, descending

from the realms of endless day,

comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,

as the darkness clears away.

**4**At his feet the six-winged seraph,

cherubim with sleepless eye,

veil their faces to the presence,

as with ceaseless voice they cry:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**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

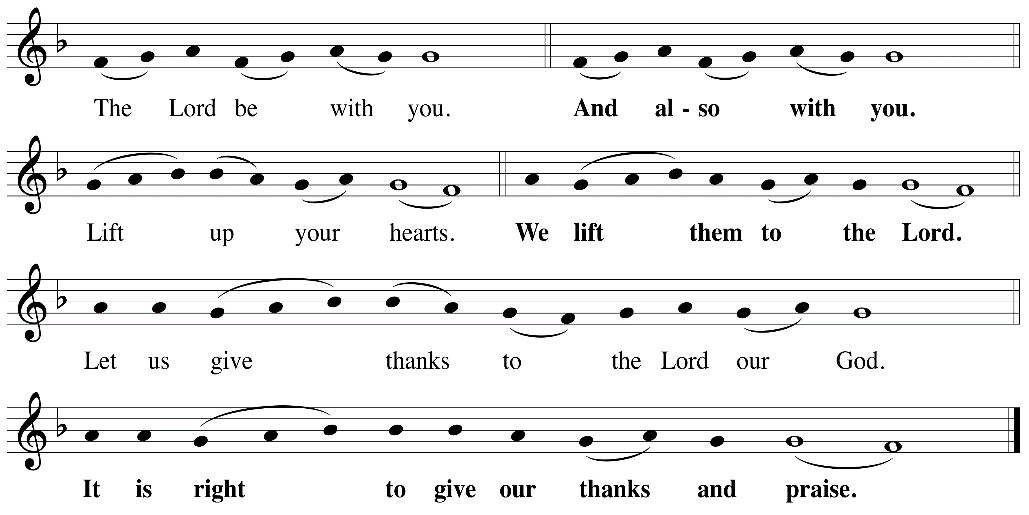
Thank you for giving to the Lord

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.**

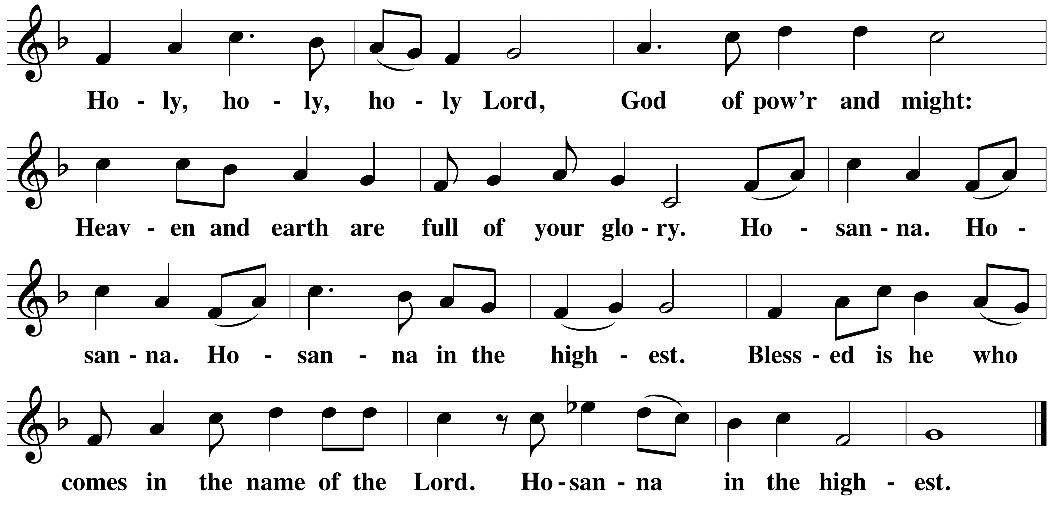
**The Great Thanksgiving**



*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**

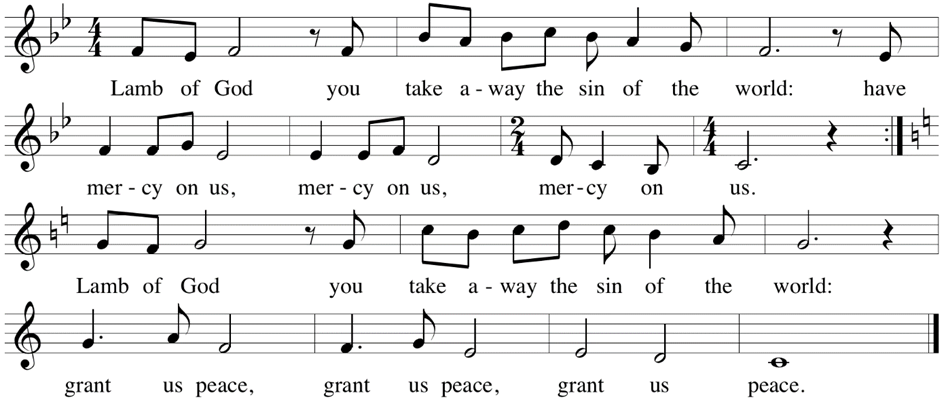
**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 – On Our Way Rejoicing All Verses ELW #537***

**1**On our way rejoicing

gladly let us go.

Christ our Lord has conquered;

vanquished is the foe.

Christ without, our safety;

Christ within, our joy;

who, if we be faithful,

can our hope destroy?

*Refrain*

*On our way rejoicing;*

*as we forward move,*

*hearken to our praises,*

*O blest God of love!*

**2**Unto God the Father

joyful songs we sing;

unto God the Savior

thankful hearts we bring;

unto God the Spirit

bow we and adore,

on our way rejoicing

now and evermore. *Refrain*

**Sending**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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