

ST. MARK'S IN-THE VALLEY

JUNE 27, 2021, THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY: PROPER 8, YEAR B

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Opening Acclamation *(standing, as able)*

Leader Blessed be the ☩ one, holy, and living God.

All **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day *(standing, as able)*

Leader God is here.

All **God's spirit is with us.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader God of inclusive love, who knows us each by name: we thank you for the woman who stood out of the crowd and defied her "uncleanness" to connect with you; we praise you for the leader of the synagogue who faced the mockery of others to give his daughter hope; may the flowing power of Christ bring healing and acceptance to the rejected and abused; through Jesus Christ, giver of life.

All **Amen.**

from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Steven Shakespeare

The Readings

First Reading *(seated)*

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

¹³ For God is not the author of death and does not delight in desolation; ¹⁴ God created all things to be alive. All things of the world are made to be wholesome, and there is no poison in them. The netherworld has no power over the earth, ¹⁵ for justice lasts forever. ²³ For God created us to be imperishable, and modeled us on the divine nature; ²⁴ it was the envy of evil that brought death to the world, as those who partner with evil soon find out.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30 *(remaining seated, please join in praying the psalm responsively by whole verses)*

Leader ¹ I praise you, O God, because you raised me up
and kept my enemies from gloating over me.

All ² **I cried to you for help, O God my God,
and you healed me.**

Leader ³ You brought me back from the realm of the dead, my God;
you spared me from going down into the Pit.

All ⁴ **Sing to God, all you who love God!
Praise God's holy Name!**

Leader ⁵ God's anger flees, but God's favor endures forever.
There may be tears during the night, but joy comes in the morning.

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- All 6 ***When I presumed I was secure, I boasted,
"I will never be defeated!"***
- Leader 7 I stood in your favor, O God, I stood as firm as a mountain.
 But then I lost sight of you, and I was filled with terror.
- All 8 ***So I called to you, O God,
I pleaded for your help:***
- Leader 9 "What good will come from my destruction, from my going to the grave?
 Does dust praise you, O God?
 Can the dead proclaim your unfailing goodness?"
- All 10 ***Hear me, O God, and be merciful!
Help me, my God!"***
- Leader 11 You transformed my despair into a dance—
 you drew me out of my death shroud and clothed me with joy.
- All 12 ***That's why my heart sings to you, that's why I can't keep silent—
O God you are my God, and I will thank you forever!***

The Gospel (*standing, as able*)

Mark 4:35-41

Reader The ✠ Holy Gospel of our ✠ Savior Jesus Christ ✠ according to Mark.

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

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again to the other shore in the boat, a large crowd gathered, and he stayed by the lakeside. ²² Then one of the synagogue officials—Jairus by name—came up and, seeing Jesus, fell down ²³ and pleaded earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is desperately sick. Come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life." ²⁴ Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed, pressing from all sides.

²⁵ Now there was a woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years; ²⁶ after long and painful treatment from various doctors, she had spent all she had without getting better—in fact, she was getting worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. ²⁸ "If I can touch even the hem," she had told herself, "I will be well again." ²⁹ Immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. ³⁰ Immediately aware that healing power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ The disciples said, "You see how the crowd is pressing you and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² But Jesus continued to look around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at Jesus' feet and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ "My daughter," Jesus said, "your faith has saved you; go in peace and be free of your affliction."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why put the Teacher to any further trouble?" ³⁶ But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the official: "Don't be afraid. Just believe." ³⁷ Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and James' brother John. ³⁸ They came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. ³⁹ Jesus went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep." ⁴⁰ At this, they began to ridicule him, and he told everyone to leave. Jesus took the child's mother and father and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. ⁴¹ Taking her hand, he said to her, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² Immediately the girl, who was twelve years old, got up and began to walk about. At this they were overcome with astonishment. ⁴³ Jesus gave the family strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give the little girl something to eat.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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The Sermon (*seated*)

Affirmation of Faith (*standing, as able*)

Leader We are not alone; we live in God's world.

People **We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be Christ's Body:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others
to seek justice and resist evil,
to reveal Christ in this world,
crucified and risen,
our support and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Based on A New Creed, United
Church of Canada, 1980

The Prayers of the People (*standing, as able*)

Leader God, we are learning about Love,
All **Setting aside all our old assumptions about it,**

Leader Practicing and playing with it,
All **And re-imagining ourselves in light of it.**

Leader We know Love is everywhere,
All **Even in our deepest pits of despair,** ¹

Leader Even in our most heated battles,
All **Even when we are least able to perceive it.**

Leader We know there are all kinds of Love,
All **In all kinds of relationships,** ²

Leader In all kinds of circumstances - ³
All **There's no one label for Love.**

Leader We are learning to cultivate and generate Love within ourselves,
All **And we are learning to recognize it when we find it -**

Leader In beauty and in chaos,
All **In suffering and in pleasure,**

Leader In hardship and in ease,
All **In ourselves and in others,**

Leader In light and in darkness
All **In mourning and in dancing.** ⁴

Leader We know that you created us for incorruption,
All **You made us in the image of your own eternity,** ⁵

Leader And What and Where you are is Absolute Love,
All **Highest and best, the summation of all.**

Litany for Absolute Love
by Litanist **Fran Pratt**, from
her Patreon collections
and her book *Call and
Response, Litanies for
Congregational Prayer*.
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and her work at
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1. Psalm 30:3 , 130:1
2. 2 Samuel 1:26
3. Lamentations 3:22,23
4. Psalm 30:11
5. Wisdom of Solomon 2:23

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Leader So this is our focus on this earth:
All ***Becoming people full of Love,***
Leader Acting on Love,
All ***Creating more Love,***
Leader Surviving on Love,
All ***Sharing in Love.***

Leader Help us along this path,
All ***As we grow more deeply aligned with the Way of Love. Amen***

Confession and Absolution (*kneeling, as able*)

Leader Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of reflective quiet will be kept.

All ***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.***

Leader ✠ Almighty God has mercy on us, forgives us our sins, and brings us to everlasting life.
All ***Amen.***

The Peace (*standing, as able*)

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

All ***And also with you.***

*All are invited to greet one another
and to share a sign of peace.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given us.

Voluntary Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Haugen

NICHOLE DECHAINED, *soprano*, BEVERLY STAPLES, *pianist*

Refrain Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

¹ You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts. *Refrain*

² In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision: God of love. *Refrain*

³ Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide. *Refrain*

⁴ You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart. *Refrain*

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

At the Offertory

Leader Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings to love and serve the world.

All ***Blessed be God for ever.***

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The Great Thanksgiving (*standing, as able*)

Leader God is here.

All **God's Spirit is with us.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Savior.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader O God, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. His living, dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life; earth, sea, sky, and all that lives declare your presence and your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Creator, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we gather at this holy table, send your Holy Spirit, that this broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in the remembrance of me.

So, Holy One, we remember all that Jesus was and did, in him we embrace with confidence his coming among all of us as one of us, his birth, life, and self-offering upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

All **Living and dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Continue to look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Blessed Mark, Blessed Mary of Magdala, Blessed Mary, Mother of Jesus, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

Leader And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Side 1 Our Father

Side 2 Our Creator

Side 1 Who art in heaven

Side 2 Who is in all the earth

Side 1 Hallowed be thy name

Side 2 Holy is your truth

Side 1 Thy kingdom come

Side 2 May your wisdom come

Side 1 Thy will be done, on earth

Side 1 – nearest the **doors**

Side 2 – nearest the **windows**

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as it is in heaven
Side 2 Your circle be one,
uniting heaven and earth
Side 1 Give us this day our daily bread
Side 2 Give us today a nurturing spirit
Side 1 And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
Side 2 Heal through us
as we ourselves are healed

Side 1 Lead us not into temptation
Side 2 Lead us into Fullness of life
Side 1 But deliver us from evil
Side 2 And liberate all that is good
Side 1 For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory
Side 2 For the Wisdom, Presence
and Goodness are Yours
All Forever and ever. Amen.

Dominican Sisters Retreat,
Great Bend, Kansas
March 1993

The Breaking of the Bread

Leader We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
All **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Communion is open to everyone.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are invited to receive communion here. You are welcome to come forward and take the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ.

The Invitation *(All are invited to come forward now to receive)*

Leader The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

At Communion *Antique Dance and Sonnet*

NICHOLE DECHAINED, flutist, BEVERLY STAPLES, pianist

Bob Moore

The Postcommunion Prayer *(standing, as able)*

Leader Let us pray.

All **God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing *(standing, as able)*

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Leader May we remain open to wonder and mystery, to what is strange and new and precious in each child of God, that with all the saints we might walk in the light of hope; and the ✠ blessing of God Almighty: Creating Presence, Redeeming Christ, and Life-giving Spirit, be with us and remain with us for ever.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal (*standing, as able*)

Leader Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;

All **render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Procession Out

Postlude *Who Will Love Me As I Am?* from *Side Show*

Bill Russell, Henry Krieger

WILLIAM HURBAUGH and ISH PETERSEN, *vocalists*, BEVERLY STAPLES, *pianist*

Like a fish plucked from the ocean tossed into a foreign stream,
Always knew that I was different, often fled into a dream.
I ignored the raging currents, right against the tide I swam.
But I floated with the question: Who will love me as I am?

Like an odd exotic creature on display inside a zoo.
Hearing children asking questions makes me ask some questions too.
Could we bend the laws of nature? Could a lion love a lamb?
Who could see beyond the surface? Who will love me as I am?

Who will ever call to say "I love you?" Send me flowers or a telegram?
Who could proudly stand beside me? Who will love me as I am?

Like a clown whose tears cause laughter, trapped inside the center ring.
Even seeing smiling faces I am lonely pondering.

Who would want to join this madness? Who would change my monogram?
Who would be part of my circus? Who will love me as I am?

Who will ever call to say "I love you?" Send me flowers or a telegram?
Who could proudly stand beside me? Who will love me as I am?
Who could proudly stand beside me? Who will love me as I am?

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

www.smitv.org

A few standing announcements

Text or call the Rector at 805-245-4921 or email randall@smitv.org

Our website has LOADS of information and things you can do – so does our app!

There's so much you can see and do on our website and our app – from getting tickets for a concert to signing up to host refreshments, registering children for Sunday School to seeing the whole parish calendar. The news each week is also there... **Check it out at smitv.org.**

Scheduling building or equipment use on our calendar? Easy!

Be sure to schedule any event that uses space at St. Mark's, as well as tables, chairs and linens to avoid a conflict and inconvenience for you and your group. **Go to our website, smitv.org** and use the **QuickLink** on the home page. **Alternatively, email Silvia Lucatero at silvia@smitv.org**: 1) Date 2) time 3) space and equipment requested, and 4) your contact email and phone.

Sharing an announcement with the parish? Easy!

It's easy to share your announcement with the parish through the **eRoar** (email), **Little Roar** (print) as well as on our **website** and **app**! **Write** what you want to say; don't worry about formatting. **Email it by Wednesday to Paula Hunsicker at pkhunsicker@icloud.com.**

Donations of food and basic personal care items needed each week.

Please consider basic personal care items such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, diapers, and such as well as regular food items. Ongoing needs are jam, spaghetti sauce, juice and cereal, peanut butter, granola bars, soups and canned chicken are always welcome items. Adding one or more non-perishable food items to your cart each week and bringing it to St. Mark's can be a great help to Santa Ynez Valley neighbors in need. Many in our area who live on fixed incomes can pay all their bills but don't have enough left for food and other necessities.

How do the prayer list and prayer group work?

To keep the prayer list current, we keep names on it for **a month** (extended as often as you wish). We also have an **email prayer group** that receives prayer requests as they come in. Go to our website, and **click the QuickLink on our home page, smitv.org**. Alternatively, join the prayer group and send prayer requests by writing **Jeannie May** at jeannie@the100acrewood.com.

Did you know?

Gluten-free bread available at the altar

Gluten-free bread is available at the altar at any service. Thank you to our Altar Guild for providing this option. Simply let the priest presiding at the Eucharist know your preference.

Clergy Sabbath is Monday

St. Mark's agreement with the Rector specifies two days off each week, one of which is directed to be a full 24-hour period. **Monday** is that day. You can help St. Mark's honor its agreement by scheduling meetings, special visits, calls and email on days other than Monday.