

THE 10 AM SERVICE

# ST. MARK'S IN-THE VALLEY

APRIL 18, 2021, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

For now, please keep masks in place (except when consuming the sacrament) and maintain physical distance while on campus. Our patience with these considerations will likely only need to continue for a couple more months. Clergy and chalice bearers will bring communion to you at your seat.

**Prelude** (*seated*) *Andante in C*

W.A. Mozart

NICHOLE DECHAIINE, *flutist*

BEVERLY STAPLES, *pianist*

THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation** (*standing, as able*)

*Leader* ✕ Alleluia! By death, Christ tramples death.

*All* **To those in the tombs, Christ gives new life. Alleluia!**

*Standing, as able, all join in praying the canticle*

**Beloved let us love one another**

**because love is of God;**

**Everyone who loves comes from God**

**and knows God.**

**Those who do not love are not conscious of God,**

**for God is love.**

**God's love was revealed in our midst in this way:**

**by sending the Only Begotten into the world,**

**that we might have faith through the Holy One.**

**Love, then, consists in this:**

**not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us**

**and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins.**

**Beloved, if God has loved us so,**

**we must have the same love for one another.**

A Song of God's Love  
1 John 4:7-11

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

*Leader* God is here.

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

*Leader* Let us pray.

*Leader* Wounded God, disabled and divine: give us faith to perceive you pierced and embodied, standing here among us feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken; through Jesus Christ, the suffering servant.

*All* **Amen.**

from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, Steven Shakespeare

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## The Readings

First Reading (*seated*)

*I John 3:1-2*

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of John

<sup>1</sup> See what love Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God. <sup>2</sup> My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is.

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

*All* **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 4 (*remaining seated, we will pray responsively by whole verses*)

*Reader* <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, God of my justice!  
Give me relief from my distress!

Have mercy! Hear my prayer!

*All* <sup>2</sup> **How long will you people dishonor me before God?**

**How long will you love delusion and pursue lies?**

*Reader* <sup>3</sup> Know that those who love God

have been set apart by divine will—

God will hear me when I call!

*All* <sup>4</sup> **Tremble, and stop your sinning;**

**search your heart, alone and silent in your room.**

*Reader* <sup>5</sup> Offer sacrifices of justice,  
and put your trust in God.

*All* <sup>6</sup> **So many are asking, "Does good even exist anymore?"**

**Let the light of your face, O God, shine on us!**

*Reader* <sup>7</sup> You put joy in my heart—

a joy greater than being full of bread and new wine.

*All* <sup>8</sup> **In peace I'll lie down; in peace I will sleep:**

**for you alone, O God, keep me perfectly safe.**

The Gospel (*standing, as able*)

*Luke 24:36-48*

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

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

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus actually stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; it is I, really. Touch me and see—a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones as I do." <sup>40</sup> After saying this, Jesus showed them the wounds. <sup>41</sup> They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so Jesus said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> After being given a piece of cooked fish, <sup>43</sup> the savior ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> saying, "That is why the scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> In the Messiah's name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all this.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## Sermon (*seated*)

### Affirmation of Faith (*standing, as able*)

**All shall be Amen and Alleluia.  
We shall rest and we shall see.  
We shall see and we shall know.  
We shall know and we shall love.  
We shall love and we shall praise.  
Behold our end, which is no end. Amen.**

Saint Augustine, as found in  
An African Prayer Book,  
Desmond Tutu, ed., p. 33.

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

Leader We hear the voice of Christ speaking:

All **Peace be with you.**<sup>1</sup>

Leader Right now these words seem impossible, mind-boggling,

All **Even, at times, annoying.**

Leader How can we allow ourselves to be at peace

All **When the world is full of such suffering?**

Leader And yet Christ, who was framed, tortured, ridiculed, and murdered,

All **Speaks peace to us from the other side of death.**

Leader Even in suffering

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even in great loss

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even in violence

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even amidst ongoing injustice

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even amidst persecution and oppression

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even in illness

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even in lack

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even in trouble

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Even in sorrow

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader Knowing that inner peace is not apathy or lack of compassion,

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader But instead increases our power for transformation,

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader We align ourselves with Christ's message:

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader So that we can more effectively be a force for change in this world.

All **Peace be with you.**

Leader And so that we might know the fullness of life offered to us here, Earth-side.

All **Peace be with us all.**

**Litany for Peace Be With You** by Litanist **Fran Pratt**, from her Patreon collections and her book *Call and Response, Litanies for Congregational Prayer*. Find out more about Fran and her work at **franpratt.com**. ©Fran Pratt Used with permission.

1. Luke 24:36

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### **The Peace** (*standing, as able*)

*Leader* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*For now, please stay in place and share the peace with those nearest you with a bow or wave and greeting.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

### **Voluntary** (*seated*) *Living Hope*

*Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson*

<sup>1</sup> How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

<sup>2</sup> Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory to give me life and set me free.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken ev' ry chain. There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

<sup>3</sup> Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe out of the silence. The Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe out of the silence. The Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory!

BILLY HURBAUGH, *vocalist*

BEVERLY STAPLES, *pianist*

### **Presenting and dedicating our gifts** (*standing, as able*)

*Leader* Asking: 'Why do you stand looking up into heaven?'

Jesus comes to us again and again;

*All* **in all people, in the bread and wine of this table  
and in the communion of peace.**

### **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 the Lord.**

*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*(standing or seated)*

*Leader* We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed. You spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; you taught us to die that we might live.

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You gave yourself for us tortured and forsaken, but you could not be confined by death; in the garden you speak our name, in the breaking of the bread you show yourself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, you call us to take up your work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear, we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:

*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.**

*Leader*        We ask that your Holy Spirit will ✠ fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our savior, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith.

*All*            **Christ dies with us. Christ rises in us. Christ comes to us again and again.**

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new.

We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gifts we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through the One who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever.

*All*            **AMEN.**

*(seated or standing)*

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

*All*            **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** *(A period of silence is kept.)*

*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.**

**The Invitation** *(standing, as able)*

*Leader*        The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**The Communion** *(seated / standing, as able)*

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The ministers of communion will come to you. As you wish, remain seated until they do. Please stand, as able, to receive. Please receive the host in your hands and take the small cup from the tray to receive. It is customary to respond "Amen" to the words of administration. An acolyte will pick up your cup in a basket.

*Minister*      The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.

*Response*      *Amen.*

*Minister*      The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

*Response*      *Amen.*

### **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.

### **At Communion** *A Simple Song* from MASS

*Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Schwartz*

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude. Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude.

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude, and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,

And the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude, and walks in His ways.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude,

Lauda, Lauda di da di day, all of my days.

NICHOLE DECHAINED, *vocalist*

BEVERLY STAPLES, *pianist*

### **Postcommunion Prayer** (*standing, as able*)

*Leader*      Let us pray.

*All*            ***Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands, the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.***

### **The Blessing** (*standing, as able*)

*Leader*      Jesus, strong deliverer and lover of souls, as you sent Mary of Magdala to tell the good news of your resurrection, so fill and embolden us that we may be active expressions of your love of this world today and every day; and the ✠ blessing of God Almighty: Creating Presence, Redeeming Christ, and Life-giving Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for ever.

*All*            ***Amen.***

### **Dismissal** (*standing, as able*)

*Leader*      ✠ Alleluia! By death, Christ tramples death.

*All*            ***To those in the tombs, Christ gives new life. Alleluia!***

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**Postlude** (seated) *Promenade from Pictures at An Exhibition*  
BEVERLY STAPLES, pianist

*Modest Mussorgsky*



## **Ministers of the Church**

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For most any information you need as well as sending information or getting tickets, making a donation or seeing the parish calendar, go to **smitv.org**, our fully-featured website. **Missing something on the website?** Let a member of the staff, Vestry or the Rector know what you would like to see.

If you have an event or program for the **parish calendar**, please see the QuickLinks or buttons on the home page or contact **Silvia Lucatero** at: **silvia@smitv.org**.

If you have information to share with the parish **on the news tab of our website** or in our **newsletter**, the eRoar (online), please send it to **Paula Hunsicker: pkhunsicker@icloud.com**.

Also, you can **text to donate to St. Mark's-in-the-Valley! Text the code "SMITV" to 44-321** The first time you use text to donate, you are asked to set up how you want to process your gift. After that, you simply enter the amount you want to give. Fast. Easy. Secure.

*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.

#### **Donations of food and basic personal care items for our neighbors in need.**

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.

#### **Clergy Sabbath is Monday**

St. Mark's agreement with the Rector specifies two days off each week, one of which is specified 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.

#### **Contacting the Rector? Easy!**

**Text or call 245-4921** or email **randall@smitv.org** to get together for a conversation or to pass along information or to ask a question.

*For the homeless in Santa Barbara*

#### **We are collecting cold weather items (coats, sweaters, blankets, hats, gloves)**

You will find the collection box at the back of the church. **Karen and Greg Johnson** personally deliver these donated items to the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission.