St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Worshipping at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 500 Richmond Pl NE, during St. Mark's building renovation project.

November 22, 2026
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King



O Rex Gentium • O King of Nations

WELCOME

All are welcome to worship in this place. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. Upon arrival, we keep silence in the church that we all may pray quietly in preparation for worship. Please remember to silence your cell phones.



Hearing assistance devices are now available in the First Church auditorium and Fireside Room. Please ask an usher for help if you need one. To activate the loop system, please turn on your T-coil.

Children of all ages are always welcome in Worship!

- Families with small children are invited to take seats in any pew, or in the pews reserved for families up front on the left (*north*) side of the auditorium adjacent to the Fireside Room.
- Or, if you prefer, we offer care for children ages 0-3 during the service in the Fireside Room.
- Young children who wish to attend **Children's Chapel** during the service may follow the cross out of the auditorium and into the Fireside Room adjacent to the auditorium after the Gospel reading for songs, stories, and prayers relating to the day's Bible readings. Children ages 0-3 may attend with a caregiver, and youth ages 9+ are welcome to be a helper. Children and youth return at the Peace.

Please see today's announcements insert for details about today's Sunday School Classes for children, youth, and adults and other church events.

Newcomers: We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card**, available from any usher, and leave it with an usher or in St. Mark's Parish Hall after the service.



TODAY WE CONTINUE ST. MARK'S SEASON *of off-site Eucharist Services in the auditorium of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. We are grateful to the First Church staff and Board of Directors for graciously sharing their building and for working with St. Mark's to create a Sunday worship plan that works for everyone.*

Renovation of the St. Mark's Nave and other worship spaces began in late April and will last 6-8 months.

WHAT TO KNOW:

- Our Sunday service during this transition begins promptly at **9:00 am**, ending by **10:15**, with coffee hour immediately following in St. Mark's Parish Hall at **10:15** so that our host church may prepare for its service at 11:00.
- **BE SURE TO COLLECT A GREEN "GATHER" HYMNAL FROM AN USHER BEFORE FINDING YOUR SEAT.** Hymns from the blue *Hymnal 1982* will be printed in the Order of Worship.
- Please continue to use parking in and around the St. Mark's lots. Ushers and "crossing guards" are available to guide all worshipers before and after services so that all feel welcome, safe, connected, and supported.
- Thursday morning *Contemplative Prayer*, *Holy Eucharist*, and *Bible Study* also meet at First Church (*see back cover for times*.)
- Restrooms are located just inside the foyer to the right (*south*).
- Please do not bring food or beverages into the First Church auditorium.

QUESTIONS? Contact stmarks@stmarksabq.org or call 505.262.2484 and ask for Mother Sylvia; Jennifer Lind, Administrator; or Deb Bluestone, Communications.

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COFFEE HOUR

is sponsored today by the Sacred Arts Guild,
in celebration of "Winter," now showing in Parish Hall.

TODAY'S COVER ART



"O King of Nations, and their Desire,
the cornerstone who makes both walls one:
Come, and save humankind whom you formed of clay. Amen."

Today's cover art is by St. Mark's parishioner Marceliano Város.

The O Antiphons are seven ancient prayers by which we prepare for the Christmas season, calling for the coming of Christ among us. The O Antiphons in 2026 take place from December 17-23. They are used each evening during the final week of Advent before Christmas Eve. Each day features a unique title for the coming Messiah drawn from the Old Testament. For the seven weeks leading up to Christmas, the worship bulletin will feature original artwork by members of St. Mark's, inspired by the imagery of the O Antiphons.

For more resources to deepen your Advent prayer practice, including chants, prayer/song cycles for use with Anglican Prayer Beads, and ASL (American Sign Language) interpretations of each O Antiphon, scan the QR Code.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

We welcome all children to join in the Entrance Procession, following the Children's Cross, before taking a seat with their families for the Liturgy. Children may select a candle to carry with them in procession throughout the service (at the Entrance, the Gospel, and the Closing Hymn).

OPENING HYMN – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
Green Book (*Gather* Hymnal) #485

Please stand.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION – *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), p. 355
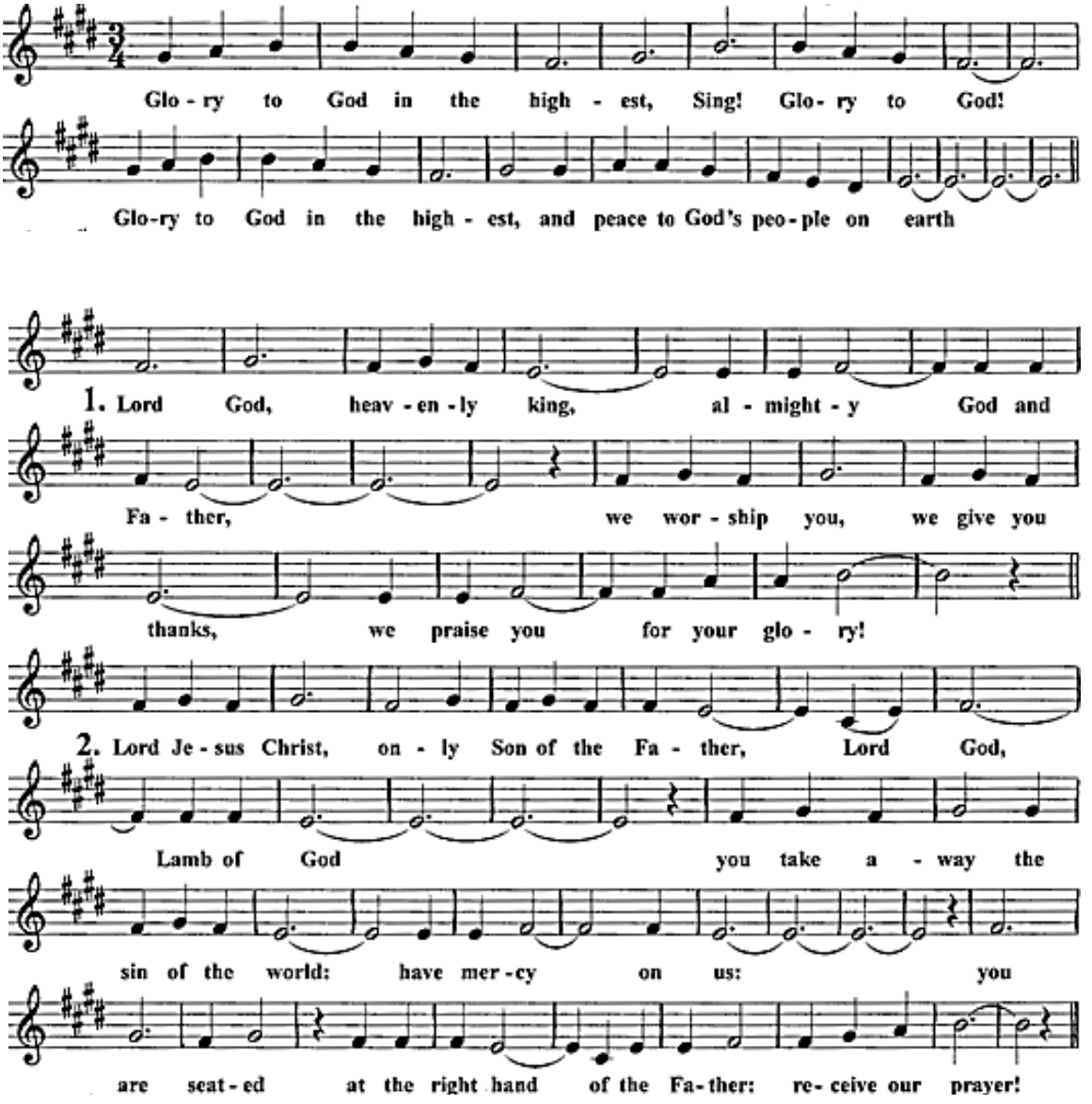
Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY
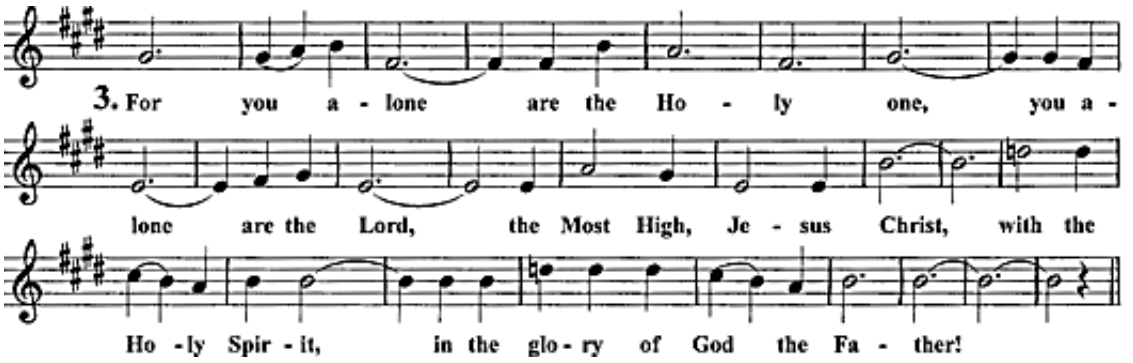
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA – ***Glory to God in the Highest***

***Sing refrain after each verse*:**



(*Continued*)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – *BCP*, p. 236

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

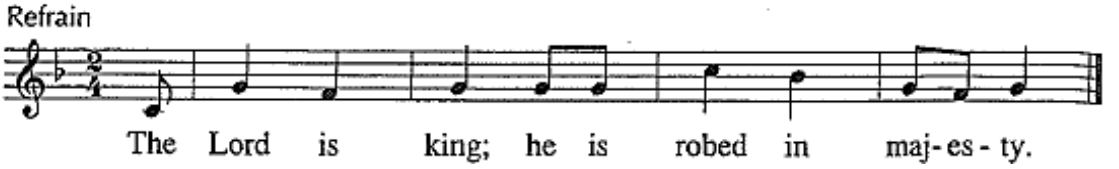
Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People*: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93

Congregation sings refrain: **"The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty."**



1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord is robed with might, and girded round with power. (*Refrain*)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (*Refrain*)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:15-23
A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand. It is customary to turn toward the Gospel Reading.

We welcome all children to join in the Gospel Procession, following the Children's Cross. After the Gospel, children who wish to do so may follow the leader to Children's Chapel in the First Church Fireside Room, returning before Communion.

SEQUENCE HYMN – *Jesus Shall Reign*
Green Book (*Gather* Hymnal) #482

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 25:31-46

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON – Mother Sylvia Miller-Mutia
A brief time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED – *BCP*, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
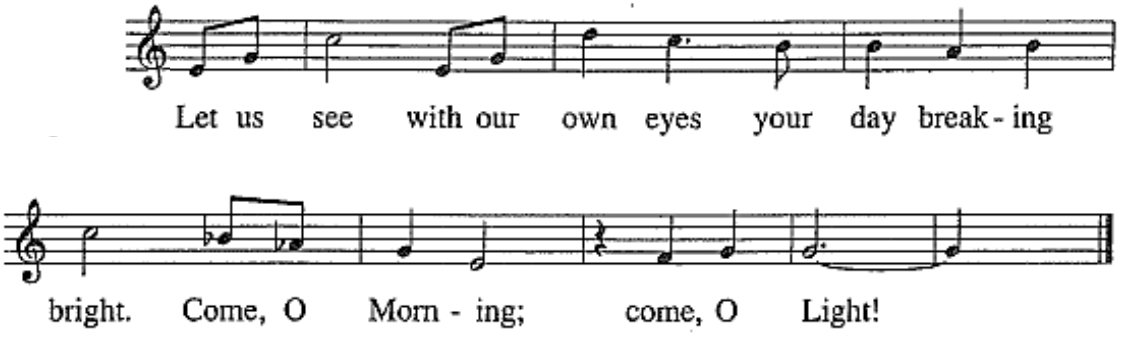
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER SONG – *Let Us See*

***All sing refrain:* "Let us see with our own eyes your day breaking bright. Come, O Morning; come, O light!"**



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please add your own personal prayers and intercessions aloud, silently, or in the Zoom chat/Facebook comments during the prayers.

The congregation is invited to hum along with the organ under the prayers.

CONCLUDING COLLECT – *BCP*, p. 395

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People: **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 hearts; 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.**

ABSOLUTION

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

You may make your offering online at www.stmarksabq.org/give, place your offering in the plate during the collection, or mail your check to the church office: 431 Richmond Pl. NE, Albuquerque NM 87106.

OFFERTORY CHOIR ANTHEM – *Jubilate Deo*, by Charles V. Stanford

The lyrics below are for the congregation's prayerful reflection and reference while the choir sings.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands,
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God,
it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves.
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

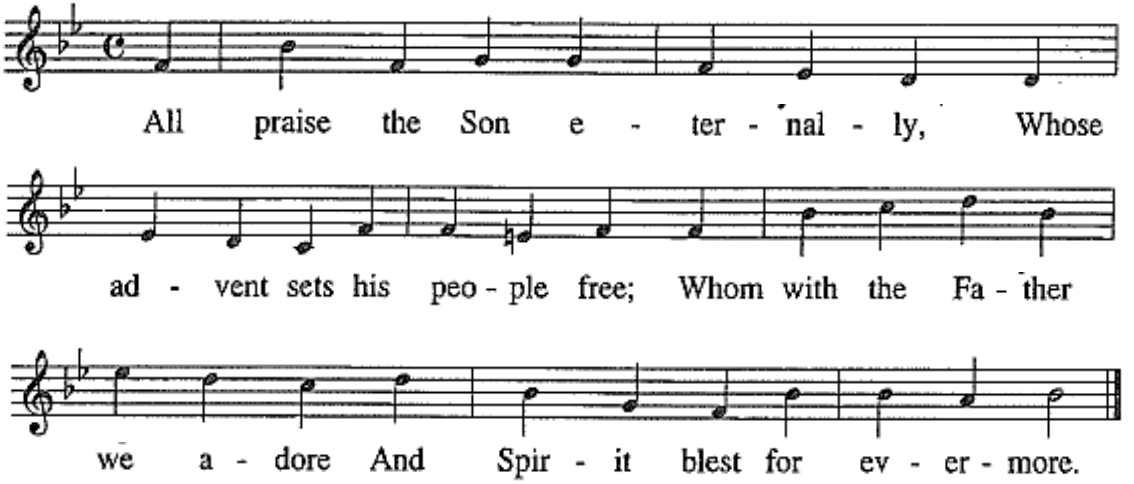
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise.
Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
and His truth endureth from generation to generation.
His truth endureth.

DOXOLOGY – *All Praise the Son*

All sing:

"All praise the Son eternally,
Whose advent sets his people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for ever more."



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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B – *BCP*, p. 367
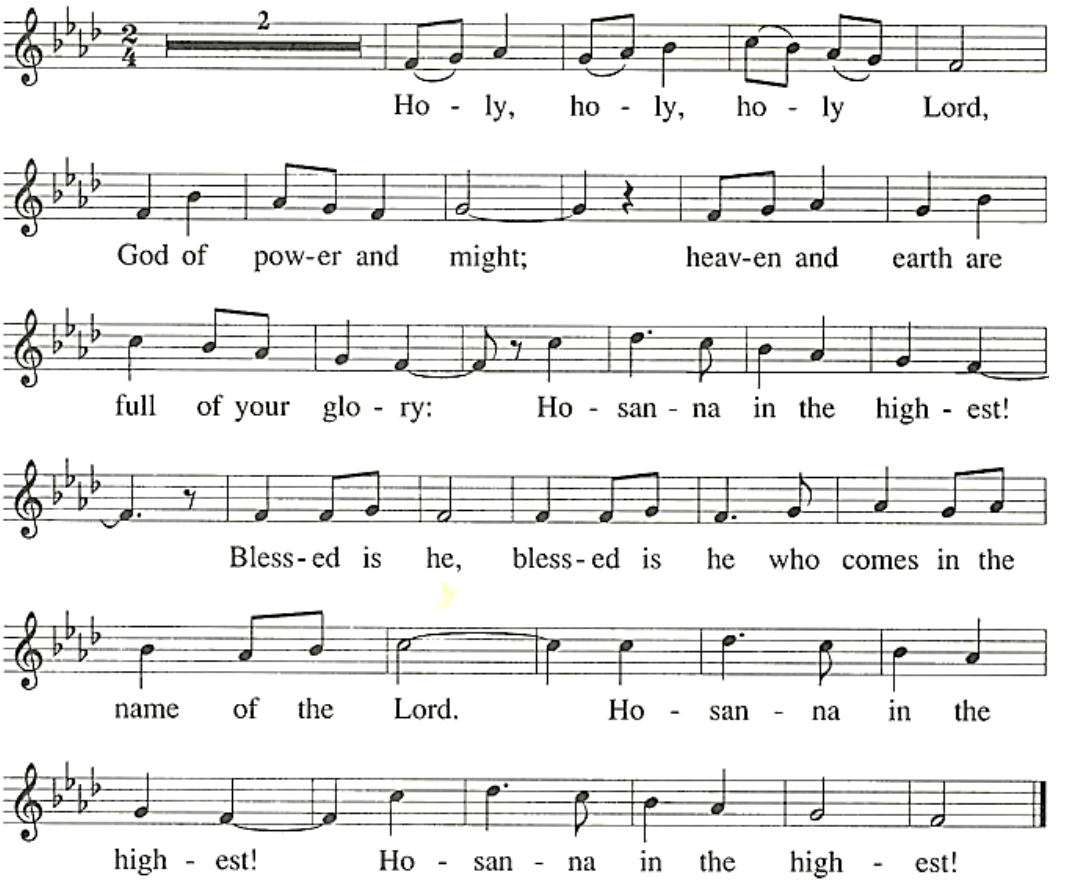
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS – *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.
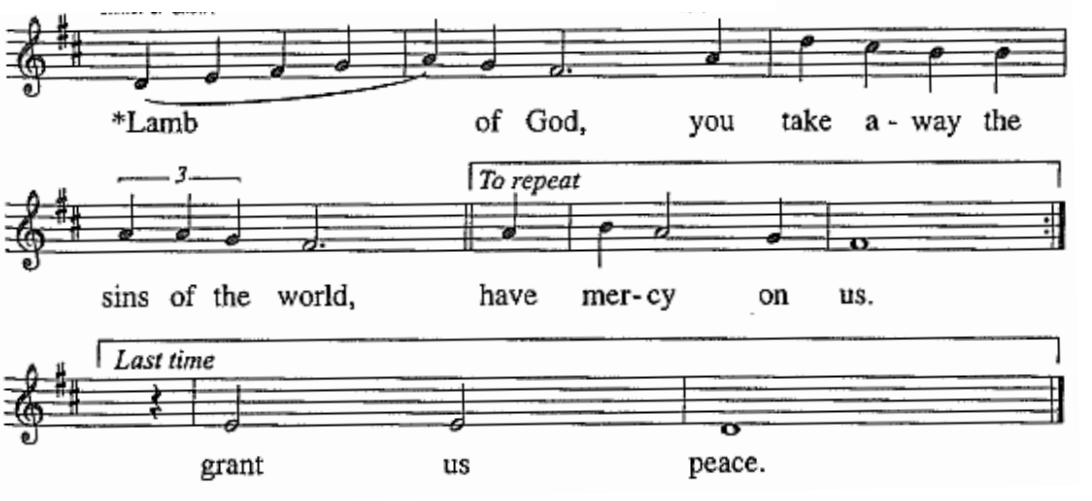
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

AGNUS DEI – *Lamb of God*

All sing refrain:



COMMUNION

We invite all who seek the presence of Christ to share with us in Holy Communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken from the cup by sipping. (Place your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). To avoid spreading germs, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine ("intinction"). If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the person who offers bread to you.

We affirm the ancient tradition of the church that communion in one kind (either bread OR wine) constitutes a full communion. If you or your children are drawn to the altar but do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have not been baptized and wish to receive communion regularly, please speak with one of the Clergy about baptismal preparation.

COMMUNION HYMN – *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Green Book (*Gather* Hymnal) #572

SENDING FORTH OF OUR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS
Presider: My friends in Christ, I send you out bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
***People:* We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER – *BCP*, p. 366
Presider: Let us pray.
***Presider and People:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN – *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*
Green Book (*Gather* Hymnal) #853

DISMISSAL

SENDING HYMN – *We are Marching in the Light of God!*

We welcome all children to join in the Recessional, following the Children's Cross.

All sing as we process outside and return to St. Mark's:

"We are *marching in the light of God,**
we are *marching* in the light of God.
We are *marching* in the light of God,
we are *marching* in the light of God.
We are *marching*, *marching*, we are *marching*, *marching*,
we are *marching* in the light of God!"

*Alternate text: *dancing*, *singing*, *praying*, etc.

Please join us for coffee in St. Mark's Parish Hall and Courtyard!

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WEEKLY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

❖ **THURSDAYS**

10:30 am Contemplative Prayer **(First Church auditorium)**
11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II **(Fireside Room & online*)**
12:00 pm Bible Study **(Fireside Room)**

❖ **SUNDAYS**

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II **(First Church auditorium & online*)**
10:15 am Coffee Hour in St. Mark's Parish Hall and courtyard

*Livestreaming is available from our temporary worship location on Facebook and Zoom. For links, go to stmarksabq.org and click the Upcoming Schedule & Links button. For assistance, please contact St. Mark's during office hours.

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