

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**Announcing the St. Mark's 2027 Stewardship Campaign:
"Abide in love and bear much fruit." John 15**

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.

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.

Sunday School classes for Children, Youth, and Adults are on break until September 13. *Please see today's announcements insert for details about 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.

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Enriching our Worship (EOW) is a collection of supplemental liturgical materials approved for use in the Episcopal Church by General Convention and the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM).





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.*)
- Although Clergy and Readers are amplified by microphones and speakers, Hearing Assistance devices are not currently available in our temporary location. Please feel free to move during the service to find a seat that works best for you.
- 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.



Altar Flowers

are given today by Laurel Leisher-Cabral,
celebrating 12 years cancer free.

Coffee Hour

is sponsored today by the St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild, in honor of
the artists and with gratitude for its new show, "Fall Colors," on display
in Parish Hall.

TODAY'S COVER ART



was created by parishioner Laura Richter
in response to St. Mark's 2027 Stewardship
Campaign theme, "Abide in love and bear much
fruit" (John 15).

*To read "Abide," this week's Stewardship
theological reflection by Rev. Dr. Cynthia
Geppert of the St. Mark's Spiritual Care
Team, scan the "Theology Bite" article QR
Code at right.*



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).*



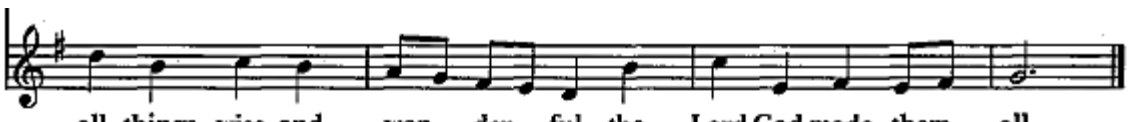
OPENING HYMN – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Please stand.

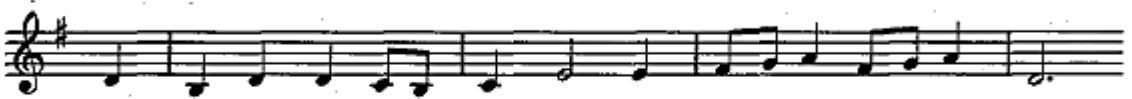
Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Hymnal 1982, #405. Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).





THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION – *Book of Common Prayer*, 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*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Hymnal 1982, #S280. Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932).



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 357

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING – Jeremiah 15:15-21

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.



Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

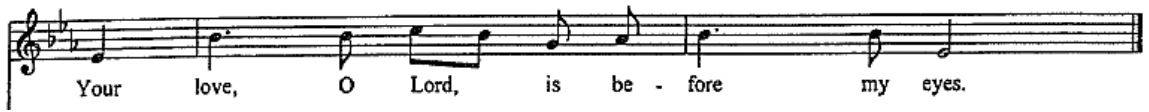
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 26

Congregation sings refrain: "Your love, O Lord, is before my eyes."



1. Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. (*Refrain*)
2. For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful. I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked. (*Refrain*)
3. I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds. LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. (*Refrain*)

Psalm 26:1-8, based on "Repton" (H82-653) from *A Hymn Tune Psalter* © 1999 by Carl P. Daw, Jr. and Kevin R. Hackett. Church Publishing Incorporated. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



THE SECOND READING – Romans 12:9-21

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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 – *Take Up Your Cross*
Green Book (*Gather Hymnal*) #698

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 16:21-28

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 – *Book of Common Prayer*, 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.

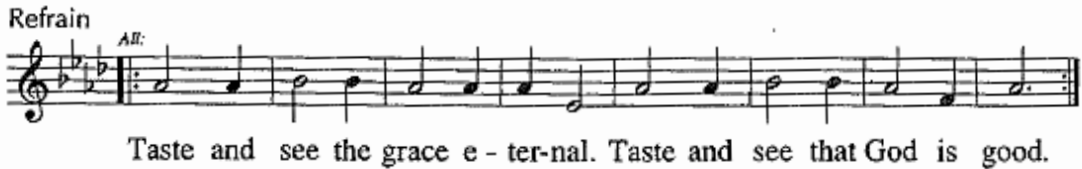
He has spoken through the Prophets.

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 – *All Who Hunger*

All sing refrain: “Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.” (Repeat)



Gather Hymnal, #820, refrain. Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.
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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 – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 394

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 – *Hallelujah, Amen* from the Oratorio “Judas Maccabaeus” (HWV 63) by George Friderich Händel

DOXOLOGY – *Now Thank We All Our God*

All sing Verse 3: “All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.”

Hymnal 1982, #397 v. 3. Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).





THE HOLY COMMUNION

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP (EOW) – *Eucharistic Prayer 1*

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.

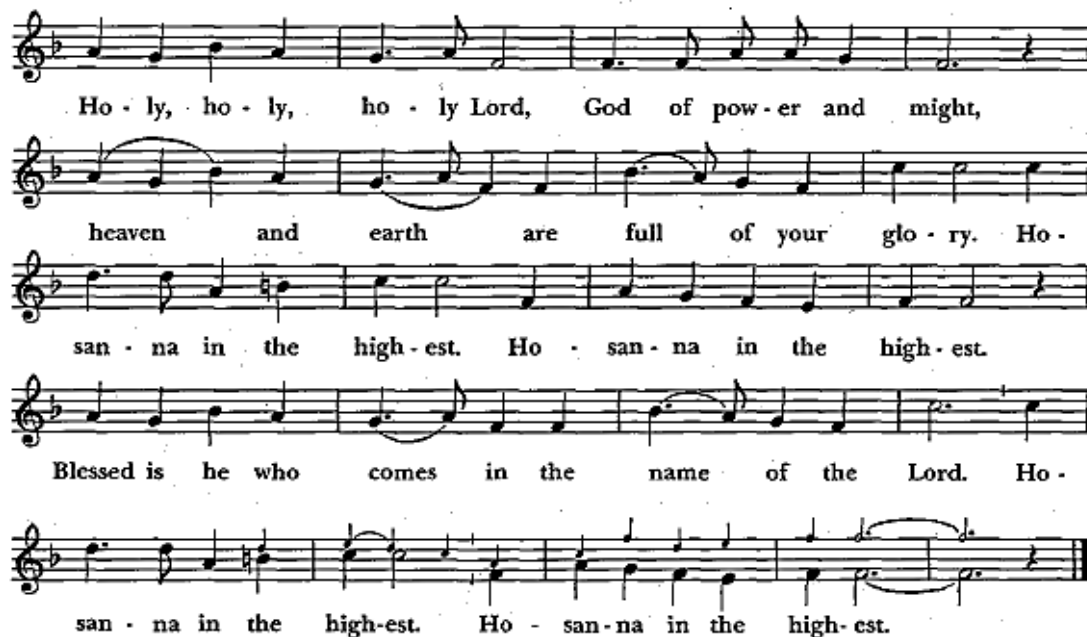
Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):



SANCTUS – Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Hymnal 1982, #S125. Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.



Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

FRACTION – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 364

Presider: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Presider and People: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.



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 – *Pan de Vida*
Green Book (Gather Hymnal) #848**



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

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN – *When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified*
Green Book (Gather Hymnal) #560

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.*

Gather Hymnal, #512. Text: South African. Tune: South African. © 1984, Utryck, Walton Music Corporation, agent.

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



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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

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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