

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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

**August 23, 2026**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



"I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 16:19

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Altar Flowers are given today by Susan Patrick  
in memory of Don Partridge.

# 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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**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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksabq.org) or call 505.262.2484 and ask for Mother Sylvia; Jennifer Lind, Administrator; or Deb Bluestone, Communications.



## 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 Are Welcome**  
**Green Book (Gather Hymnal) #753**

*Please stand.*





## 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:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 – Isaiah 51:1-6**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.



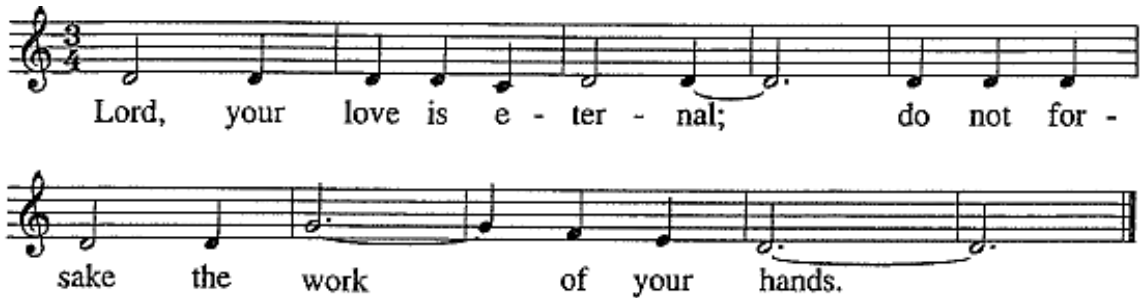
Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.  
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
***People:* Thanks be to God.**





## PSALM 138

Congregation sings refrain: "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."



1. I give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul. I will sing your praise with the angels. I will worship in your temple. (*Refrain*)
2. I give thanks to your holy name, for all your kindness and your truth. When I called, you answered me, and you built up strength within me. (*Refrain*)
3. The Lord God is exalted, yet he sees you, he sees me. And his kindness endures for ever, O forsake not the work of your hands. (*Refrain*)

*Gather Hymnal*, #133. Text: Psalm 138:1-2, 3, 7; Roy James Stewart, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL. Music: Roy James Stewart, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.



## THE SECOND READING – Romans 12:1-8

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*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 - *The Church's One Foundation*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Hymnal 1982, #525. Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900).

Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1820-1876).



## **THE GOSPEL – Matthew 16:13-20**

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## **THE SERMON – Rev/ Christopher McLaren**

*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.**

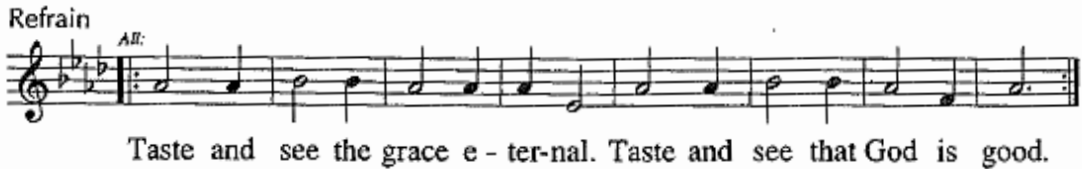
**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**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](http://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 HYMN – *You Are Mine* Green Book (*Gather Hymnal*) #649

## 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 Cruger (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.

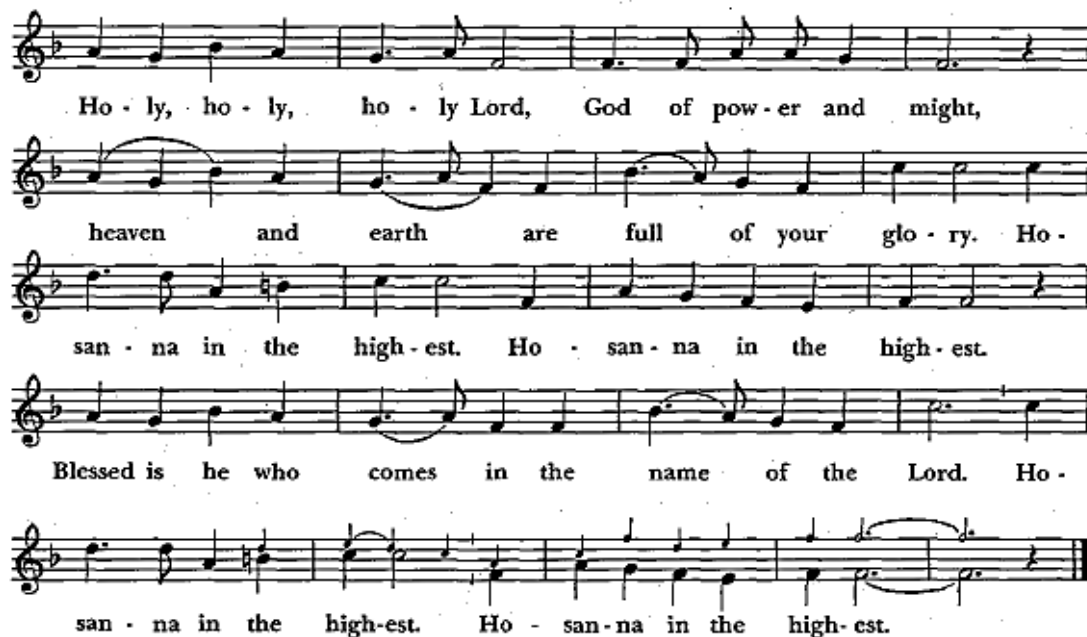
*Presider:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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 – *I Am the Bread of Life***  
**Green Book (Gather Hymnal) #828**



## **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 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You***  
**Green Book (Gather Hymnal) #528**

## **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!***



## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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](http://stmarksabq.org) and click the Upcoming Schedule & Links button. For assistance, please contact St. Mark's during office hours.

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