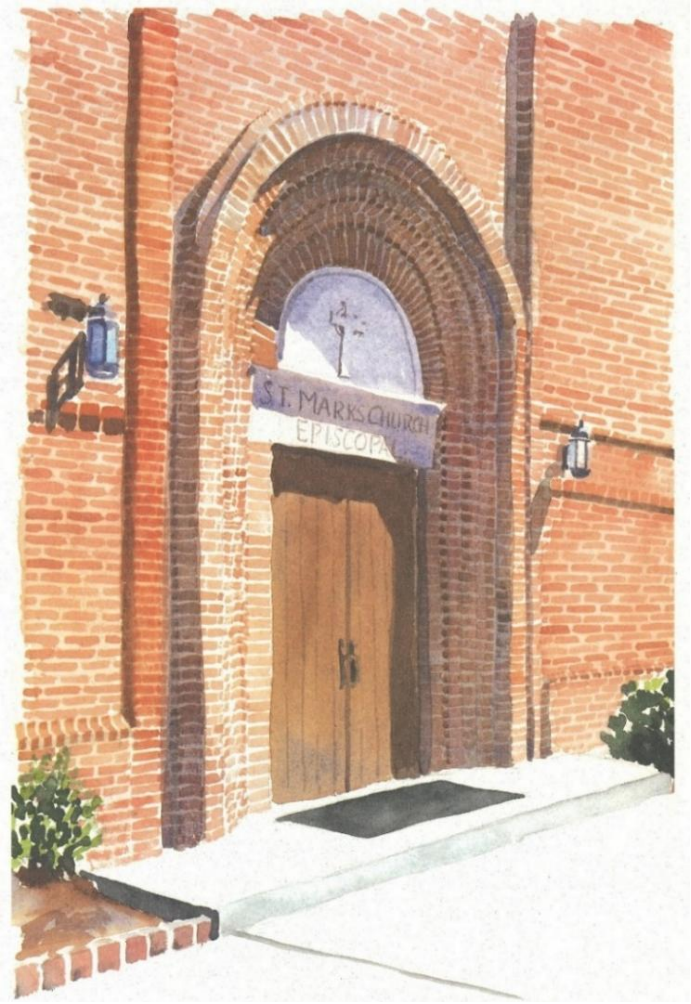
SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2026 • THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II • 10:30 A.M. • PROPER 25



WELCOME!

We celebrate God's love by welcoming all people into a life with Jesus Christ and each other.

Your presence blesses us, and we pray this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Whether you are a first-time guest, a longtime member, or somewhere in between, welcome to this place! Together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and the world.

Our liturgy comes from The Book of Common Prayer. You will find the accompanying page numbers in this bulletin. It includes the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table. Please add your voice to our worship as we pray together the prayers printed in bold and sing the hymns found in this bulletin or in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. If you are more comfortable coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms, and a blessing will be offered over you. Children are a welcome blessing here at St. Mark's. Many depart after the beginning of the service for Children's Chapel.

PRELUDE "Méditation" from *Trois improvisations* Louis Vierne (1870-1937), transcribed by Maurice Duruflé

Mr. Robert McCormick, *Guest Organist*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*

OPENING HYMN "The Church's one foundation" *(Please stand and join in singing.)* Hymnal 525

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) | Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876)

THE WORD OF GOD

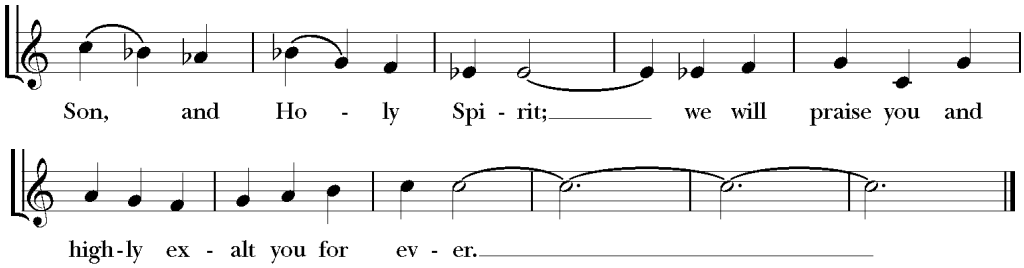
OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 413

CELEBRANT Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**.

CELEBRANT 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE "Glory to you" *(Sung by all.)* John Rutter (b. 1945)



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Congregation may be seated.

PSALM 1 *BEATUS VIR QUI NON ABIIT* *(Sung by the Choir.)*

Anglican Chant: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

READER A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN "Take my life, and let it be consecrated" *(Please stand and join in singing.)* Hymnal 707

Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836-1879), alt. | Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-46 *(Please remain standing.)*

GOSPELER The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

GOSPELER The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*

THE NICENE CREED *(The People stand and join in reciting the Creed together.)* *The 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form V) *(The People may stand or kneel.)* *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 389

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald our President, Greg our Governor, and all our elected officials in Southeast Texas, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Saint Mark and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 360

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Benedic, anima mea" Amy Beach (1867-1944)

Genevieve Brassard, *Soprano Soloist*

Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

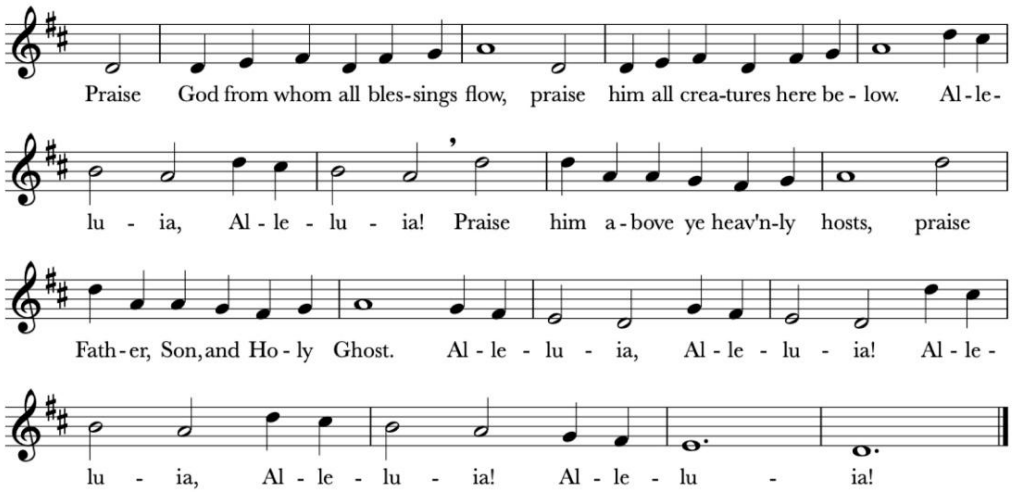
Who forgiveth all thy sin,
and healeth all thine infirmities;
Who saveth thy life from destruction;
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

O praise the Lord ye angels of his;
Ye that excel in strength;
Ye that fulfill his commandment,
And hearken unto the voice of his word.

O Praise the Lord, all ye his hosts,
Ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his,
In all places of his dominion. Praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

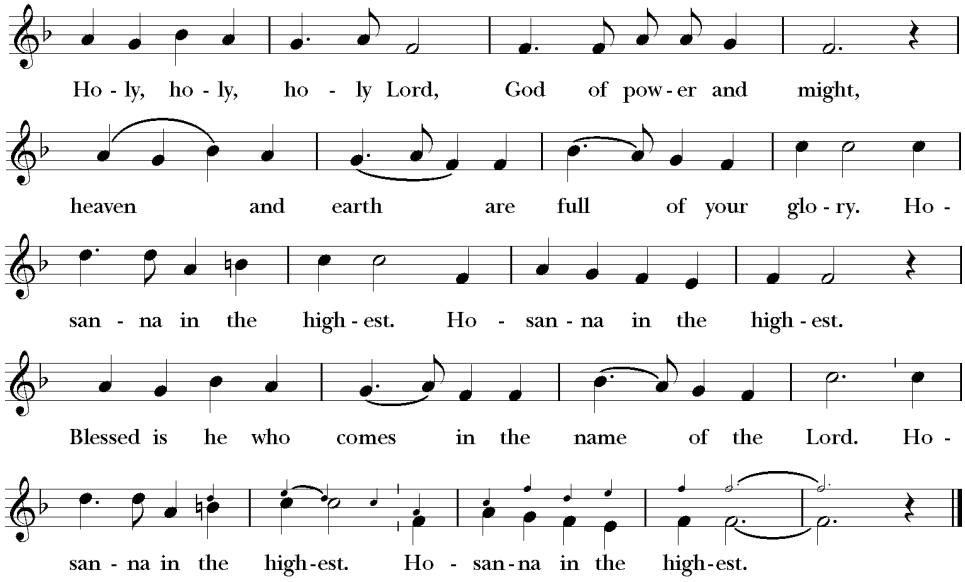
FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" *(The People stand and join in singing.)* Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A *(The People remain standing.)* *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 361

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE **We lift them to the Lord.**
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
CELEBRANT It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD: *SANCTUS* Hymnal S 125



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The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

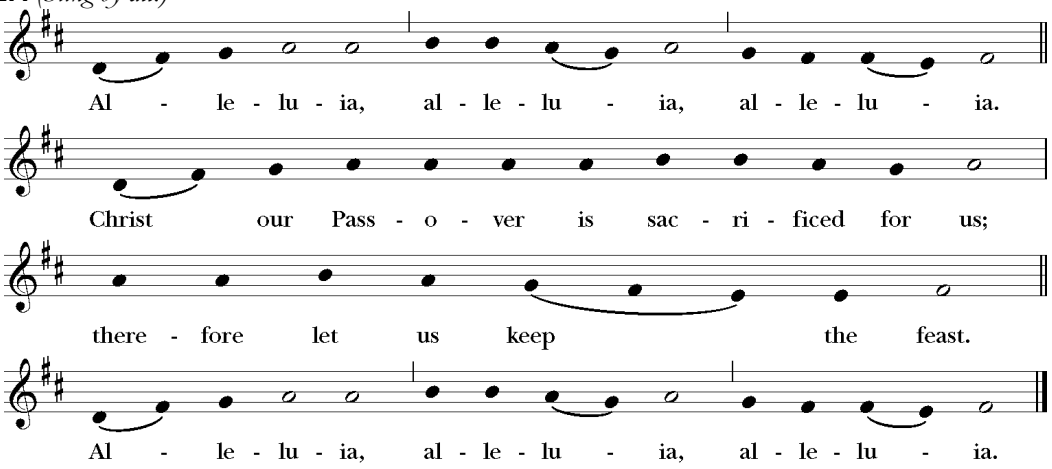
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM *(Sung by all.)* Hymnal S 154



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CELEBRANT The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People sit. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Please join the Choir in singing* ***Hymn 336*** *from The Hymnal 1982.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken by all, standing.)*

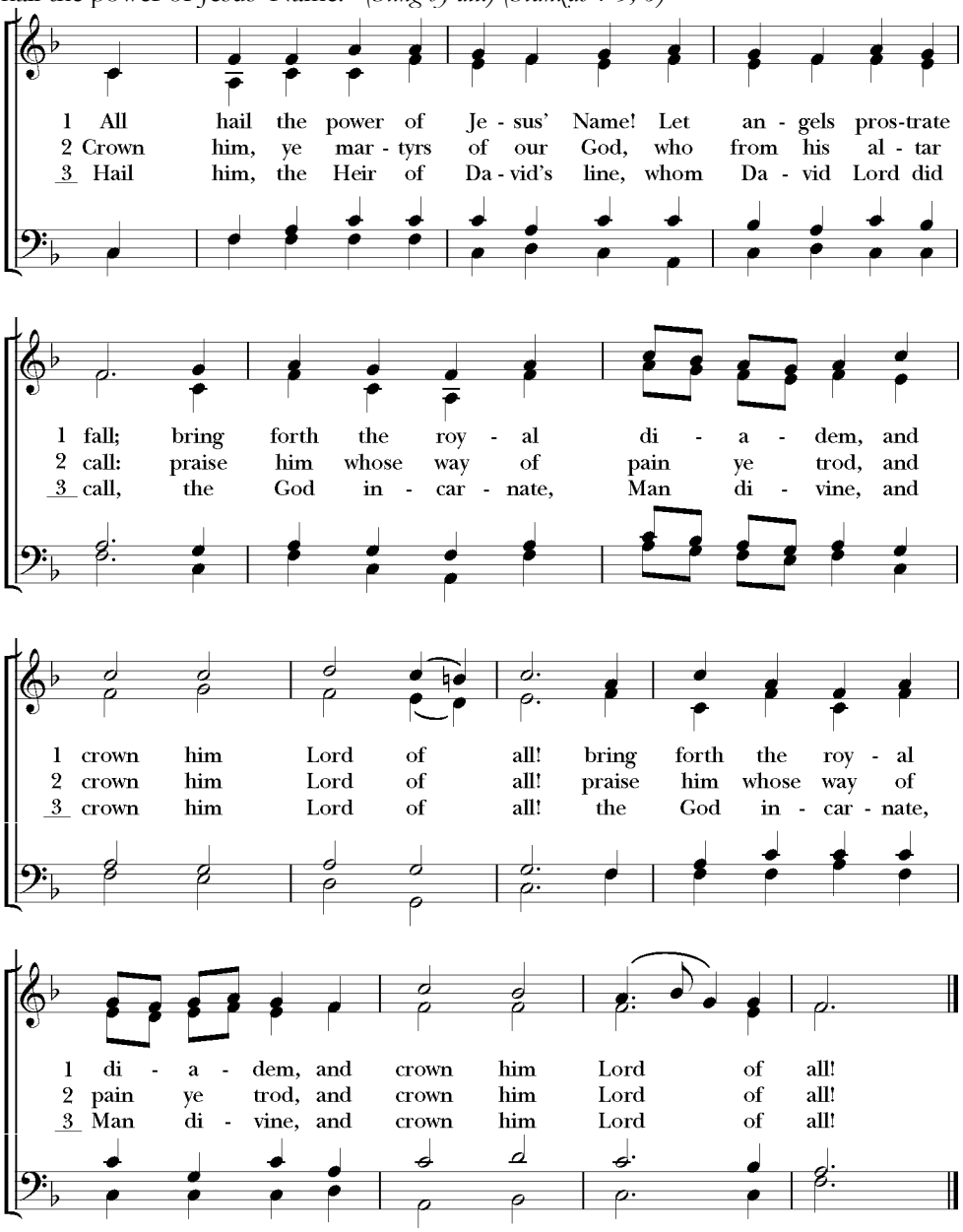
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMENDATION OF THOSE TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND *(As needed.)*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!" *(Sung by all.) (Stanzas 1-3, 6)* Hymnal 450



6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)
Music: *Marion*, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916)

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Improvisation Mr. Robert McCormick, *Guest Organist*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
in thanksgiving for the completion of the Organ Restoration Project
by Brandon and Jordan Williams.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th at 5 p.m.

Featuring
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680 CALDER, DOWNTOWN BEAUMONT

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Revelation

Wednesdays via Zoom (7-8PM)
or
Thursdays In-Person (11:30AM-12:30PM)
(You're invited to bring your own lunch.)

- Oct. 28 & 29
- Dec. 2 & 3
- Dec. 16 & 17

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Grief Group

Wednesdays at 5:30PM
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Silent Auction

We are looking for some cool stuff

Please bring donated items to St. Mark's or call Erin to pickup (409) 673-8063

Thank You!

CHORAL EVENSONG

FOR ALL SAINTS

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WITH THE ST. MARK'S CHOIR

FEATURING THOMAS SCHOEDER, CELLIST
WITH MUSIC OF
AYLEWARD, SUMSION, JENKINS, & COXHEAD

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ST. MARK'S ★ CHILI SUPPER & BAZAAR ★ Serving Christ, Community & Chili since 1941

November 12, 2026

85th Annual Chili Supper and Bazaar

This Week at St. Mark's

Sunday, October 25
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I *(Spoken)*
9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation *(The Cloister)*
9:15 a.m. Parish Meeting
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II *(Choral)*
5:00 p.m. Organ Rededication Concert

Monday, October 26
12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, October 27
6:00 a.m. Chili Cooking
10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
12:00 p.m. Healing Service
12:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, October 28
12:00 p.m. AA
5:30 p.m. Grief Group *(Gilbert Building)*
5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29
10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

Friday, October 30
8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

Save the Date

November 1 Choral Evensong at 5 p.m.
November 12 Chili Supper & Bazaar
December 20 Lessons & Carols at 5 p.m.

Clergy and Program Staff

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*
The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*
The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*
The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*
Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*
Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*
Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
Emma Davis, *Director of Family Ministry*

Vestry

Dr. Bob Birdwell, *Senior Warden*
Charles Teel, *Junior Warden*
Ryan Schiesler, *Treasurer*
James Black, *Chancellor*

2027	2028	2029
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