

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Courante in F Major

by George Frederic Handel

Introduction to Virtual Worship

The Presiding Minister introduces us to our virtual worship space

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,
 by the radical abundance of divine mercy
 we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
 through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
 Our sins are forgiven.
 Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint,
 because God's love has been poured into our hearts
 through the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

Opening Hymn

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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-1

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

The First Reading is from the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel:

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in the iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

The Second Reading is from the 13th chapter of Romans:

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

A special message for our young disciples, we invite them to come to the screen so that they can see each other.

Sermon

The Rev. Bryan Penman

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say,
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.

Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Apostles Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded:

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those who have gathered together or with others on the screen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Announcements

Announcements are made on behalf of the community

Offering

An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. During this time of “physical distancing” contributing via electronic funds is a way to continue to support the ministry of St. Mark’s. At this time, contributions towards “Current Ministry funds” are most needed. To contribute electronically, download our “Give+” giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play take a picture of the QR code with your phone to be directed to the download page.



Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Words of Institution

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In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Instructions for the Lord’s Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself

Distribution of Communion

Today we will receive along with the presiding minister, or invite those who have gathered together to commune one another by distributing the elements or offering a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond -- **Amen.**

Communion Blessing

The assembly receives the blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ

and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

Blessing

Mothering God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Dismissal

The assisting minister sends us forth

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hymn to Joy

setting by Wayne Wold

Leading us in Worship

Presiding Minister
Dir. of Music Ministry
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Assisting Minister
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Worship Ministry:

Ways we gather in praise of God.

Outdoor Worship Sunday, NEXT SUNDAY - September 13th

Plan to join us for Outdoor Worship on Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 am.

The Borough Council approved our application to block off 5th Avenue at it's August 19th meeting.

- We ask folks to bring their own chairs to sit 6 feet from other family units. The space in front of the church will certainly allow us to do that comfortably.
- We ask people to bring their own communion elements, we haven't really figured out yet how to safely distribute elements together, so the easiest is to BYOC (Bring your own Communion).
- We ask folks to wear a mask. I know this goes above and beyond the recommended guidelines, but for the spoken responses and the set up and tear down times when 6 feet might not be feasible, we are asking for folks to wear a mask.
- We will also be streaming the service via Zoom. (I don't know if I will have the bandwidth to stream to Facebook live, but we should be able to get Zoom set up as well) so if you do not feel comfortable coming out, you can watch along from home.

- We ask that folks who are feeling symptoms or have had COVID symptoms within the last 48 hours, please refrain from coming to the gathering.
- This will not be a shift to all outdoor worship -- we will resume our Zoom worship the following Sunday, but it's a chance potentially, after 6 months, to at least see each other and worship in person together. If it goes well and people like the worship experience we will think about adding another outdoor service in October.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us!!

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request send it to the church office (office@stmarksconshy.org). They will be shared with Pr. Bryan. If we receive it by Friday morning, it will be included in that Sunday's Prayers of the People.

Dinner Church on Thursday at 6:00pm

Dinner Church will gather "virtually" for dinner, prayer, scripture, song and a time to check in with on another during this time of "physical distancing" check our Facebook page for the weekly Zoom link.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/131997480?pwd=R3YzWGgrL3pNZTh2M1pWQVU0MnlWdz09>

Meeting ID: 131 997 480

Password: saintmarks

Faith Formation Ministry:

Ways you can deepen your faith life

Faith Formation Classes Summer Break

Faith formation will go on a break for the summer and resume in the fall.

Fall Faith Formation Activities

Faith Formation will resume in the Fall, as it 'normally' does, however, continuing the work of passing along and sharing the faith through Christian education will shift a little this year.

We will not be holding our Sunday morning classes as we normally do - instead we will be working to create "Faith Boxes" for families to work on together at home. My hope is that the whole congregation can participate in this process as well as we discover together the basic foundations of our faith. Each month will feature a different theme with a variety of activities to do together at home and ways to connect with other members of our congregation of all ages!

Fellowship & Evangelism Ministry:

Ways you can share your faith with others

Service Ministry:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Special Collection Envelope: Cradles to Crayons

Philadelphia is the nation's poorest big city with more than 300,000 children living in poverty across the region. Their Giving Factory has reopened on a limited basis so that they can provide critically-needed items to children who need them such as clothing, school supplies etc.

Go to their website (www.cradlestocrayons.org) to find updated donation guidelines and drop-off locations.

Offering Envelopes

For those who use our offering envelopes as a way to give to the church in our weekly Sunday gathering, we invite you to continue the practice by mailing the envelopes to the church address 508 Harry Street Conshohocken, PA 19428. We have been creating a weekly deposit for those funds that are mailed to the church during the week. It also may be a great time to set up St. Mark's on your banks bill pay system, simply set up Saint Mark's as a recurring item for payment and if it asks for account number – you could use your offering envelope number or just leave it blank.

For all those who have mailed in their offerings, **THANK YOU**, the church needs you now at this critical time as our worship services have been suspended in the building.

Update on Apartment Building Reconstruction Meeting

If you missed the update on the Apartment Building reconstruction meeting earlier this month after worship, we recorded the info session and have uploaded to Youtube. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/yOtKLziHtYI>

Food Collection Items Needed

Mac and Cheese --- Sandy has mentioned that Mac and Cheese is needed this week, so as you sparsely do your shopping if you could remember to grab a bottle or jar of jelly that would be greatly appreciated!

Given the unknown nature of this time of “physical distancing” the schools are closed and lots of families in our area that depend on school meals have extra needs – kid friendly snacks are greatly appreciated. Also, in urgent need of Chef Boyardee, fruit and, as always, toilet paper.

To make a donation – you can leave items in our Delivery Room located on Harry Street at the 508 sign. That door is always unlocked and you may leave your items in there and Pastor will work to get those items down to CNC during the week.