



**St. Mark's Anglican Church**

**Choral Evensong**

**Sunday, May 24 2026 5 pm**

*The Day of Pentecost*

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.  
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.*

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MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

*Evening Service in D* George Dyson (1883-1964)

*Preces and Responses* Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

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PRELUDE *Prelude no 1 from Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Book 1*  
C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*Standing in the West End, the choir sings*

THE INTROIT Thomas Tallis (c. 1525-1580)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy name all the days of our life; that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

*- Lidley's Prayers, 1566*

*All stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy*

*The Officiant begins the office saying these sentences of scripture*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

*Acts 1:8*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*2 Corinthians 1:22*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

*Galatians 5:22,23*

## CONFESSION of SIN

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,  
*All* **we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY and PSALTER

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

**HYMN 637**

*Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

*All sit. The Choir sings*

PSALM 48

*Chants: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)  
Noel Edison (b. 1958)*

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised  
in the city of our God.  
Even upon his holy hill,  
and the joy of the whole earth:  
Mount Zion of the uttermost parts of the north,  
the city of the great King.  
He hath made himself known in her citadels  
as a sure refuge.  
For lo, the kings of the earth are gathered,  
and gone by together.  
They marvelled to see such things;  
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.  
Fear came there upon them,  
and sorrow, as upon a woman in her travail;  
As when with the east wind  
thou breakest the ships of the sea.  
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God:  
God upholdeth the same for ever.  
We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God,  
in the midst of thy temple.  
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end;  
thy right hand is full of righteousness.  
Let the mount Zion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad,  
because of thy judgements.  
Walk about Zion, and go round about her;  
and count the towers thereof.  
Mark well her bulwarks, consider her citadels,  
that ye may tell them that come after.  
For this God is our God for ever and ever:  
he shall be our guide even unto death.

PSALM 104:25-36

*Chant: Thomas Norris (1714?-1790)*

O LORD, how manifold are thy works!  
in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also,  
    wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.  
There go the ships; and there is that Leviathan,  
    whom thou hast formed to take his pastime therein.  
These wait all upon thee,  
    that thou mayest give them meat in due season.  
When thou givest it to them they gather it;  
    and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.  
When thou hidest thy face they are troubled:  
    when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.  
When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are made;  
    and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.  
The glorious majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever;  
    the LORD shall rejoice in his works.  
The earth shall tremble at the look of him;  
    if he do but touch the hills they shall smoke.  
I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live:  
    I will praise my God while I have my being.  
And so shall my words please him:  
    my joy shall be in the LORD.  
Praise thou the LORD, O MY soul.  
    Praise the LORD.

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.

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-11

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. On that day the Lord will again raise his hand to recover the remnant that is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

Thanks be to God.

*After the lesson, the choir sings*

THE SONG of MARY *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth \*  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 4:19-26

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Thanks be to God.

*After the lesson, the choir sings*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

*All stand*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant* I believe in God  
*All* **the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the Communion of Saints,  
the Forgiveness of sins,  
the Resurrection of the body,  
and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And with thy Spirit.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit*

## THE LESSER LITANY

*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Choir* Our Father  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Officiant* O Lord, save the King;  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people;  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Choir* Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT, for PEACE

*Officiant* O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Choir* Amen.

THE THIRD COLLECT, for AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

*Officiant* Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Choir* Amen.

*When the hymn begins, all stand*

**HYMN 645**

***Come Down, O Love Divine***

THE MEDITATION

The Rector

*The choir sings*

THE ANTHEM

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

*- Psalm 122*

*All stand*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant* Almighty God,  
*All* **Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* The grace  
*All* **of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*Choir* Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

*Toccata*

Leo Sowerby

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*Soprano*  
Avril Beaubien  
Jenn McKillop  
Wendy Steel  
Laura Walsh  
Katie Walshaw

*Alto*  
Samantha Bowman  
Penny-Lynn Cookson  
Heather Fleming

*Tenor*  
Joseph Adams  
Lanny Fleming

*Bass*  
Connor King  
Shawn Oakes

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Laurence Williams  
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