

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Together let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

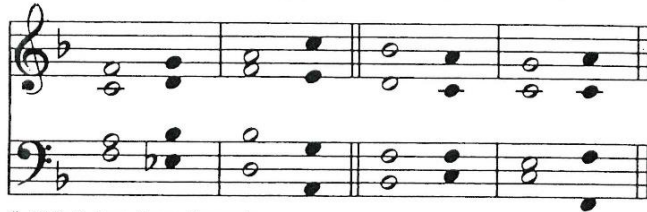
Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

In exitu Israel



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1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his do-minion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be

better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn 648 “When Israel was in Egypt’s land” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord

summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Homily

Justin Martin

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All: We believe in God the Creator,
infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.*

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Son of God and Son of man,

*the gift of God’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.*

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

the divine presence in our lives,

who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.

*We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,
that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Leader Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us pray to the Lord, praying, O God of mercy and justice, ***“Your love endures forever.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may be of complete communion in the Holy Spirit;

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Teresa our Priest Associate, for Jerre our Deacon, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Vincent's-in-the-Vineyard in Ste. Genevieve;

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We pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For the leaders of the nations; for mercy, justice and peace in the world; and for an end to wars and threats of war, especially for the people of Ukraine; we pray, O God, of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For our city and those who live in it, for farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and that the world's wealth may be used in the furtherance of your kingdom; we pray, O God, of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

We pray for the sick, those suffering from addiction and their families; we pray for the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; all immigrants and refugees; the victims of violence and abuse;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,
Your love endures forever.

For all who have died, especially Kevin Albrecht and for those who grieve; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,
Your love endures forever.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Give us courage, God our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Psalm 150"

John Harper (b.1947)

Alleluya! Praise God in his holy place, Praise him in his mighty heavens, Praise him for his powerful deeds, Praise his surpassing greatness. Alleluya! O praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with lute and harp, Praise him with timbrel and dance, Praise him with strings and pipe. Alleluya! O praise him with resounding cymbals, Praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluya!

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Eucharistic Prayer 2 *From Enriching our Worship*

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 God thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Hymn S129 "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Powell*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

On the night before his suffering and death, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.***

Fraction Anthem S154 *Hurd*

(Blue 1982 Hymnal)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 339 “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 690 “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Festal Flourish ”

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Amanda Cashen

Usher: Matthew Cashen

Greeter: Kittie Golomski

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery

Chalice: Carlos Carrillo

Livestream: Ben Cashen

Godly Play: Jeffery

OPENING DAY

Join us today as we regather for Opening Day! We will be providing box lunches in the Parish Hall immediately following service today. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Call

The choir has begun its weekly rehearsals, and we invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. The ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary. We need sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses—in short, all voice parts. If you're a long-time choir member, past choir member, or new to the choir, please consider participating in this very important ministry. We're a friendly, welcoming group-- we work hard, have lots of fun, and enjoy making music together. If you're interested in singing with us, please speak to Barbara Raedeke, or email her at braedeke@aol.com. We'd love to have you join us. All are welcome!

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Vestry is seeking persons interested in participating in our Rector Search. The committee will consist of 6-8 parishioners. We want to compose a team of St. Markan's that represents a healthy cross-section of our Church. If you have questions about what a search committee does or, if you are interested in being considered, talk to or write to Scott Thompson at naseby2@gmail.com.

ART IN THE PARK 2023 Sunday, September 24th, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Francis Park St. Louis, MO

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

2 hour shifts to work the booth between 10a.m. and 5p.m. (minimum 2 volunteers per shift) Please contact Melissa at the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering at (314) 832-3588 or parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org or there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



Diocese of Missouri Episcopal Church Women To Hold Retreat and Annual Meeting, October 7 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

The diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold this year's Retreat and Annual Meeting at St. Mark's St. Louis on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. **Attendees must register by Tuesday, October 3.** The \$10 cost of the retreat includes breakfast, lunch and rosary materials. Registration forms can be found [HERE](#) and also can be found on the ECW website, www.diocesemo.org/episcopal-church-women. For further information, please reach out to Susan Goen at susangoen@sbcglobal.net.

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We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Albrecht family, Stephanie Anderson and family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Kelly Borowiak, Kevin Cameron, Helen Carpenter, Rusty Cates, Steve Chamberlin, Molly Cochran, Marsha Cornell, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Feldmeier and her sister Frankie, Jeanne Gardener, Rob Heritage, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Barb Macke, Guy Medley, Tim Miller, Donna Musgrave, David and Dana Nash, Nina Olmsted, Susan Raedeke, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Jim Sellers, Sr., Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, John Speller, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kevin and Kathy Tracy, Ann Vannier, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Walter Zimmerman, Fatima, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Jim, Ronan and his mom Amanda.

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We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan.

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