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WELCOME

St. Mark's is a community of believers and seekers committed to being queer-affirming and anti-racist, reflecting the love and justice of Jesus Christ. We are a place where people of all ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities are welcomed, celebrated for their gifts, and invited to share in God's embrace. As an expression of our faith, we strive to stand in solidarity with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

OUR PURPOSE

Jesus Christ calls us to be a joyful community that celebrates God's love, transforms lives, and is a force for justice in the world.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am–noon
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 21, 2024 | 10:30 AM

^ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

Feuillet d'album by Pyotr Khvoshchinsky | J.I. Aragón, *piano*

WELCOME

Rev. Tracy Daub

^ CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 24 | Audrey Harding

One: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
 All: **God founded this world upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers.**
 One: Let us give thanks for the gift of God's created world!

^ GATHERING HYMN no. 664

Morning Has Broken

^ GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (read responsively)

O God, scripture tells us that creation waits with eager longing for the children of God to be revealed. Creation is waiting for us.

To open our eyes to the devastation in our world.

To put the needs of the most vulnerable above the greed of the powerful.

To remove pollution from our seas, land, air, and bodies.

To act with regard for all of earth's inhabitants, present and future, over the immediate convenience of the self.

Creation is waiting for us to assume our roles as servants and protectors. Forgive us, O God, for our failures and selfishness. Help us remember that "the earth is yours, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." Amen.

(a moment follows for silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We have distanced ourselves from our Creator in thought and in deed. But God draws ever closer to us, with love and grace that can transform. Friends, we receive good news:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and offered a new way of living and being. Thanks be to God!**

^PASSING THE PEACE

As a forgiven people, we extend the hand of peace and reconciliation to one another saying:

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

^HYMN OF PRAISE no. 243 (sung twice)

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23 | *The Inclusive Bible*

YHWH, you are my shepherd—
I want nothing more.
You let me lie down in green meadows;
you lead me beside restful waters:
you refresh my soul.
You guide me to lush pastures for the sake of your Name.
Even if I'm surrounded by shadows of Death,
I fear no danger, for you are with me.
Your rod and your staff—
they give me courage.
You spread a table for me in the presence of my enemies,
and you anoint my head with oil—
my cup overflows!
Only goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in your house, YHWH,
for days without end.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:18-25 | *New Revised Standard Version*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Brother James' Air by Gordon Jacob | St. Mark's Choir

SERMON

“Plastic Jesus: Real Faith in a Synthetic World”

HYMN no. 713

Touch the Earth Lightly

INVITATION TO THE OFFERINGS

***If you'd like to donate to God's work through St. Mark's, ushers will now collect the offerings. You may also give electronically using the Vanco or Venmo QR codes found in the worship guide.*

***If you have a prayer request or an announcement to share during Opportunities, write it down on the sheet of paper included with your worship guide and place it in the offering baskets.*

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VANCO



OFFERTORY

Promenade - Stepan Naghdyan

^ OFFERING HYMN no. 582

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me

Glory to God whose goodness shines on me
And to the Son whose grace had pardoned me
And to the Spirit whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

^ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

^ SENDING HYMN no. 22

God of the Sparrow

^ CHARGE

from 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold fast to what is good.
Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted.
Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone.
Love and serve Christ, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

OPPORTUNITIES

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Audrey Harding; Usher: Art Lurvey; Greeter: Lou Prinz; Livestream: John Jewett, Irvin Richards, Dexter Mitchell.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Today we have Children's Church. Cathy Lurvey will gather the children during the first hymn and lead them to Geneva Hall for a Bible study, arts and crafts, a snack, and maybe even some playground time. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact [Cathy Lurvey](#).

SPECIAL BOOK STUDY AND PREACHER: "Everything Good about God is True." We continue our "Lunch and Learn" series to study an uplifting, interactive new book by former PC(USA) Moderator, Bruce Reyes-Chow. We have a few sessions left after worship - Rachael Eggebeen will lead the discussion today and Kevin Hainline will lead it on April 28. Rev. Reyes-Chow will be preaching at St. Mark's on May 5 and leading a discussion over lunch. You can still pick up a book for \$10 a copy. You do not need to read it before participating. If you have questions, please contact Sylvia Thorson-Smith by email (sylviats@cox.net) or phone (520-820-1544).

SAVE THE DATE: The Mt. Lemmon cabin cleanup has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 27. Meet at the McDonalds at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 8:00 AM or go straight to the cabin and meet by 9:00 AM. Chores will include cleaning the inside of the cabin and the raking of the pine needles away from the cabin exterior. Please bring gloves, rakes, brooms and wheelbarrows. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Contact [Charlie Ambrose](#) (520) 982-5544 if you have questions or want more information.

BIG COFFEE: Next Sunday, April 28 is the last Sunday of the month which means Big Coffee! Join us after worship for some goodies and beverages in the south courtyard. Feel free to bring something to share. Tables will be set up prior to worship to leave food on. After you grab a plate, head on down to Knox for.....(see Narcan/AED training next...)

NARCAN/AED TRAINING: Join us after worship on Sunday, April 28 for Narcan/AED training in Knox. This is informative and helpful knowledge for us to learn. All are welcome. Contact [Jeff Parrish](#) if you have questions.

VISITOR CARDS: If this is your first time visiting St. Mark's or if you have been wondering about St. Mark's, please fill out a visitor card in the back table of the narthex. You can always ask questions at the Opportunities Table after worship as well. Turn your completed card to an usher or in the offertory basket.

FOOD PANTRY: Due to your generous donations, our food pantry is well stocked, however, we are in need of pasta sauce (no glass jars please). Bring donations to the office or in the red wagon in the narthex on Sundays.

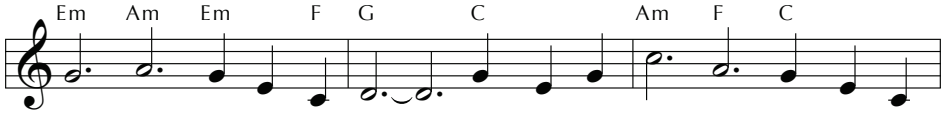
PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Mari Helen High (health concerns), Thomas Guard (leg surgery), Steve Patterson - Ann MacGregor's cousin - (brain surgery), Monica Lopez (health concerns), Linda Ryan (health issues).

Morning Has Broken

664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (Dsus) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

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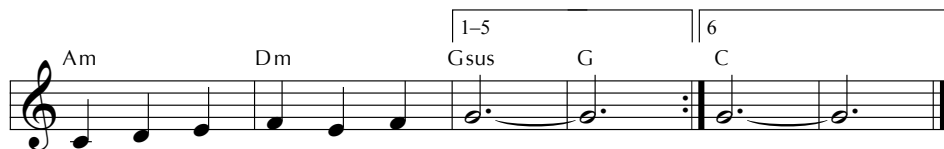
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.