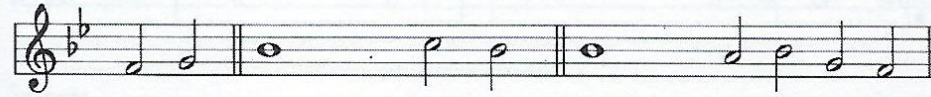


Ember Days

“The Gospel is no dead story, a mere record of past events. It is the interpretation of the present life of the Church, the body of Christ. The best way to enter into the spirit of such a commemoration as that of St. Mark’s Day is to ask ourselves whether, as a body of Church people, we are really experiencing the living truth of what St. Mark describes in his Gospel. Are we true disciples? Do we love Him, follow Him? Do we hang upon the words that come from His blessed lips? What do we know of His Spirit? Are we entering into His mind? Have we read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested what God has caused to be written concerning His Son Jesus Christ? Does it mean anything to us that His was no ordinary death, but is the great Atonement? Do we realize that by our Baptism we were admitted into the society that had its beginnings in the disciples of Christ? That as He appeared to them in His resurrection glory, so now He comes into our midst at times of prayer and Sacrament and spiritually makes Himself known to the faithful. The life of the Church is the life of the Gospel, continued and made real until He comes again, when we shall see Him as He is. Learn to love and follow the Lord, pray to Him, seek Him where He promises to be. Soon you will know Him as the Head of the Church. Look around you at your fellow Christians and see in them fellow disciples of the same Christ, members with you of His body. Realize your happy companionship with Him and them. Let your Communion be real communions, sharing with other Christians the spiritual enjoyment of fellowship with them and with the Lord, on whose Body and Blood you feed together. “Speak the truth,” tell out the truth you have learned from Christ. But let it be speaking the truth “in love.” Show that tenderness and mercy and charity and unselfishness are the characteristics of the Christian body. This, indeed, will edify. So there shall be built up in the eyes of men a spiritual building, a temple of the Lord to which all men will look wistfully for entrance. The body will continue to grow and increase. The Head will reign supreme. The kingdom of God will come. (*The Sermon and the Propers*, p.173-174)

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Introit.

Ant. GO YE || into all | the | world:
and preach the Gospel to | eve- | ry | crea- | ture.
|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:
and their words to the | end | of | the | world.
Psalm. || Thy Word is a lamp unto | my | feet:
and a light | un- | to | my | path.
GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | :-
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.
AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O Almighty God, Who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelists: Give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the Truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Ephesians 4:7–13 Gospel. John 15:1–11

Gradual.

|| Their sound went forth through all | the | earth:
and their words to the | end | of | the | world.
|| The heavens declare the glory of | God | :-
and the firmament showeth | His | hand- | i- | work.
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I have chosen you out of | the | world:
that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain. |
Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

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Isaiah 55:1-5

1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”

Ephesians 4:7-16

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8 Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.” 9 (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in

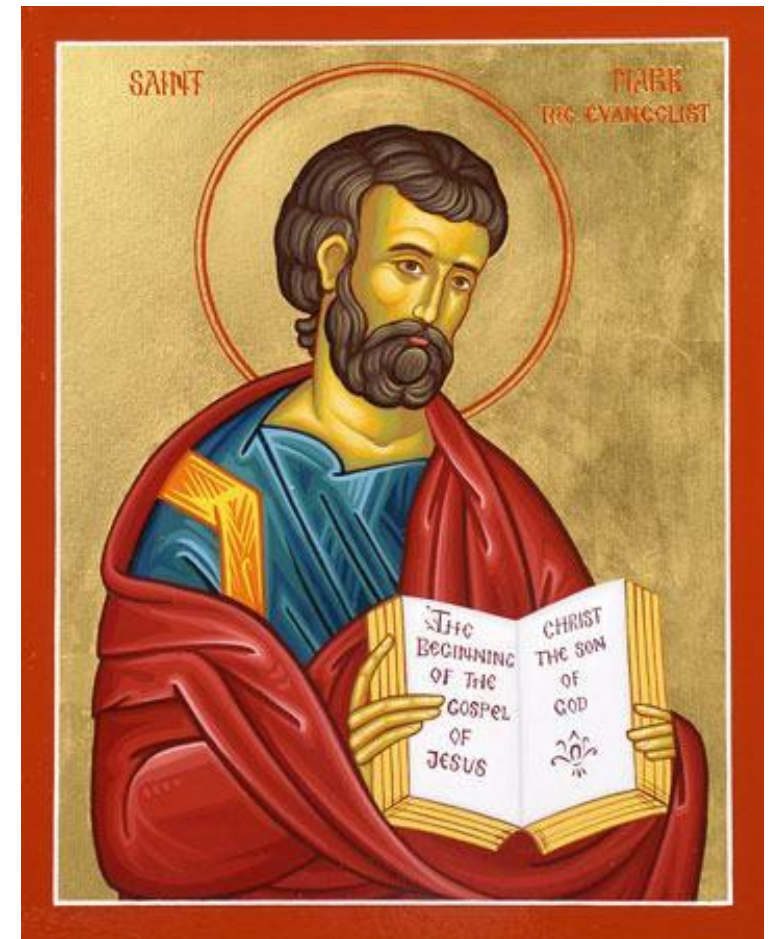
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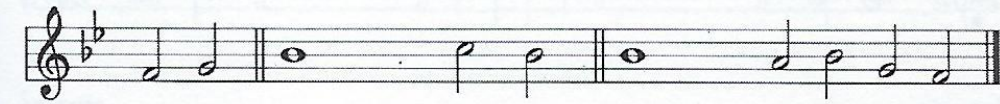
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The Sarum Hymnal, 1868

Ach Gott vom Himmelreiche
"Musae Sioniae," VII, 1609

1. From all Thy Saints in war - fare,
2. For him, O Lord, we praise — Thee,
3. A - po - stles, Pro - phets, Mar - tyrs,
Δ4. Then praise we God the Fa - ther,

For all Thy Saints at rest, To Thee, O
The weak by grace made strong, Whose la - bors
And all the sa - cred throng, Who wear the
And praise we God the Son, And God the

bles - ed Je - sus, All prais - es be ad - dressed.
and whose Gos - pel En - rich our tri - umph - song.
spot - less rai - ment, Who raise the cease - less song;
Ho - ly Spi - rit, E - ter - nal Three in One;

Thou, Lord, didst win the bat - tle That they might
May we in all our weak - ness Find strength from
For these, passed on be - fore — us, Sa - vior! we
Till all the ran - sored num - ber Fall down be -

con - querors be. Their crowns of liv - ing
Thee sup - plied, And all, as fruit - ful
Thee a - dore, And, walk - ing in their
fore the Throne, And hon - or, pow'r, and

glo - ry Are lit with rays from Thee.
branch - es, In Thee, the Vine a - bide.
foot - steps, Would serve Thee more and more.
glo - ry A - scribe to God a - lone. A - men.