

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST PROPER 17 YEAR B
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 10:00AM

Prelude “Andantino”

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 423 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People ***Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,

People ***All desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God..

Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

People ***We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.***

Deacon We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

People ***Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.

People ***Amen.***

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.

Hymn 822 "Through north and south" (*Wonder, Love and Praise*)

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be
blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till
ev' - ry - where be - neath the sun, God's reign be - gins; God's will is
done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Together let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 *Eructavit cor meum*

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of mortals; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your dominion.
You love righteousness and hate iniquity. *
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your companions.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 The daughters of rulers stand among the ladies of the court; *
at your side is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

The Lesson: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the

power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn 656 “Blest are the pure in heart”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Deacon God is with you.

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

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, O Christ.*

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Virginia L. Bennett

Affirmation of Faith

Presider We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

The Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader God calls us to be open to the word and to one another. Let us open our ears to receive your word, and open ourselves to all the world in prayer, saying, O God our strength and Redeemer, *“We put our trust in you.”*

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may bring your word of life to all who experience silence, darkness, and despair;

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect, for Deon our Bishop, for Michael, Teresa, Jerre, and Mandi our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Farmington;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision de Asis in San Juan;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner, Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner, Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We give thanks on their birthdays with Todd Heritage and Teddy Danieley. We pray, O God our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For the leaders of the nations and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world, praying especially for the people of Ukraine and Middle East; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For our city and those who live in it, for farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, for school children and teachers, and for those traveling on this holiday weekend; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for the sick, those suffering from addiction; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; all who have been separated from their homes and families and those who live in this fear; the victims of violence and abuse, and all those in distress;

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, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

On this Labor Day weekend, we pray for those who are unemployed, underemployed and those who continue to seek gainful employment. May they have hope and strength to face the days ahead; we pray, O God our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, O God our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For all who rest in Christ, for all who have died, and for those who grieve; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,
We put our trust in you.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

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

Presider Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem Melissa Edwards-Soloist

“A Simple Song”

Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude...

Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude...

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,
For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song

To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live, all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,

Blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude...And walks in his ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord, Singing Lauda Laude.

For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite me by day, Nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude,
And walks in His ways.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude, Lauda Lauda di da di day...

All of my days.

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might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983). All rights reserved.

Then the Presider continues

Presider On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People ***We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.***

Presider Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Presider Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Presider God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Abba of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

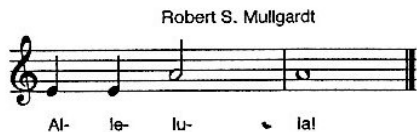
Fraction Anthem

Mullgardt

Al- le- lu- ia! We break this bread to

share in the bo- dy of Christ. We who are man- y are one

bod- y For we all share in the one bread.



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 556 v. 1-5 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

Prayer after Communion

Presider Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while". Therefore, let us now rest in Christ's presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept for a time.

Presider God is with you.

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

Presider Together, let us pray.

People ***God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen***

The Blessing

Presider Now go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is true. Render no one evil for evil. Support the weak. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today, tomorrow, and remain with you always.

People ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn 541 "Come, labor on" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

The Dismissal

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude “Toccatà in E Minor”

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Virginia Bennett as our President

Lector: Susan Goen

Usher: Amanda Cashen

Greeter: Kittie Golomski

Chalice: Scott Thompson

Livestream: Vicki Stegmann

Altar Guild: Tom Bradley

Crucifer: Ruby Danieley

Godly Play:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Search Committee Update

The search committee is happy to report that Canon Westfall has approved our material and has opened up our search to become a national rector search. Take a look at the completed video and Parish Profile on our Homepage of our website. The video was designed to pique the interest of potential applicants and encourage them to read our Parish Profile for more information about St. Mark’s. We hope to receive several applications. During the application process, members of the search committee cannot discuss anything about the applicants. This includes, where they are from, their gender or orientation, or even how many applications we’ve received. The Bishop’s Office has told us that we cannot discuss anything about the process until we announce the name of the new rector, who has been approved by the search committee, the Bishop and the Vestry. The committee wants to thank Matthew and Carter Cashen for their hard work on the video. In the meantime, we appreciate your prayers.

FEED MY PEOPLE

Food Donations for Feed-My-People are always needed. There is a plastic tub in the Parish Hall for any non-perishable food items.

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| The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson | Bishop of MO | Barbara Raedeke | Organist and Choir Director |
| The Rev. Michael Dunnington | Interim Priest in Charge | Celeste Kocot | Youth Christian Formation |
| The Rev. Jerre Birdsong | Deacon | Melissa Engle | Parish Administrator |
| The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M. Danieley | Priest Associate | The Rev. Mandi Rice | Transitional Deacon |

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING DAY

Opening Day will be on September 8th this year. That day we will welcome the choir back. After Service that day we will have bagels with cream cheese, even some lox to spice things up and other goodies that the Vestry has volunteered to bring. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to help with the event.

Choir Call

The choir has begun its weekly rehearsals, which take place on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. We invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. 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, most importantly, 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!

Hearts & Hands & Voices

Saturday October 19th will see the Return of Hearts & Hands & Voices to St. Mark's. This is sure to be an exciting event. We will have artists displaying their various mediums from 9am-3pm. We'll have various games in the yards, including face painters and temporary tattoos run by volunteers of St. Mark's. There will be Bop Lessons from the Bop Society of St. Louis, and following that, we have booked Sarah Jane & The Blue Notes for a Saturday Dance Night!

Volunteers will be needed for various projects. Including, but not limited to, Set-up chairs and tables Friday night, help the vendors on Saturday during different shifts, volunteers to help with games and face painting and temporary tattoos, sound check and sound board volunteer for the music, bakers to prepare goodies for Saturday morning, clean-up, etc... So there is a chance for everyone to contribute in their own way. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for the various opportunities to volunteer.

And of course we would like everyone's help to spread the word. Soon we'll have some social media posts to share, and we'd like you all to get the word out to anyone you might know that would like to feature their art. Contact Sandra Olmsted sandraolmstedphd@gmail.com for more information for any potential vendors.

MOMENT IN TIME GALLERY

Join Episcopal City Mission in celebrating 70 years of service to youth in the juvenile justice system. This Semi-formal event is October 17, 2024.

St. Mark's has purchased a table of 10 for this event. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Melissa at the Parish Office either by email or phone. The tickets will go on a first-come first-serve basis. A donation to St. Mark's for the tickets is not required, but appreciated.

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We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Albrecht family, the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Cherie Blumenkamp, Evy Borowiak and her parents Kurt and Amy, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Joan Cap, Steve Chamberlin, Janet Chance, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Carol Fischer, Carol Garbs, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Robin Harris, Anne Hennig, Rob Heritage, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Kathy Lynch, Guy Medley, Donna Musgrave, Francis Neuner, Nina Olmsted, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Blair Schrautemeier, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kathy Tracy and family, John Watts, Marilyn Wiethop, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Jim.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Todd Heritage and Teddy Danieley

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