



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2026 10:00 AM YEAR A

### Welcome

*Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.*

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.*

### Prelude “Dialogue on *Te Deum*”

**Denis Bédard (b. 1950)**

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### Introit “Glory to God”

**John Bell (b. 1949)**

Glory to God; Praise to the Son; Love to the Spirit; Three and yet One.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Hymn 362 “Holy, holy, holy!”

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the God of all Creation

*People* ***Whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.***

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, 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.***

**Gloria S278**                      *Mathias*                      *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

***Glory to God in the highest,***

***and peace to God's people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,***

***we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,***

***Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;***

***have mercy on us;***

***you are seated at the right hand of the Father;***

***receive our prayer.***

***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.

***Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the

waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth,

everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

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

**Psalm 8**

***Domine, Dominus noster***

*see next page*

**The Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

**Sequence Hymn 398 “I sing the almighty power of God”** *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

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

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

**The Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*Presider/Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Psalm 8**

***Domine, Dominus noster***

*Jonathan Battishill*

1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

3 You have set up a stronghold a-  
gainst your adversaries, \*  
to quell the ene- my and the a-  
venger.

5 What is man that you should be  
mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should  
seek him out?

7 You give him mastery over the  
works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:

9 The birds of the air, the fish  
of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the  
paths of the sea.

2 Out of the mouths of infants  
and children \*  
your majesty is praised a-  
bove the heavens.

4 When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars  
you have set in their  
courses,

6 You have made him but little  
lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory  
and honor;

8 All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts  
of the field,

10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name  
in all the world!

## The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

### Prayers of the People

*Leader:* On this Trinity Sunday, let us lift up the needs, hopes, and concerns of the world to the Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, praying,

*People:* ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

*Leader:* We pray for those assembled here in your name, that we may be a community of love, which flows from the community to God:

We pray for our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love,

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially on their birthdays with Audrey LaBeaume, Nick Simon, Ethan Forsyth and Chad White.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying,

*People:* ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

*Leader:* O God, just as you have led us by the Spirit of Truth, may the church guide the way of peace throughout the world:

We pray for our clergy and our bishops,

We pray for all the lay people who minister as the Church,

Who live out the promises of our baptism as the community of the Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of The Journey Church in Fulton;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Church of Rwanda;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the Colegio Episcopal San Andres;

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

We pray for the holy churches in every place, that we may come to know the unity of faith, praying,

*People:* ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for the world and its leaders, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East, and our nation and its people, that all may work

for justice and peace, and discern the ways to overcome violence, divisions, and mistrust, praying,

*People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for all those who are in need, the suffering and the oppressed, the homeless, immigrants and refugees, prisoners, and the victims of war and conflicts. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name either silently or aloud [pause ], praying,

*People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

*Leader:* Let us pray for those who have died, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of saints, praying,

*People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

*The Presider offers this concluding collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

*Presider/Deacon* Dear friends in Christ, we have fallen short of the call to us to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Therefore, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

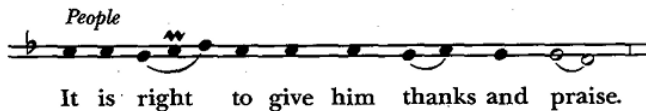
*Presider* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*People **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

*Presider* For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

*People **That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***





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:

**Holy, Holy S128**                      *Mathias*                      *Blue 1982 Hymnal*  
***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.***

*Presider*      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. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

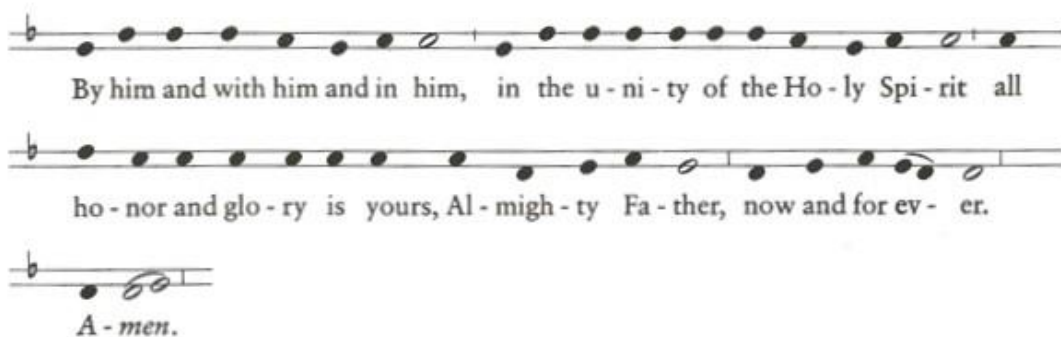
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.



### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem S155**

*Near*

*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**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God. So come to this table you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. You who are full of faith and full of doubt. Come, it is Christ himself who invites you to meet him here.

*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 381 “Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

*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* Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn 366 v. 1-4 “Holy God we praise thy Name”** *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

**Dismissal**

*Presider/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

### “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

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**We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind**, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjite, Canon Desiree Brattin, Rusty Cates, Steve Chamberlin, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, the McLean, Haggerty, and Casey families, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Tom Schroeder, Rick Schubert, John Sheridan, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Gary, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis, Kate, Maggie, Ari and family.

**We give thanks** on their birthdays with Audrey LaBeaume, Nick Simon, Ethan Forsyth and Chad White.

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

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The Rev. Jerre Birdsong	Deacon	Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator
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## ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

*Lector:* Greg Diekemper    *Usher:* Kittie Golomski    *Greeter:* Diane Nienkemper  
*Altar Guild:* Ellen Jeffery    *Livestream:* Scott Thompson  
*Crucifer:* Jonathan Robards    *Chalice:* Marilyn Wiethop/Jonathan Robards  
*Godly Play:* NO GODLY PLAY    *Coffee Hour:* Marti Robards

### Online Giving at St. Mark's

Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code below using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform.

Your generosity is a blessing!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thank you, choir!

This morning we express our gratitude to our faithful choir members for their beautiful contribution to our worship. After today they will be on hiatus until September. Many thanks to Melissa Edwards, Margaret Hvatum, Ellen Jeffery, Jeanette Swallow, Ruth Lewis, Kim Jungermann, Jonathan Danieleley, Tom Lee, and Tom Bradley for your hard work, dedication, and flexibility! We look forward to your return in September.

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to my St. Mark's family for the beautiful bouquet of roses that I received on Mother's Day. I am happy to be a spiritual mother to dozens of children, and my family keeps growing. -Celeste

### Wear Orange Sunday

Please join us Sunday, June 7th at the 10:00am service for WEAR ORANGE SUNDAY. On this day, we are called to honor gun violence survivors, remember gun violence victims, and call for meaningful action to save lives. On June 7th, we are asking our members to Wear Orange to church in solidarity with this important nationwide-movement.

## Pride Month

Here at St. Mark's we welcome, celebrate, and include all people, just as they are. During the month of June we join our LGBTQ+ siblings in placing a special emphasis on Pride! Each Sunday during June we will explore a moment in the history of the Episcopal Church on our journey to greater inclusion of all persons. Be sure to check out the bulletin inserts each week, and join in the celebration!

### Meeting Jesus in Our Neighborhood

This summer, St. Mark's will begin an intentional time of listening and noticing in our neighborhood. Join in the process as we take group walks, rides, and self-directed noticing tours. Together, we will follow the Spirit, look for Jesus, and begin mapping our neighborhood.

Walking	Driving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W 5/6 1pm</li> <li>• W 5/27 5:30PM</li> <li>• Th 6/11 10AM</li> <li>• Sun 6/14 11:45AM</li> <li>• Th 7/16 10AM</li> <li>• Sun 7/12 11:45AM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M 5/4 5:30PM</li> <li>• T 5/12 11AM</li> <li>• M 6/15 5:30PM</li> <li>• Th 6/18 1PM</li> <li>• W 7/15 5:30PM</li> <li>• Th 7/23 11AM</li> </ul>

wear orange

for gun violence awareness & prevention

Wear orange to church

Sunday June 7

Join people of faith at **1:15 p.m.** at Webster Groves Presbyterian (45 W. Lockwood) for a **Community March** to Emmanuel Episcopal (9 S. Bompert) and a **2:30 p.m. rally**

Bring your kids!

Bring signs!

with Bishop Deon Johnson

Sponsored in part by the Gun Violence Prevention Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

2026 PRIDE Evensong

Sunday, June 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
9 S Bompert Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Preacher:  
The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson

Join us after the service for a PRIDE Picnic & conversation with Bp Robinson in the Parish Hall