

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST PROPER 14
AUGUST 10, 2025 10:00AM YEAR C

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.

Prelude “Prelude in C Sharp Major WTC I”

J. S. Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 427 “When morning gilds the skies” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

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

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.***

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

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

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *Deus deorum*

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken *
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals the divine glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before whom there is a consuming flame,
and round about whom a raging storm.
- 4 God calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgement of this people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause; *
 for God, God alone, is judge.
- 7 “Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
 O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
 for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
 your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
 lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
 but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

The Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn 635 “If thou but trust in God to guide thee” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 With the faith of Abraham and without fear, let us pray for the needs of the world, praying; Good and faithful God, ***“Your mercy endures forever.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may be ready for the heavenly city you have prepared for your people;

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Jerre, and Teresa our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Hope Episcopal Church in Town & Country;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Rwanda;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the Episcopal Relief and Development;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Otto Schoenberg, IV, Marilyn Wiethop, Rowan Odle, Catherine Fee and Kathy Thompson. We pray, good and faithful God,

Your mercy endures forever.

For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice and peace in the world, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East; we pray, good and faithful God,

Your mercy endures forever.

For all who grow and harvest food; and for those who are preparing to return to school; we pray, good and faithful God,

Your mercy endures forever.

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

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

For those in public service and those serving in the armed forces; we pray, good and faithful God,

Your mercy endures forever.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, good and faithful God,

Your mercy endures forever.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve; we pray, good and faithful God,

Your mercy endures forever.

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 forever. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

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.

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.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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 *We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for 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*

Children's Time

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn 637 "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"

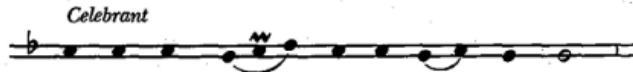
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The Holy Eucharist II

Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

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The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The Celebrant's part is a single line of music with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The People's part is a single line of music with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The Celebrant's part is a single line of music with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The People's part is a single line of music with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "We lift them to the Lord." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Presider and People

Hymn 858 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (*Wonder, Love and Praise*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



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.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

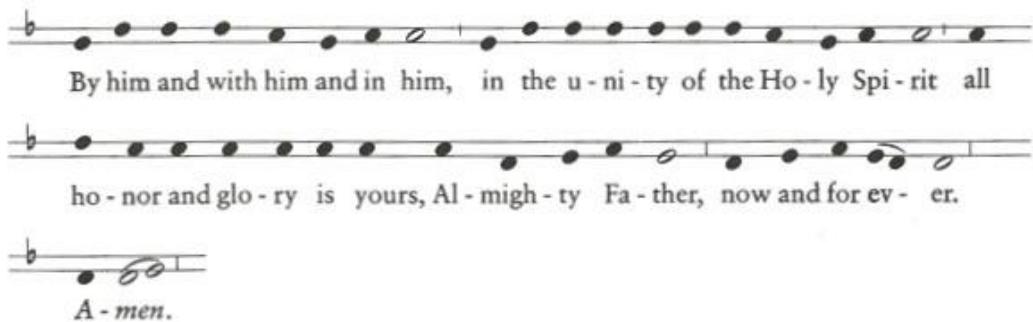
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons and all your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.



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 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

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 312 “Strengthen for service, Lord” *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

The Presider blesses the congregation.

God's Blessing be with you,

Christ's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn VF 107 “Let all things now living” *see page 15*

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 “Grand Choeur in G Major”

Théodore Dubois

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Vicki Stegmann

Usher: Amanda Cashen

Greeter: Marti Robards

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery

Chalice: Marilyn Wiethop/Jonathan Robards

Livestream: Ben Cashen

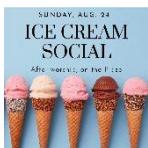
Crucifer: Jonathan Robards

Godly Play: Schoenberg

Today we welcome Kim Jungermann as our organist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mark's Ice Cream Social!



On Sunday, August 24, we will gather for a time of fellowship and frozen treats after worship! Join us for an ice cream social on the plaza, directly following worship. See the sign up sheet in the parish hall to bring a topping!

Isaiah 58 Back to School Collection



This year we are asking for multi-color highlighters. So far, we have collected **367**. The deadline to drop off highlighters is August 24th. There will be a bin in the Parish Office marked **Isaiah 58 Back-to-School** that you can drop off your items. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Jerre.

Worship Participants Needed

Would you like to become more active at St. Mark's? Currently we are looking for people to help fill some roles as a Worship Participants. It doesn't matter how long you have been coming to St. Mark's. You could be a long-time member or someone who just found a place to fit in. There will be a training time for new participants at a time to be determined at a later date. We are looking for: Crucifer, Live-streamer, Usher, Greeter, Altar Guild, Chalice, and Lector. Contact Melissa Engle at parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org or 314/832-3588 if you are interested. No prior experience needed!

The Sound of Music 60th Anniversary

A group of St. Markan's are getting together to see the 60th Anniversary of the movie "The Sound of Music" at Des Peres Theaters on Friday September 12th at 6:30pm. If you would like to join, you can purchase your tickets online at

<https://www.marcustheatres.com/movies/the-sound-of-music-60th-anniversary>. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Borowiak.

Choir Call

The choir will begin its weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 4, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room, and sing for the first time this season on Opening Day, September 14. 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!

At the beginning of May 2025, your vestry met to discern who we are and where God might be calling St. Mark's. Through this work, the vestry developed the following:

Divine Purpose Statement for St. Mark's:

WE BELIEVE God's boundless love has drawn us together to be a community of reconciliation, nurture, and acceptance.

WE WORSHIP the Triune God with Scripture, read and interpreted, and emphasis on choral and congregational singing, robust instrumentation, and weekly Eucharist where all are welcome.

WE SERVE our neighbors, especially the marginalized, and take care of each other.

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!

Closing Hymn "Let all things now living" *from Voices Found*



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Anderson family, Yulia Borjte, Steve Chamberlin, Alicia Crowe, Michael Dunnington, Tom Gard, Sue and Ty Garrett, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Richard Liermann, Stephanie Maass, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Betty Orlando, Kristen Patterson, Barbara Raedeke, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Scott Schmidt, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Rick Schubert, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, The Workman Family, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Marian, Ted, Karen and Larry.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Otto Schoenberg, IV, Marilyn Wiethop, Rowan Odle, Catherine Fee and Kathy Thompson.

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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