

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST AND CONSECRATION  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2023  
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**Prelude**

**“My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker”**

**Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)**

THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn 290 “Come, ye thankful people, come”**

*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.*

**Gloria S280** *Powell*

*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.

***Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Lesson: Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

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

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

## **Psalm 123**

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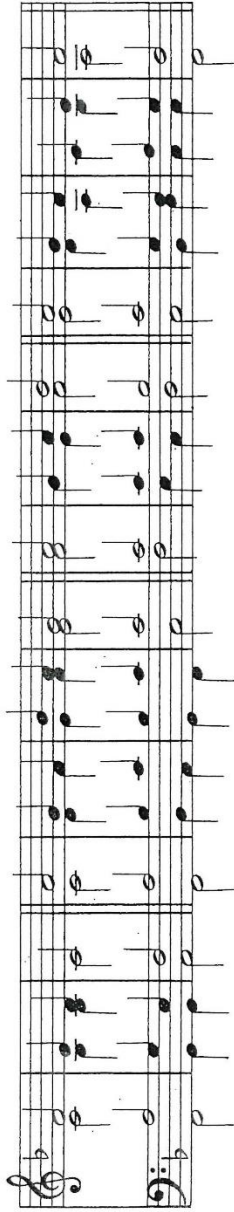
## **The Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are

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Psalms 123

*Ad te levavi oculos meos*



1 To you I lift | up my | eyes, \*  
to | you en- | throned • in the | heavens.

3 So our eyes look to the | LORD our | God, \*  
un - | til he | show us • his | mercy.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the |  
hand • of their | masters, \*  
and the eyes of a | maid • to the | hand • of her |  
mistress,

4 Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have | mercy, \*  
for we have had | more than • e- | nough • of con- | tempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the | indo-• lent | rich, \*  
and of the de- | rision | of the | proud.

put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

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

**Sequence Hymn 433 “We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

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

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

**The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who

have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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

## **The Homily**

**The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M. Danieleley**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All: We believe in God the Creator,  
infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of God’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.*

*We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the divine presence in our lives,  
who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.*

*We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,  
and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,  
that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader* Awaiting the coming of the Lord, let us be awake and sober in prayer on behalf of the whole human family around the world; in faith we pray, ***“Hear us, good Lord.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that in faith, love, and hope, we may encourage and build up one another in the mind of Christ;

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Michael, Teresa, and Jerre our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for Leslie, our Diocesan Missioner for Indigenous Ministry Engagement. We recognize and acknowledge that we worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the

Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples;

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In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at St.

Gabriel the Archangel Roman Catholic Church;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Ed Rich, Vincent Steele, Laura Borowiak and Amy Borowiak. In faith, we pray,

***Hear us, good Lord.***

We pray for the leaders of the world, for their wisdom and mercy in striving for justice and peace, and for the equitable distribution of the world's wealth; we pray for those whose lives have been disrupted by war, especially the people of Ukraine and the Middle East; in faith, we pray,

***Hear us, good Lord.***

For our nation and those who live in it, those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families, for the victims of injustice, violence, and oppression; and for those who live in fear of violence and injustice; in faith, we pray,

***Hear us, good Lord.***

We pray that you grant your healing to all who live in the grip of illness and addiction; we pray for the hungry, the homeless, and for 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 and those in public service; in faith, we pray,

***Hear us, good Lord.***

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; in faith, we pray,

***Hear us, good Lord.***

For those who have died, especially Stanley Belieu, that they may find eternal life in your loving presence, and for those who grieve; in faith, we pray,

***Hear us, good Lord.***

*The Presider offers this concluding collect.*

Give us courage, God our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Presider and People*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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**

*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*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Anthem “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**David Ashley White (b. 1944)**

Text: Hymn 655 (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*)

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**Eucharistic Prayer 2** *From Enriching our Worship*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

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:

**Hymn S129 "Holy, Holy, Holy" Powell** *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.***

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.

On the night before his suffering and death, 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.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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**

*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.*

***Consecration Sunday Estimate of Giving Cards:** Please bring your completed card when coming forward for Communion and place it in the basket at the altar.*

**Communion Hymn 705 “As those of old their first fruits brought”**

*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**

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. *AMEN.*

**Closing Hymn 397 “Now thank we all our God”**      *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## **Postlude**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**      **Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)**

## **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP**

*Lector:* Scott Thompson      *Usher:* Matthew Cashen      *Greeter:* Ellen Jeffery  
*Altar Guild:* Jon Danieleley      *Chalice:* Marilyn Wiethop      *Livestream:* Vicki Stegmann  
*Godly Play:* Danieleley

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## **Consecration Sunday**



Please join us for an in-person Ingathering reception following the ten o'clock service today, where lunch will be served. We hope you are able to join us.

**SLOW DOWN. QUIET. IT'S ADVENT. POSTERS  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

## **Thanksgiving Morning Prayer Service**



A Service of Morning Prayer will be offered on Thanksgiving Morning, November 23rd at 9:00 am. Preheat that oven and begin your Thanksgiving with prayer and praise!

**SEE THE MARKINGS FOR A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW  
INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE, MICHAEL DUNNINGTON**

## **Justin Martin Ordination**

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, Justin Martin will be ordained as a Deacon at 11am at Christ Church Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

## **St Mark's Christmas Light Walk down Candy Cane Lane**



This year's festive walk will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 5:00pm at the Parish Hall for some pizza, then dress up warmly and walk together down Angel Alley and Candy Cane Lane. We will meet back afterwards for hot chocolate and cookies. There will be a signup in the Parish Hall. Please plan on bringing a small donation to cover the cost of the pizza, and make sure to put which pizza you prefer on the signup sheet; Cheese, Veggie, Gluten-free, or Pepperoni along with the number of people in your group. This is a fun family event, so you are welcome to invite friends to join us. And don't forget your camera so we can post pictures on our St Mark's Web Site for potential new rectors to see! For more information, please contact Margaret Hvatum.

## **St. Mark's Annual Christmas Party**



The Annual St. Mark's Christmas Party will take place on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Carols, a buffet dinner, and load of good cheer will be on hand as we wait for a "special guest" to complete the festivities. \$15 Adults, \$8 Children over 5 years, \$50 family max. Once again, we'll be asking folks to help with the dessert and snacks table. Please see the signup sheets in the parish hall to RSVP and to bring a dessert. You may also call/email to: 314-832-3588 / parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org .

## **St. Mark's Rector Search**

As Margaret Hvatum announced on October 22, the search committee undertaking our Rector search has been selected and has already met. The committee consists of:

Tom Bradley

Margaret Hvatum, Chair

Marylin Wiethop

Matt Cashen

Jeanette Schoenberg

Susan Goen

Erica Wilson White

We are fortunate to have such a great team! The committee met with the Rev. Canon Doris Westfall from the Diocese about the search process, preparing a parish profile, and finding a suitable candidate. Please hold the members of the committee and their work in your prayers. Watch this space for information about our Parish-wide Survey.

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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 Albrecht family, Stephanie Anderson and family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Stanley Belieu, Kelly Borowiak, Kevin Cameron, Helen Carpenter, Steve Chamberlin, Molly Cochran, Marsha Cornell, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Feldmeier and her sister Frankie, Jeanne Gardener, Rob Heritage, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Jodi Keuney, Larry Lewis, Barb Macke, Guy Medley, Tim Miller, Donna Musgrave, David and Dana Nash, Nina Olmsted, Betty Orlando, Susan Raedeke, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kevin and Kathy Tracy, Ann Vannier, Marilyn Wiethop, Walter Zimmerman, Fatima, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Jim, Ronan and his mom Amanda.

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**We pray** for those who have died, especially Stanley Belieu.

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

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The Rev. Jerre Birdsong	Deacon	Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator
The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M. Daniele	Priest Associate		