

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 16 AUGUST 23, 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: “The Effect of Love”

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 401 “The God of Abraham praise” *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.***

“Let all creation bless the Lord”

Mit Freuden zart



1 Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is
 2 All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and
 3 O men and wom - en ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of



ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an -
 moun - tains, sing to the God who gave you birth! Be joy - ful, springs
 glo - ry. Let all who know God's stead-fast care tell out sal - va -



gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make
 and foun - tains, lithe wa - ter - life, bright air - borne birds, wild
 tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent—sing your part, you



mu - sic, day, night, cold, and heat!
 rov-ing beasts, tame flocks and herds! Ex - alt the God who made you.
 hum-ble souls and meek of heart!

*Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange, Berlin, 1566; am. Heinrich Reimann, 1895. Words
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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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though you are high, you care for the lowly; *
you perceive the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your mighty hand shall save me.

9 O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me; *
your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn 707 “Take my life, and let it be” *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 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Profession of Faith: 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. 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

Let us offer prayers to God who builds the church of Christ on the rock of faith and gives it the keys of the kingdom, praying; Hear our voices, O God, *“We put our trust in you.”*

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God;

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney and Jerre our clergy, for Chad our Intern Candidate for Holy Orders, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of the Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Church of the Province of West Africa;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision Adscrita Principe de Paz in Ponce;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Lou Swallow, Ruby Santos-Odle, Milo Schlake-Kruse, James Forsyth and Molly Thompson. We pray, Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

For the leaders of all nations, that they may with courage strive for mercy, peace, and the light of justice in the world, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; we pray, Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

For all school children, college students, and their teachers, that they may be safe and educationally nourished; we pray, Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for all those in danger and need: the sick, those suffering from addiction and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, immigrants and refugees, and the victims of violence and abuse;

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, Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve; we pray, Hear our voices, O God,
We put our trust in you.

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.***

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.***

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*

Back to School Blessing

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 577 "God is love, and where true love is" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

The Holy Eucharist II

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Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider 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 voices 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

Holy, Holy, Holy S130 *Schubert* *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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

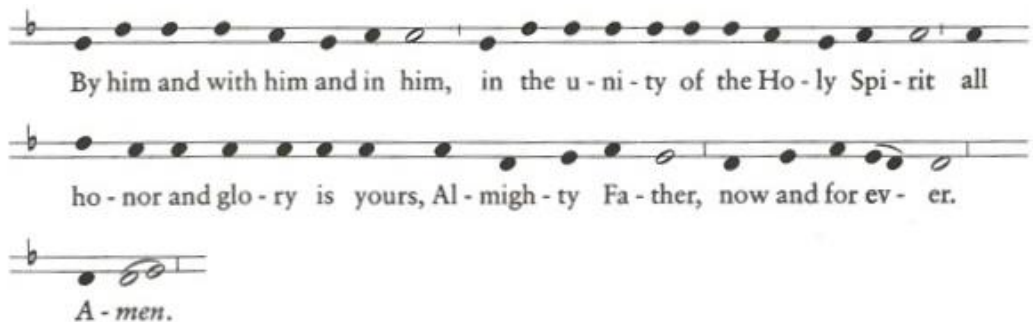
We await his coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



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 S164

Schubert

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

***Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.***

The Ministration of Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
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 334 “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” *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 522 “Glorious things of thee are spoken” *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 “Toccata in Seven”

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Music note

This morning's prelude, by the contemporary American composer Frank Ferko, is a movement from *The Hildegard Cycle*, a group of ten pieces based on writings and music of the 11th-century mystic Hildegard of Bingen. *The Effect of Love* takes as its inspiration Hildegard's vision entitled "I am Love, the Splendor of the living God," and includes a fragment of her chant setting of the words, "You awaken and reawaken everything that is."

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjte, Randy Borowiak, Canon Desiree Brattin, Maggie Brogan, Rusty Cates, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Volker Coleman, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Braden Hagberg & Family, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Celeste Kocot, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Joe Rodriguez and his mother Ellie, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Joanne Schneider, Lois Schubert and her family, Tom Schroeder, John Sheridan, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Michael Sophir, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Tom Tetrault, 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 birthday with Lou Swallow, Ruby Santos-Odle, Milo Schlake-Kruse, James Forsyth and Molly 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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		Frankie Danieley	Nursery Assistant

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Roger Robards *Usher:* Diane Nienkemper *Greeter:* Kittie Golomski
Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery *Livestream:* Lucy Danieleley *Crucifer:* Jonathan Robards
Chalice: Roger Robards/Jonathan Robards *Coffee Hour:* Jonathan Robards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ice Cream Social Today

Please join us on the Plaza after worship for an Ice Cream Social. All are invited to come and enjoy a scoop or two (maybe even some sprinkles). It will all be provided for you to enjoy.

Choir Call

The choir will begin its weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 3, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room, and sing for the first time this season on Opening Day, September 13. 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!

Opening Day

This year, Opening Day will be on Sunday September 13th. Hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish hall if you would like to bring chips, a side or dessert.

Hymn Sing

On **Sunday, September 20** at 9:45 there will be a **Hymn Sing** before the service. We invite you to submit three of your favorite hymns using the forms available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. As in years past, we won't be able to use all the submissions, but we'll use as many as we have time for and incorporate some of the others into subsequent services, as appropriate. I look forward to hearing what your favorite hymns are and to the robust singing on September 20!

YouTube Livestream

We are now Live on YouTube. Subscribe to our YouTube page www.youtube.com/@StMarksStl and subscribe as we now livestream our services every Sunday at 10am.

Bible Study Resumes

Sunday, September 27th at 11:30am Bible Study will resume. Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet will be the subject and will occur every Sunday September 27th – October 18th after Worship. No prior attendance or experience required. Bring a Bible and a willingness to talk through the text! All are welcome!

ECW Events



The Episcopal Church Women are holding a couple of interesting events coming up. On Tuesday, August 25th at 6pm there will be a Zoom book discussion on the book “How we learn to be brave” with speaker The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde. Also, the Episcopal Church Women’s retreat will be Friday and Saturday September 18th & 19th at the Pallottine Renewal Center featuring our very own rector, The Rev. Dr. Delaney Schlake-Kruse. See Susan Goen for more information on either of these exciting events. Or contact Melissa in the Parish Office to find out how to sign up.

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