



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST AND OPENING DAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
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Masks are required in all indoor spaces

Prelude

“Sonate II: Ruhig bewegt”

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 408 “Sing praise to God who reigns above” (*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 S278 (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*) *Mathias*

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.

{In unison} **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri



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1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the **LORD**; *
praise the Name of the **LORD**.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going **down** *
let the Name of the LORD be **praised**.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on **high** *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the **earth**?

7 He sets them with the **princes**, *
with the princes of his **people**.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be **blesed**, *
from this time forth for ever-**more**.

4 The LORD is high above all **nations**, *
and his glory above the **heavens**.

6 He takes up the weak out of the **dust** *
and lifts up the poor from the **ashes**.

8 He makes the woman of a childless **house** *
to be a joyful mother of **children**.

The Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 601 “O day of God, draw nigh”

(Blue 1982 Hymnal)

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

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

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the

one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Homily

The Rev. Jerre Birdsong

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 Let us offer our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone in the world through Christ Jesus, our mediator, praying, O God our strength and Redeemer, "***We put our trust in you.***"

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may be entrusted with your riches from above and make use of them in faith;

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector,
for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the holy
People of God;

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

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parroquia Ayudada San Jose in San Juan, and Angel their Rector;

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at the House of Prayer;

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

We give thanks on their birthdays with Jack Shelton, Carlos Carrillo, and Roy Watts and on their Anniversary with John and Catherine Fee. We pray, O God our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

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

We put our trust in you.

For our city and those who live in it, for farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and that the world's wealth may be used in the furtherance of your kingdom; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for the sick, those suffering from addiction and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; the blind, deaf, and lame; the victims of violence and abuse, for those who live in fear of separation of their homes and families, and all those in distress;

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

For those in public service and those serving in the armed forces; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

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

We put our trust in you.

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

We put our trust in you.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

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. 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

Offertory Anthem “My God, Thy Table is Spread”

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

My God, thy table now is
spread, Thy cup with love
doth overflow; Be all thy
children thither led,
And let them thy sweet
mercies know.

Drawn by thy quickening
grace, O Lord, In countless
numbers let them come
And gather from their
Father’s board The Bread
that lives beyond the tomb.

Nor let thy spreading
Gospel rest Till through
the world thy truth has run,
Till with this Bread shall
all be blessed Who see the
light or feel the sun.

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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:

Sanctus Hymnal S128

Mathias

***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

"Lamb of God" (From *Enriching our Music*) Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
 have _____ mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world: have _____ mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world: grant _____ us _____ peace.

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The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 650 “O Jesus, joy of loving hearts” (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

Closing Hymn

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

BUNESSAN



1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me, Christ be be -
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3. Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me, Christ be on



1. hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me, Christ be be -
2. round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
3. all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



1. low me, Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
2. sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, light of my life.
3. see me, in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

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Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

“Menuet Gothique”

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Ellen Jeffery

Usher: Amanda Cashen

Greeter: Ellen Jeffery

Livestream: Vicki Stegmann

Altar Guild: Carol Garbs

Godly Play: Schoenberg

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMERY WASHINGTON CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Emery Washington Convocation will commemorate and celebrate the convocation's patron, the Rev. Emery Washington. Along with this celebration we will also officially "install" our Dean and Warden in a special liturgy presided over by Bishop Deon Johnson. The celebration will take place at the Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension in Northwoods, and EVERYONE in the convocation is invited to attend. After the installation liturgy, a reception with refreshments will be held outside on the church lawn. See <https://trinitychurchcwe.breezechms.com/form/53fd36> to register.

FALL DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Saturday, Oct. 19 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hybrid Event

The Standing Committee invites all lay and clergy members throughout the Diocese to our Fall Leadership Conference. The theme of this year's event is **Haven & Hub: Security, Hospitality, and Innovation in the Next Era of the Church.**

This will be an in-person event, with members meeting in four locations (by convocation) and presentations happening via Zoom. The cost of this event is \$25 per person. Registration deadline is September 25. See <https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/2022-fall-leadership-conference/?occurrence=234> to register.

NEW STREAMLINED WEBSITE!

Have you had a chance to look at our new streamlined website. It's been especially formatted to see on your mobile device. Check it out now at www.saintmarks-stl.org.

THE LION'S TALE IS BACK

The September/October edition of the Lion's Tale has been published. Make sure to get your copy in the back of the church or you can download your copy from the Markings or on the NEW website. We will be accepting articles for the November/December edition. Stay tuned for submission deadlines for future editions.

THE SUNDAY PAPER JUNIOR

We have renewed our subscription to The Sunday Paper Junior. These are special coloring pages designed for children that complement the lessons of the week. Complimentary crayons will be available in the back of the church along with copies of The Sunday Paper Junior for any parents to give to their children.

CHOIR CALL

The choir has begun its weekly rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm, and we invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. 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 work hard, have lots of fun, and, most importantly, enjoy making music together. All are welcome!



It's Back! Jasper hopes you'll join him for the Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 2nd at the 10:00 AM Worship Service. ALL are welcome!

We Pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the holy People of God;

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We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Sophia Ackerman, Stephanie Anderson, Fred Appleby, Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Becky Burley, Marianne & Steve Chamberlin, Janet and George Chance, Marsha and Keith Cornell, Janice Craft, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Candace Farmer, Mary Feldmeier, Barbara Frish, Mary Gabrisch, David Goen and his wife, Carlos Gomez, Megan, Peggy and Ron Graul, Stephanie Henline, Yaz Hernandez and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Peggy Holmes, Billy Hughes, Margaret Hvatum, Sharon H., Dayna Jewson, Ellen, Kelly, Barbra Macke and Beth, Charlene Mayfield, Jaxon Menner, Katie Merek, Crystal Mersch, Tim Miller, Jenny Mullikin, Gary & Kathy Makely, Robin Mendica, Cathy Menendez, Nina Olmsted, Sandra Olmstead, Jen Peavy, Maureen Polasek, Angelo Powell, Bailee Ratteree, Devon Rauch and family, Chris Reeves and family, Tim Reeves and family, Ed Rich and family, Shannon Robinson, Susan Rowe and family, Emma Elizabeth Roland, Scott Schmidt, Becky Schroeder, Pam Sellers, Tom Sellers, Vickie Stegmann and family, The Thompson family, Ethan VanEnglenhoven, Ann Vannier, Toby Vaughn, John Watts, Lindsay Watts, Margie Weaver, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Robyn and Gene Wilberg, Justin Williams, Susan Winfrey, Cheryl Wyatt, Eric, Elizabeth, Sam, Paige, Leo.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Jack Shelton, Carlos Carrillo, and Roy Watts and on their Anniversary with John and Catherine Fee.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jon Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Chris Weinrich, and Matthew.

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