

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST PROPER 10  
JULY 12, 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 “Ayre, Grazioso”**

**Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)**

THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn 440 “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be the God of all Creation

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

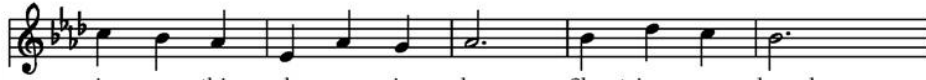
**The Collect for Purity**

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.***

## Hymn VF 109 "People of God" v. 1 & 4



1 Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - ge - ther, come, let us  
4 Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the



sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad  
cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain



praise to the Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.  
thanks nē - ver end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.

### Refrain



Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,



prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

***O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

## The Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it

shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

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

**Psalm 65: 9-14**

***Te decet hymnus***

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; \*  
you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water. \*
- 10 You prepare the grain,  
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

**The Lesson: Romans 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it

cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

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

**Sequence Hymn 679 “Surely it is God who saves me”**

*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 13:1-9,18-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” “Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Presider/Deacon  
People

The Gospel of the Lord  
*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

*Leader* To God who sows the seeds of faith, come let us offer our prayers for all those in every need, praying, Lord, hear us, ***“Lord, graciously hear us.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may walk with the Spirit in life and peace;

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 Grace Episcopal Church in Jefferson City;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parroquia Ayudada La Ascension in Morovis;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Kim Jungermann and Ryan Jeffery and on their anniversaries with Matt and Cari Schroeder and Evan Meyer and Jaime Conley. We pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For the whole earth, that we may be faithful stewards of your handiwork created for us as our home; for this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace throughout the world, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For all victims of violence and their families and loved ones, and for those who live in fear of violence, particularly those in our own city, and for those suffering from weakness of body or spirit; we pray, Lord hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For the poor, the homeless, the neglected, the oppressed, all immigrants and refugees, and the despised, that we may reach out to them with the compassion of Christ; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need and ask for strength in our trials;

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

We pray for all who struggle with the relentless demands of addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For our families, friends, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

For those who have died to eternal rest, and for those who grieve, that light perpetual may shine upon them; we pray, Lord, hear us,

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*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*

## Children's Time

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

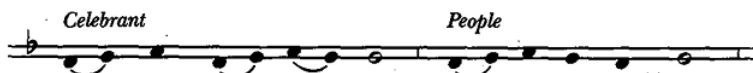
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 505 "O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

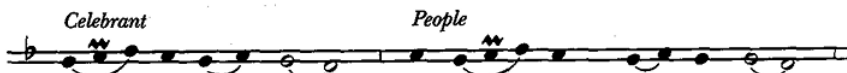
## The Holy Eucharist II

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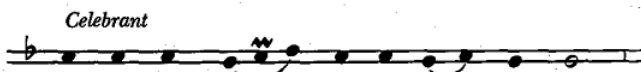
### Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him 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:

*Presider and People*

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” WLP 858**



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.

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*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 593 “Lord, make us servants of your peace”**

*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 530 “Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”** *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**

**“Prelude in D Major”**

**J.K.F. Fischer (1656-1746)**

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		Frankie Danieleley	Nursery Assistant

*Liturgical resources offered by the Diocese of Missouri and the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Patriotic Sing-A-Long**

Tomorrow, July 13th at 6:30pm join us in celebrating the 250th birthday of America with a sing-a-long in the Parish Hall. Kim will accompany our esteemed St. Mark's clipboard players with some patriotic songs. All are welcome.

**Meeting Jesus in Our Neighborhood**

The last date for touring our neighborhood will be Today, July 12<sup>th</sup> after at 11:45. This will be the final meeting, so please feel free to join.

**Isaiah 58 is looking for Volunteers**

Isaiah 58 is currently looking for volunteers both Ongoing and One-time. Some ongoing opportunities include: Personal Shopper, Wednesday Intake, Thursday Clothing Room. Contact Meredith ([meredith@i58ministries.org](mailto:meredith@i58ministries.org)) for more information and to set up a time to check it out.

Some One-Time opportunities include: Lunch and Learn Chefs and Backpack Distribution. You can sign up for backpack distribution here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EAFA72DA4F49-64263356-isaiah#/>

**Isaiah 58 Back to School Donation**

With the beginning of a new school year, Isaiah 58 will be distributing 275 backpacks filled with school supplies appropriate for the grade – school supplies that simply would be unaffordable to many families. This year, St. Mark's is collecting 150 YELLOW HIGHLIGHTERS. We have our plastic bin in the parish hall marked to receive your donations. Please bring your donations of YELLOW HIGHLIGHTERS by Sunday, AUGUST 16.

**Convocation Celebration with Bishop Deon**

Join together with other parishes across the Emery Washington Convocation for a day of fun, learning and fellowship!

Saturday, July 25, 2026 11:00am - 2:00pm

Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood (514 E Argonne)

## ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

*Lector:* Matthew Cashen    *Usher:* Kittie Golomski    *Greeter:* Diane Nienkemper  
*Altar Guild:* Ellen Jeffery    *Livestream:* Scott Thompson    *Crucifer:* Sam Barrett  
*Chalice:* Greg Diekemper/Sam Barrett    *Coffee Hour:* Aaron Santos-Odle

### 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!



**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, 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, Celeste Kocot, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Helen Niemira, 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 Kim Jungermann and Ryan Jeffery and on their anniversaries with Matt and Cari Schroeder and Evan Meyer and Jaime Conley.

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