

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
THE REIGN OF CHRIST AND
CONSECRATION SUNDAY
PROPER 29 YEAR C
NOVEMBER 23, 2025 10:00AM**

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

"My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker"

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

(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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be

saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called:
"The Lord is our righteousness."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn WLP 889 "Blest be the God of Israel" (Canticle 16)



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to



rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to



would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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The Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn 483 "The head that once was crowned with thorns"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

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

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

The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for

our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

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 On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, let us pray for the world and for ourselves, praying, Lord, in your mercy ***"Hear our prayer."***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may discern the meaning of Jesus's dream for our hearts and extend your welcome to people of every race and background;

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

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Carondelet;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop-designate of Canterbury and for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Estacion de Predicacion La Presentacion del Senor in Guarbo;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Laura Borowiak and Amy Borowiak.

We pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of the world, for their enlightenment of justice and peace, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity; we pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza; and we pray that the leaders of this country will legislate for peace and justice, serving the needs of all people; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our nation and those who live in it, for immigrants and refugees, for the victims of injustice, violence, and oppression; and for those who live in fear of violence; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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 all working in public service; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Lord,
in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they may find eternal life in your loving presence,
and for those who grieve; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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 to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,

and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Gratitude Moment-Ellen Jeffery

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

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

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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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 heav'n and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us new people 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

S128 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Mathias

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.

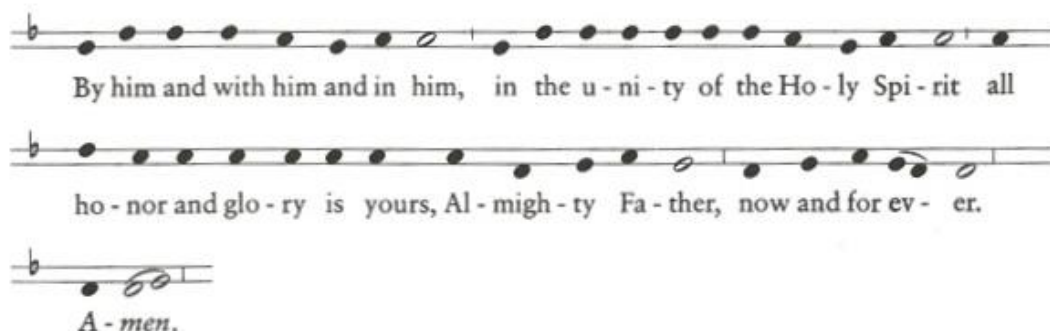
Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved 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.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, 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.



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, Christ our Passover"

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 705 “As those of old their first fruits brought”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing of Pledges for the Mission and Ministry of the Church

Presider All things come from you, O God;

People ***And of your own have we given you.***

Pledges or pledge cards may be brought forward and placed upon the altar or another place of offering.

Presider Let us pray in thanksgiving for all that has been offered and all that will be.

Silence may be kept for a time.

Presider O Giver of every good gift, in your creation we behold the grace of generosity, and in your people, the blessing of gratitude.

People ***For all that we are, and all that we have, we give you thanks and praise.***

Presider You call us to share what we have received—not in measure, but in love; not from duty, but from delight.

People ***Make us joyful stewards of your abundance, that our giving may mirror your boundless grace.***

Presider Bless these pledges, O Holy One, signs of our hope and faithfulness. Bless those who have offered them, and all who labor in your vineyard, seen and unseen.

People ***Bless us and make us faithful partners in the work of your healing and renewal.***

Presider Grant us courage, wisdom, and compassion, that these gifts may strengthen the ministry of this parish/community, feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowful, and proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.

People ***In giving, may we receive your joy; in serving, may we know your peace.***

Presider All this we pray in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God, now and forever.

People ***Amen.***

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the congregation.

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word,

Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. ***Amen.***

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

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 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIE SOCIAL

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR A PIE SOCIAL AND
INGATHERING IN HONOR OF CONSECRATION SUNDAY.

Choir Call



Next week starts the Advent and Christmas Seasons. I'd like to invite anyone who enjoys singing but isn't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis to join us for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and will sing for all the Sundays in Advent as well as the 10:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. If you'd like to sing with us during Advent and/or for Christmas Eve, please be in touch with me (braedeke@aol.com). We would be delighted to have you join us!

FOOD AND SUPPLIES DRIVE

Let's fill our neighbors' cupboards. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the basket in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

Items Our Neighbors Need:

- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Deodorant
- Dish Soap
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Canned goods (pop-top preferred) of vegetables and chili
- Unscented Laundry Detergent
- Cereal
- Spam
- Vienna Sausages
- Chicken Noodle Soup

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please indicate your donation is specifically designated for "food outreach" (this is an option for online giving as well). **All donations will be shared with the ministries at Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End and St. Stephen's in the Vine in Ferguson.**



FEED MY PEOPLE GIVING TREE

St Mark's would like to support Feed My People's Giving Tree program this Christmas. We would provide unwrapped gifts for families to choose for their Christmas gifts. Suggested items include Gift Cards, housewares, blankets, socks, books, dolls, toys, stuffed animals, bedding sets, sports items, teenage items, board games, toy cars, and craft kits. They would prefer items by December 14th so families have time to shop. Thank you so much.

Peace Meal

We need St Mark's volunteers at the Peace Meal at St John's Church on December 13th. We need volunteers for the first afternoon shift for cooking and the 2nd shift to serve and clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please notify Marti Robards or Diane Nienkemper if you would like to help.

MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH

Stick around after worship on November 30th for a special make your own Advent wreath event in the Parish Hall led by Delaney. All are welcome. Supplies are provided.



St. Mark's Annual Christmas Party



The Annual St. Mark's Christmas Party will take place on December 21st 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 Christmas Light Walk down Candy Cane Lane



This year's festive walk will be held on Saturday, December 6th. 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 sign-up 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. For more information, please contact Margaret Hvatum. The sign-up in the Parish Hall.

Coffee Hours in December

Join Delaney+ in December for coffee hours around the neighborhood. Stop by for a few minutes or an hour to spend time together, share what's on your mind, and grow in relationship. Delaney+ will be at the following coffee shops:

Wednesday, December 3 10-11:30am MountainHouse Café

2901 Macklind Ave

Thursday, December 11 10-11:30am Knead Bakehouse + Provisions

3467 S Hampton Ave

Wednesday, December 17 10-11:30am Espresso Yourself Coffee & Café

5351 Devonshire Ave

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Vicki Stegmann *Usher:* Diane Nienkemper *Greeter:* Kittie Golomski
Altar Guild: Jon Danieley *Livestream:* Lucy Daniely
Crucifer: Scott Thompson *Chalice:* Susan Goen/Scott Thompson
Godly Play: Schoenberg *Coffee Hour:* Tom Bradley

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Anderson family, Anne Benson, Yulia Borjte, Steve Chamberlin, Alicia Crowe, Michael Dunnington, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, 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 Shelton, Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, Dominic Walker, Roy Watts, The White Family, Susan Winfrey, The Workman Family, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug and Donna.

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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