

SAINT MARK'S

Order of Service

August 7, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Saint Mark's. Whether this is your first visit or you are a member of long standing, it is a joy to have you join in worship this morning.

If this is your first visit, please take a moment and fill out an information card. You can put the bottom portion in the offering plate.

The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized Christians to receive communion. If receiving communion makes you uncomfortable, please come forward at communion time and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Bathrooms are located in the back of the church, next to the chapel.

Reflections on the Sunday Readings

Central to today's liturgy is the gospel call to live always in expectation of the Lord's return. That stance of waiting enables us to put all other aspects of our lives in the correct order. Material needs become not irrelevant, but secondary to our life in relationship to God in Christ. Jesus calls us to live as though he is at hand. The Eucharist is the repeated foretaste of the coming of the Lord to take us into the kingdom.

We will spend several Sundays reading through the concluding portion of Hebrews. This section deals with the call to faith that we have in Christ. Our forebearers in the faith, especially Abraham and Sarah, are presented as models of this faith, which is described as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen. It is in remembering that God was faithful to our ancestors in faith that we are equipped for our own time of waiting.

The first reading relates God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, old and childless, to give them an heir and produce from them a new people. For the first time, the Scriptures express what will become central to the Gospel proclamation: righteousness depends on faith.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are upheld in our expectation of Jesus' promise to take us into his kingdom by the memory of our mothers and fathers in the faith whose hope was fulfilled by God.

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We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.
Kindly silence all mobile devices.

The Word of God

VOLUNTARY

Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 428 *(standing, sung by all)*

“O all ye works of God, now come”

Irish

F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)

melody from *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1749)

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless
the God we bow before,
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
and praise him evermore.

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

BCP (Book of Common Prayer), p. 355

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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.**



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 1:1,10-20 (*seated*)

Reader The Spirit is speaking.

People **God's people are listening.**

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24 (*seated, said by all*)

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.**
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.**
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.**
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”**

THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16 (seated)

Reader

A reading from The Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 771 (from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*) (standing, sung by all)

“O God of gentle strength”

Patricia B. Clark (1938–2009)

Carlisle

Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

1. O God of gen - tle strength, your
2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have
3. And when life's chal - len - ges e -
4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The

love em - bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness
claimed us as your own. As mem - bers of one
clipse our minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom
path may be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of

of your care my heart rests will - ing - ly.
bod - y, we shall nev - er be a - lone.
spark a flame to drive the dark - ness out.
things un - seen will keep our foot - ing sure.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32–40 *(standing)*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *(seated)*

The Rev. Vicki Zust

THE NICENE CREED *(standing, said by all)*

BCP, p. 358

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 and the Son. 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, FORM III *(standing or kneeling)*

BCP, p. 387

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Wayne our Provisional Bishop; for Vicki our Rector, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Additional petitions for Anglican, Diocesan and parish cycles of prayer may be added here
Additional petitions for parish birthdays, justice and peace, and parish prayer list may be added here

Silence

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *(standing or kneeling)*

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept*
People **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. 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. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant 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 *(standing)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

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

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive contributions for the ministry of Saint Mark's. You can also give electronically at www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/saintmarks or by texting "GIVE" to (614)665-6508.

VOLUNTARY

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676–1749)

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—PRAYER A (*standing*)

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (HYMNAL S-129) (*standing, sung by all*)

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.

The Celebrant continues; the People may stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI (HYMNAL S-163) *(standing or kneeling, sung by all)*

Robert Powell

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers will direct you to the communion rail. You may stand or kneel at the rail. If you need communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

You may receive the bread only or receive the bread and the chalice.

If you are receiving the bread only, please cross your arms over your chest as the chalice comes by.

If you are receiving the chalice, please guide the base of the chalice as you take a sip.

If you are uncomfortable receiving communion, if you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you will receive a blessing.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

VOLUNTARY

Adagio

John Stanley (1712–1786)

COMMUNION HYMN 316 (*seated, sung by all*)

“This is the hour of banquet and of song”

Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)

Canticum refectiois

David McKinley Williams (1887–1978)



1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the



brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.
Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The priest blesses the congregation.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 436 *(standing, sung by all)*

“Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates”

Georg Weissel (1590–1635)

Truro

melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II* (1789)

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain in your pew until the altar party has reached the back of the nave.

You are invited to proceed to the parish hall for coffee hour at any point in the voluntary, keeping in mind that those around you may be remaining in their seats for prayer.

VOLUNTARY

Praeludium

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Mission Statement:

As a Christ-centered community, the people of Saint Mark's seek a world in which all people share the joy of loving God and each other by...

- *Celebrating worship together with inspiring words, music and traditions*
- *Serving all of our neighbors*
- *Engaging in fellowship and hospitality*
- *Encouraging people in their lifelong spiritual formation*
- *Being a beacon of Christ's presence in the world*

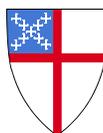
Who We Are:



Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark's held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ's ministry within and beyond our parish.



Saint Mark's is a member of the Episcopal Church in the United States – a community of 2.4 million members in 114 dioceses in the Americas and abroad. *Episcopal* means a church with bishops. Bishops are the leaders of the church and spiritual descendants of the apostles of Jesus Christ. We are also part of the worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of 82 million members in more than 160 countries. *Anglican* are those churches who trace their history to the Church of England.



Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on the journey of the Spirit,
The Episcopal Church welcomes you.