Holy Eucharist
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 4, 2026, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH

WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE: "Eucharistia" Meditation on a plainsong 'Kyrie' …… G. Winston Cassler

Choral Call to Worship: Seek the Lord (S-217:1,2,3)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 525: The Church's One Foundation …….. Aurelia

***OPENING ACCLAMATION* ……. BCP, p. 355**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

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*: S-278 …… BCP, p 356**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: …… Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
    my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
    on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
    and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
    and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
    but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
    and people of Judah,
judge between me
    and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
    that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
    why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
    what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
    and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
    and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
    it shall not be pruned or hoed,
    and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
    that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
    is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
    are his pleasant planting;
He expected justice,
    but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
    but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

***Response*: Thanks be to God**

THE PSALM: ..... **Psalm 80:7-14**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
    you cast out the nations and planted it.
9 You prepared the ground for it; *
    it took root and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
    and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
    and its branches to the River.
12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
    so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
    and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
    preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: ..... Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in

order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 620: Jerusalem, My Happy Home ..... Land of Rest

***GOSPEL*:** ..... **Matthew 21:33-46**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SERMON …… **Fr. RJ**

THE NICENE CREED …….. 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 …….…….. BCP, p 387

The Leader and People Pray Responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Bob, Heather, Sara, Marilyn, Rich, Vonda, Jim, Jane, Gene and Ron.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION …….. BCP, p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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 ……. **BCP, p. 360**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS ..... **BCP, p. 830**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offertory Anthem: Feed My Lambs ..... Natalie Sleeth

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*: Eucharistic Prayer A** ……**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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Celebrant adds a preface

The Celebrant proceeds:

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:

S-130 ..... **Franz Schubert**

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.

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:

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 forever. ***AMEN.***

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

FRACTION ANTHEM S-164 …….. Franz Schubert

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, give us your peace

COMMUNION *All baptized persons are welcome to take communion.*

Please let the Priest know if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.

Communion Music: Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees …….. Spiritual

Bellmaster Karen Violand at Ray's Handbell Tree

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

To Be Said By Those Online and Others Choosing Not to Receive the Sacrament

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving.

I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that You come spiritually into my heart.

I unite myself to You and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Recessional Hymn 518: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation … Westminster Abbey

As the candles are extinguished the people sing:
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Finale in D minor …….. Eric H. Thiman

The Altar Flowers are given today
In celebration of October birthdays by Susie Hines
In celebration of Caroline Burn's birthday
by the Burns family

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, October 6**
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, October 7**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
  6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- **Thursday, October 8**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

- **Monday, October 12**
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Family Room
  3:00 p.m. Book Club
- **Tuesday, October 13**
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, October 14**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
- **Thursday, October 15**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- **Friday, October 16**
  5:30 p.m. Weaver Outdoor Movie Night

October Birthdays

1 W. Robert Morrison
4 Ivy Smith
8 Gail Wetherell Sack
10 RJ Johnson
16 Pat Silagy-Wesson
18 Bobbi Gordon
21 Tom Burns
23 Fred Zollinger
Roberta Zollinger
24 Becs Hostetter
27 Taylor Heinzman

October Anniversaries

1 David and Christy Thorley
5 Chuck and Karen Violand
16 Derek and Emily Gordon

Servers This Sunday, October 4

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Mike Adams
Lector: Doug Carey
10:00 a.m. Carol Hayn, Mike Adams
Lector: Julie Werren
Acolytes: Ryan Holihan, Pat Wilson
Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren
Altar Guild: Bobbi Gordon, Kathy Wise
Streamer: John Wise

Servers Next Sunday, October 11

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Paul Sack
10:00 a.m. Judy Hixon, Tom Turner
Acolytes: Karen Violand, Joe Hoot
Ushers: Gary Mull, Kent Clark
Altar Guild: Bobbi Gordon, Kathy Wise
Streamer: Geoff Gordon

PRAYER CONCERNS

Have compassion on: Bob Morrison, Heather Thomas, Sara Strattan, Marilyn Thorp, Rich Tirpak, Vonda Temelkoff, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brookes, Gene Little, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Family & Friends: Jim Miller (Barb Whitehouse) **+ Rachel Murphy** (friend of the Kovacevichs & Wises) **+ Tom Phister & Terry Phister** (Marcia Kiesling's father & uncle) **+ Alison** (friend of the Willoughbys) **+ Bill Malsch** (cousin of Jim Weaver) **+ Betty Williamson, John, & David** (cousin of Mark, brother of Kim, & friend of the Nadels) **+ Richie & Char** (Florida friends of the Kieslings) **+ Lesley & Trish** (friends of Paulette Frech) **+ Clifton McAuley** (friend of Chris Arnold & Katie Cerrone) **+ Christen Rian** (niece of Kathy Wise) **+ Deb Bester & Karen McVehil** (friends of the Mulls) **+ Gordy** (Christy Revoldt's grandson) **+ Ryan Brahler & Heather** (friends of Derek Gordon) **+ Bruce Redmon, & Jan Taylor Troche, & Mary Hunter** (cousins & friend of Leslie Redmon) **+ Bob Timken, & Linda Morrow** (friends of the Boyds) **+ Mark Eldrige family & Hannah Smith** (friends of the Pelgers) **+ Max Barton, Christine Osterman, & Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) **+ Kathleen** (acquaintance of Sara Strattan) **+ Clarice Lough** (friend of the Watters) **+ Robert "Dink" Heinzman** (Todd's dad) **+ Father Jon Conventry** (Trinity Episcopal Church, Alliance) **+ Jimmy Little** (son of Sue Little) **+ Tom** (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) **+ Gail & Judy Shumway** (sister-in-law & friend of the Rands) **+ Linda Gibson & Rick Ciminelli Family** (sister & friend of the Gordons) **+ Janet Sheatzley-Morgan** (sister of Barb Siegfried) **+ Finnigan Savage** (friend of Pam McCarthy) **+ Those in the Armed Forces.**

Prayer Chain

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.

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