Holy Eucharist
The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 25, 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: Plein Jeu ……. Francois Couperin
Recit de Chromhorne
Choral Call to Worship: Seek the Lord (S-217:1,2,3)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 680: O God, Our Help in Ages Past …….. St. Anne

***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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: …… Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM: …… Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING: …… 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 602: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ..... Chereponi

***GOSPEL*: ..... Matthew 22:34-46**

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah ..... Gordon Young

Presentation Hymn: 380 (vs. 3) …… Old 100th

***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: Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus …….. Johann Schop

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 707: Take My Life and Let It Be …….. Hollingside

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: Caprice sur les grands jeux ..... Louis-Nicholas Clerambault

The Holidays Are Rapidly Approaching

It is time to think of assisting needy families with a turkey and a food voucher for Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown, led by our sister church, St. Paul's. About 1000 families will be signing up for assistance. There are several churches and organizations who help with the food, and they need our help, too. Please donate to this worthy project of helping families dine together on Thanksgiving Day: Please add "Thanksgiving Baskets" to the memo line on your check so that it will be properly credited. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas is coming. We'll let you know as soon as it is decided how many families we will be adopting. We will need volunteers to shop for the requested items. Stay tuned.



Please Assist Altar Guild

We use large cans to send flowers home each week. Often the cans are returned to be reused, but not always. We are now nearly out of cans and would appreciate any that you might be able to give.

Specifically, we are looking for chicken or beef broth cans — 48 or 49.5 ounces depending on the manufacturer — 46-ounce pineapple juice cans, or any other cans of similar size.

Thank you,

Alter Guild

Bob's and Bruce's Music Notes

Composers often give organists registration ideas - lists of specific stops they would like the performer to use when playing their pieces. Today's voluntaries from the French Baroque also have these stipulations, except the registrations are not given as a list of stops, but denoted through their titles. In the Plein Jeu we hear the principal chorus with bright sparking mixtures and a 16' stopped flute to add a bit of gravitas. The grands jeux of the *Caprice* has no mixtures, but flutes, diapasons, cornets and reed stops - fiery Trompettes and Clarions

"O God, Our Help" comes from Psalm 90: ("Lord, thou hast been our refuge from generation..._") in Isaac Watts' "The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament," published in 1719, in which Watts paraphrased all but a few of the Psalms he felt were unsuited for Christian worship. Watts wrote "Our God, our help in ages past," but John Wesley thought this was too personal and changed it to "O God..." The tune is named for St. Anne's Church in Soho, where composer Croft was organist, and this theme has appeared in numerous works by Bach, Handel, and others. It is hard to imagine a more stately utterance of God's Providence.

"Jesu, Jesu" was the work of missionary Tom Colvin of the Iona Community, a Christian organization for peace and justice in Africa. The tune comes from Ghana and is a statement of fruitful Christian service. The tune's name, Chereponi, comes from a northern Ghana town where this popular hymn was written.

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" was the work of Frances R. Havergal, who wrote, on February 4, 1874, that there were ten people in her house, some unconverted, some nominal Christians, and she prayed, through this hymn, that they all would receive a spiritual blessing - which they did, which caused Miss Havergal to lose sleep in rejoicing. The tune in our book is another one by Dykes, of "Holy, Holy, Holy" fame. He was a church organist at age ten, took holy orders and was an advocate for high church reforms, which his bishop did not appreciate. In an omitted stanza, Miss Havergal wrote, "take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold," and she was as good as her word, giving her jewelry away!

Today's anthem is by the prolific Gordon Young, who was a pupil of Alexander McCurdy. Bob heard him in a music reading workshop in Pittsburgh. The day was hot and he suddenly broke into his composition "Prelude in Classic Style" which woke everybody up. In today's masterpiece he has taken the familiar text and written an original melody which is then done as a canon, and then, finally, turned into the major key. This is the secret of great writing: to do ingenious innovations on a little material rather than just write new notes.

The Altar Flowers are given today
In memory of our parents by Fred & Bobbi Zollinger

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, October 26**
  1:00 p.m. Knitting Family Room
- **Tuesday, October 27**
  1:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, October 28**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
- **Thursday, October 29**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

- **Tuesday, November 3**
  Election Day
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, November 4**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
  6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- **Thursday, November 5**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Servers This Sunday, October 25

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Paul Sack
10:00 a.m. Carol Hayn, Derek Gordon
Acolytes: Karen Violand, Joe Hoot
Ushers: Gary Giammarco, Kirk Bletsacker
Altar Guild: Bobbi Gordon, Kathy Wise
Streamer: Mike Adams

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 Next Sunday, November 1

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Derek Gordon
Lector: Doug Carey
10:00 a.m. Judy Hixon, Bruce Hixon
Lector: Julie Werren
Acolytes: Brynn Pelger, Ryan Holihan
Ushers: Kent Clark, Mike Adams
Altar Guild: Linda Deuble, Kathy Sloan
Streamer: John Wise

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.

For those who have died: Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (sister of Barb Siegfried)

Family & Friends: Liz (neighbor of Cindy Brown) **+ 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) **+ Phyllis, Katie, 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) **+ Daryl Revoldt & Gordy** (the 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) **+ 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 & friends of the Gordons) **+ 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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