Holy Eucharist
The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 27, 2026, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH

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

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

PRELUDE: Hymn Medley

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 411: O Bless the Lord, My Soul ..... St. Thomas (Williams)

***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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: …… Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM: …… **Psalm 25:1-8**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

SECOND READING: ……. Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 551: Rise Up, Ye Saints of God ..... Festal Song

***GOSPEL*:** ..... **Matthew 21:23-32**

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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 Heather, Sara, Patrick, Marilyn, Rich, Vonda, Jim, Jane, Gene and Ron.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Carrie Helaney Mucci and 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: Spirit Song ..... John Wimber
St. Marks Jubilate Deo singers

***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 690: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah …… Cwm Rhondda

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.**



Mark Your Calendar for the Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 4th at 3:00 pm in the Betty Fortney Chapel

Gather your pups, kittens, and all your family critters, and bring them to the outdoor chapel for the annual Blessing of the Animals.

Our pets bring so much love, joy, and fun into our families, and this is a special day to give thanks, remembrance, and prayer for these special family members.

Dress them in their Sunday best! The procession will begin at 3:00, and all barkers, meowers, quackers, and squawkers are welcome!



Bob's Music Notes

"O Bless the Lord" was by Scottish poet James Montgomery, who published eleven volumes of poetry and some four hundred hymns. He was passionate about missions, abolition, the plight of boy chimney sweeps, and he published a newspaper that got him briefly imprisoned for his strong views. This great hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 103. The tune was the work of singing teacher and music engraver Aaron Williams - a good combination of words and music.

"Rise Up, Ye Saints of God" was authored by Merrill, a popular preacher at the NY Brick Presbyterian Church, who preached a sermon in 1914 on "The Making of Peace," which Andrew Carnegie called the greatest sermon he had ever heard on this subject. "Festal Song" came from the pen of William Henry Walter, NY Episcopal musican wth some forty-three hymns to his credit.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" was authored by William Williams, popular Welsh Methodist preacher and hymnist, translated by one Peter Williams (no relation), who was converted under the preaching of Whitefield. "Cwm Rhondda" was composed by organist Peter Hughes, who wrote if for the organ dedication of a chapel in Rhondda Valley, and is his best-known work.

"Spirit Song: is the work, words and music, of charismatic preacher Wilmber (d. 1997), whose views of the Holy Spirit have been challenged, but the beauty of this hymn is his lasting legacy.

"Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees" is the product of West African slave culture brought to South Carolina and is considered an anthem of the Underground Railroad. It is the ideal Communion hymn with its reference to kneeling as we receive the Eucharist.



The Altar Flowers are given today

In memory of Carrie Helaney Mucci

by Pat Silagy-Wesson

In celebration of Emily Gordon's birthday

By Geoff and Bobbi Gordon

In celebration of our Anniversary

Dave and Christy Thorley

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, September 28**
  1:00 p.m. Knitting Family Room
- **Tuesday, September 29**
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, September 30**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
- **Thursday, October 1**
  No Bible Study Today



- **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

September Birthday

29 Emily Gordon

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, September 27

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Paul Sack
10:00 a.m. Anne Coen, Bruce Schutrum
Acolytes: Karen Violand, Brynn Pelger
Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise
Altar Guild: Carol Popovich, Susie Hines
Streamer: Mike Adams

Servers Next Sunday, October 4

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Sara Strattan
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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Have compassion on: Heather Thomas, Sara Strattan, Patrick Watters, 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) **+ Irina Chernikova & Clifton McAuley** (friends 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) **+ Becky, Ric Mason, 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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