Holy Eucharist
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 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 HYMN: Préambule …… Louis Vierne

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 61: "Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us …..... Wachet auf

***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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: …… Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM: ……..…… Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: ……..…… 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 68: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers …….…… Llangloffan

***GOSPEL*: ..... Matthew 25:1-13**

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

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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, 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: Sing a New Song ……..…….. Stan Pethel

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: PARTITA on I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table.....Thomas Canning

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 436: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates ……..…….. Truro

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: Fanfare ……..…… R. Mark Otterstad

Bob and Bruce's Music Notes

Registration for Vierne's Préambule requires what the French call "the fonds" - a quartet of unison ranks that produce a broad rich sound - diapason, stopped flute, open harmonic flute and a string on the Grand Orgue (Great Organ) and the same stops on the Recit (Swell Organ) with the addition of the Hautbois or oboe stop. Imagine this sound in the acoustic of Notre-Dame de Paris where he was titular for 37 years.

""Sleepers, Wake" along with "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" are considered the King and Queen of chorales by Philipp Nicolai, German pastor and poet. Today's hymn is based on Matthew's account of the ten virgins awaiting the bridegroom's arrival. Nicolai also adds Bible phrases from other sources. This chorale has inspired numerous settings, the most famous of which is by Bach.

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" was by Laurentius, cathedral cantor in Bremen and is considered a major figure in hymnology. It is another rendition of the familiar story. The Welsh tune Llangloffan is named for a village in Wales.

"Lift Up Your Heads" is another of Catherine Winkworth's translations from the German. It boasts a tune from 1789
and its melodic line with the ascending melody reflects the words of "lifting up". A lovely paraphrase of Psalm 24.



The Altar Flowers are given today

In celebration of Mike & Pat's anniversary by Pat Silagy-Wesson

In celebration of Edward Burn's birthday by the Burns family

In celebration of Giada's and Lindsy's birthdays

by Kathy and John Wise

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, November 9**
  1:00 p.m. Knitting Family Room
  3:00 p.m. Book Club
- **Tuesday, November 10**
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, November 11**
  Veterans Day
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
- **Thursday, November 12**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

- **Monday, November 16**
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Undercroft
- **Tuesday, November 17**
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, November 18**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
  6:00 p.m. MOD Squad
- **Thursday, November 19**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Servers This Sunday, November 8

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Sara Strattan
10:00 a.m. Kim Nadel, Mark Nadel
Acolytes: Pat Wilson, Brynn Pelger
Ushers: John Willoughby, Gary Mull
Altar Guild: Linda Deuble, Kathy Sloan
Streamer: Joe Hoot

November Birthdays

1 Giada Argenti
3 Lindsy Argenti
Lindsy Wise
5 Mandy Pelger
6 Susan Hostetler
7 Zachary Clark
23 Nathaniel Clark
25 Beth Crowl
Nora Smith
26 Pat Julian
27 Kent Clark
28 Fletcher Clark
30 Sandy Turner

November Anniversaries

21 Dave and Marcia Kiesling
21 Gary and Livvy Mull
27 Ted and Cricket Boyd

Servers Next Sunday, November 15

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Paul Sack
10:00 a.m. Bruce Schutrum,
Tony Kovacevich
Acolyte: Ryan Holihan
Ushers: Richard Crowl, Wayne Paradis
Altar Guild: Linda Deuble, Kathy Sloan
Streamer: Geoff Gordon

PRAYER CONCERNS

Have compassion on: Bob Morrison, Heather Thomas, 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) **+ Jan Taylor Troche** (cousin 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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POINSETTIAS



Would you like to contribute a poinsettia for the St. Mark's Christmas Eve Service?

Your Poinsettia will adorn the Alter to help beautify our service.

Name: _____

Dedication: Please indicate how you would like your dedication to read. "In memory of" "In celebration of" or otherwise.

1. **_____**
2. **_____**
3. **_____**
4. **_____**

Plants are $20.00 each. Cash or check -payable to: St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Form And payment may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office by November 25th.

Number of plants ordered _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service you attend.

Will you be taking your plant after the service? _____ Yes _____ No

Thank you,
Linda Deuble
Alter Guild/Flowers