Holy Eucharist
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**
November 15, 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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise …… John Carter**

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ……. St. Denio**

***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***

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING: …… Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God!
    For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
    he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
    and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
    those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
    nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
    and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
    they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
    they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
    near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
    the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
    a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
    a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
    a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
    and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
    that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

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

***THE PSALM:* …….. Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**SECOND READING: ……. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*The Word of the Lord.*

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

**Gospel Hymn 632: Oh Christ the Word Incarnate …… Munich**

***GOSPEL*****:** ..... **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and

gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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: King of Glory, King of Peace …….. George Herbert**
**Music by David Charles Walker**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*: Eucharistic Prayer A** ……**BCP, p. 361**

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| *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:

**(Sung) 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. (X3 Sung)***

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: Communion in E …….. William Faulkes**

**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 551: Rise Up, Ye Saints of God …….. Festal Song**

**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: Festival Praise …… Robert J. Powell**

**Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on the third Tuesday of November and December because of the holidays. We will be at Benders Tavern, downtown Canton.**

**Tuesday November 17 at 1:00**

**Tuesday December 15 at 1:00**

*** Please RSVP to Sue Little at 330-704-4501**

# A Community Christmas of Stark County (ACC)

**For more than 60 years, ACC has provided food and Christmas gifts to local families. It costs approximately $500 to sponsor a family. In 2025, ACC helped more than 3,300 individuals, including 1,900 children. St. Mark's members also help shop for and wrap gifts for the families we sponsor.**



# Bob's Music Notes

"Immortal, Invisible" was written by Free Church of Scotland minister Walter Chalmers Smith, with a tune derived from a Welsh source. It uses the 5th, 3rd, and 1st notes of the major scale, which makes for a strong melodic line. The fact that God is invisible harks back to Paul's sermon in Acts, where he pointed out that idols are not worshipful, but the true God is, as the hymn states, "invisible." One of our most popular hymns.

"O Word of God Incarnate" was the work of Anglican Bishop How, known as "the children's Bishop" for his charismatic preaching. He was also a botanist and supporter of charitable causes. He wrote the hymn "For All the Saints/"

Felix Mendelssohn adapted the tune from a 1693 source, which he used in his oratorio "Elijah" with great effect. Remember that Jesus is the "Word," as we read in the opening verses of John, the Word which became flesh and dwelt among us.

"Rise Up" started life as "Rise Up, O Men of God," but the hymnal editors wanted to include the fair sex as well, and it was authored by William Pierson Merrill, a pacifist and pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church in NYC. Andrew Carnegie heard him preach on the subject of peace and declared it was the best sermon he had ever heard. "Festal Song" was composed by William Henry Walker, organist st three of NYC's most prestigious churches.



# The Altar Flowers are given today

## In celebration of Anna Grace Willoughby's 22nd birthday by Jory and John Willoughby

### Upcoming Events

- **Monday, November 16**
  1:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Undercroft
- **Tuesday, November 17**
- 1:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch Benders
  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

- **Monday, November 23**
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Family Room
- **Tuesday, November 24**
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, November 25**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
- **Thursday, November 26**
  Thanksgiving Day

### November Birthdays

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| 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

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

**Servers This Sunday, November 15**

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

**Servers Next Sunday, November 22**

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Sara Strattan
10:00 a.m. Kim Nadel, Mark Nadel
Acolyte: Joe Hoot, Karen Violand
Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise
Altar Guild: Linda Deuble, Kathy Sloan
Streamer: Mike Adams

# 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: Mary Beth** (daughter-in-law of the Kieslings) **+ 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.*



# POINSETTIAS



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

**Your Poinsettia will adorn the Altar 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**