Holy Eucharist
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 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: Liturgical Prelude II ……. George Oldroyd

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 410: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven ..... **Lauda Anima**

***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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: …… Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM: **…… Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING: ……. Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 339: Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness ..... Schmücke Dich

GOSPEL**:** ..... **Matthew 22:1-14**

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 Janet Sheatzley-Morgan and Lori Boone Miller 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: A Time for All Things ..... Douglas E. Wagner
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: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling ……. Will L. Thompson

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 490: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light …… Houston

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 …… Henry Purcell

Bob and Bruce's Music Notes

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" was authored by Lyte, best known for "Abide With Me." The tune was by Goss, organist of St. Paul's and music professor at the Royal Academy. It is hard to imagine a more stately processional than this. Elizabeth II used it for her wedding march. And this is one hymn which changes harmony in each stanza - a true gem.

"Deck Thyself" is a collaboration between Johann Franck and Cruger, which invites us to "dress up!" Time to meet God! And the garment we are to wear is gladness. Franck was both a politician (mayor) and a poet. Cruger edited the most popular Lutheran hymnal of the 17th century. Bach wrote versions of this masterpiece.

"I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light" was penned by Kathleen Thomerson in 1966 after a significant service at the Church of the Redeemer in Houston, hence the tune name. She was a Fellow of the Organ Guild and studied with Flor Peetes in Antwerp and Jean Langlais in Paris, a highly distinguished musician.

George Oldroyd was an English organist, composer of organ and choral music and a teacher of Anglican music. Today's prelude is the second in his *Three Liturgical Preludes for Organ* written in 1938. This piece features the Violes Celeste II, the stoppered Holgedeckt and the Concert Flute.



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

Sunday School Outreach Update

Well, with the Summer and Back To School events behind us, the Youth Group and Sunday School were able to gather on Sunday, October 4. Six kids worked very diligently to assemble 441 Hygiene Kits, which consisted of a washcloth and an anti-bacterial bar of soap.

Father RJ blessed our young parish, the kits, and those who will receive them at Hope Outreach Ministries. Gary Mull delivered them to Pastor Marilyn who is always so appreciative.

Thank you to all those who donate the materials, checks, and cash so this especially needed ministry can continue.

~Beth Bletzacker, Sunday School Outreach Coordinator

Year 2025: 2,800 kits
Year 2026: 1,543 kits and growing!



The Altar Flowers are given today
In thanksgiving for the wonderful people of St. Marks
In loving memory of Lori Boone Miller
by Bruce & Judy Hixon

Upcoming Events

- **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

- **Tuesday, October 20**
  3:00 p.m. Weaver P/T Conferences
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, October 21**
  3:00 p.m. Weaver P/T Conferences
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
- **Thursday, October 22**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

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 11

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

Servers Next Sunday, October 18

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Sara Strattan
10:00 a.m. Judy Hixon, Bruce Hixon
Acolytes: Pat Wilson, Ryan Holihan
Ushers: Bill Rand, Derek Gordon
Altar Guild: Bobbi Gordon, Kathy Wise
Streamer: Joe Hoot

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) **+ 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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