

Holy Eucharist  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
November 12, 2023

**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 are glad you are here.*

Prelude: Medley of Today's Hymns

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

Processional Hymn 460: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (st 1-4).....Hyfrydol

Opening Acclamation

*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

**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*  
*People*  
*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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**

Solo: By and By.....Spiritual / Burleigh

Ken Jaeb, baritone

### **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 324: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.....Picardy

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

*Priest* 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."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily (Please be seated)

Fr. RJ

*THE NICENE CREED (Please Stand as You Are Able)*

**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 VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble especially Vonda, Henry, Jim, Jane, Ron;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Anne, our bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hear Us Lord.  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Remembering especially Ian Taylor, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please remain in your place and greet one another with a non-contact greeting.*

#### PARISH NOTICES

##### PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

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: On Jordan's Stormy Banks.....Stennet/Folk Melody

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

The celebrant adds a proper 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, (x2)***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. (x2)***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. (x2)***

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 for ever.  
**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*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*COMMUNION*      *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

Communion Music: Excerpts from Water Music.....G. F. Handel  
The Ron Hill synthesized harpsichord

#### *PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*

*To Be Said By Those Online and Other 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.....Truro

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **ALTAR GUILD DEDICATIONS**

In Memory of Sgt. Obs. Ian Taylor RCAF - Leslie Redmon

In Celebration of Anna Grace Willoughby - John and Tory Willoughby

## **BOB'S MUSIC NOTES**

"By and By" was edited by black singer Harry Burleigh, who was taught voice by his freed-slave grandfather. The mother of composer Edward MacDowell took a shine to Burleigh and saw to it that he got a scholarship to the prestigious National Conservatory in NYC headed, at the time, by Anton Dvorak, who heard young Burleigh (age 26) singing as he cleaned hallways in the conservatory. So intrigued was Dvorak that he wrote "In the Negro melodies of America I discover all that is needed for a great and noble school of music." The "Going Home" theme is attributed to Burleigh. At a time when no blacks were permitted in NY churches, Burleigh applied to St. George Episcopal as their soloist and was confirmed by the single vote of vestryman J. P. Morgan. Burleigh served there for 52 years as well as at Temple Emanu-El.

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" was written by Wm. Chatterton Dix for an Ascension Day service and, unlike many hymn-writers who were clergy, Dix was an insurance agent for a marine firm. Tune writer Prichard, a Welsh musician, wrote a book of children's songs which included "Hyfrydol" - his most famous work. In Welsh, Hyfrydol means "delightful, pleasant, agreeable."

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" is based on Habakkuk 2:30 "Let the earth keep silence before him." The text echoes the Greek liturgy of St. James and Ralph Vaughan Williams took an interest in this haunting tune which originated in the Picardy area of France, hence the tune name. But this admonition should be ignored when it's time to lift our voices in praise!

"Lift Up Your Heads" was penned by German Lutheran pastor Georg Weissel for the opening of a church in 1623. Translator Catherine Winkworth is responsible for our knowledge of German hymns. There are ten of her writings in our book. Tune "Truro" dates from 1789, harmonized by America's first notable music educator, Lowell Mason.

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks" started life by London Baptist pastor Stennett, who was a friend of George III. It pictures a pilgrim about to cross the Jordan to Canaan where no chilling winds or poisonous breath is to be found. "Who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land."

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, November 13:

Knitting, 1 p.m.

Book Club, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15:

Evening Prayer, Zoom, at 4 p.m.

Men Out Dining will be meeting at Tim's Tavern at 6 p.m.

*Please email or text Joe Hoot by Monday, November 13, if you plan to attend:*

joe24Hoot@gmail.com or text 330-232-0469

## **November Birthdays**

3 Lindsay Wise

5 Mandy Pelger

7 Zachary Clark

23 Nathaniel Clark

25 Beth Crawl, Nora Smith

27 Kent Clark

28 Fletcher Clark

30 Sandy Turner

## **November Anniversaries**

21 Dave and Marcia Kiesling, Gary and Livvy Mull

## **Servers this Sunday, November 12:**

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Mark and Kim Nadel

Acolyte: Danny Holihan

Ushers: John Willoughby, Kent Clark

Altar Guild: Diana Cornell, Paulette Frech, Susie Hines

## **Servers next Sunday, November 19:**

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Tom Turner, Pam McCarthy

Acolyte: Joe Hoot

Ushers: Bill Rand, Derek Gordon

Altar Guild: Diana Cornell, Paulette Frech, Susie Hines

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, & Ron Brookes

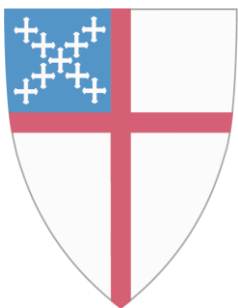
**Family and Friends:** Nori Shawk (Friend of Brynn Pelger); Heidi Hoekstra (friend of Father RJ); Alison and Johnny Willoughby (friends & grandson of the Willoughbys); Middle East & Heather Armington (request & friend of the Watters); Jane King; Paul Kit's family (son of Maxine Kit); Lee, Theresa, & Addelyn (friends of the Hixons); Don Siegfried; Darin Hill (friend of Derek & Emily Gordon); Elaine Campbell (friend of the Turners); Sammy (friend of Leslie Redmon); Bob Rownd (friend of John Werren & Anne Coen); Judy Heisser-Turner (sister of Bert Heisser); Melanie & Trish (friends of Paulette Frech); Broden Burt (Son of Ben and grandson of Chris & Carol Burt); Pam Lagodich & Bill Allen (friends of the Mulls); Pat Walter & family (friend of Barb Whitehouse); Don Martin & Mark Osterhage (classmate & neighbor of the Watters); Alycia Geis (Karen Violand's friend's daughter); Michelle Graber (Bobbi Gordon family/friend); Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (sister of Barb Siegfried); DaNay Jackson (friend of Ron Brookes); Allison Cornell-Hood, Jody Serentsis, & Anne Higgins (daughter & friends of Diane Cornell); Finnigan Savage (friend of Pam McCarthy); Lynnda Hoefler & Jimmy Little (friend & son of Sue Little); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Tony Donahue (friend of the Boyds); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (acquaintance of the Nadel's).

For those who have died.

For 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](mailto: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 or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*



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