

*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: Medley of Today's Hymns**

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

**OPENING HYMN 416:** For the Beauty of the Earth..... **Lucerna Laudoniae**

**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:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING:..... Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

**Response:        Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM..... Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;  
7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Solo: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name .....Patrick Julian, trumpet**

**SECOND READING ..... Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN 458: My Song Is Love Unknown (st 1, 2, 6, 7)**

**GOSPEL:** ..... **Mark 10:2-16**

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** ..... **Fr. RJ**

**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 IV.....BCP, p 388**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal Ten, Vonda, Jim, Jane, Ron, and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**CONFESSIO 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 Anthem: Spirit Song..... John Wimber**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** The Doxology (Hymn 380, St 3)

**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

*the Celebrant adds a preface and then proceeds:*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.**

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.*

### **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 495: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus..... In Babilone

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.

*Altar Flowers Today*  
*In Memory of our Parents - Fred and Bobbi Zollinger*

## ***Bob's Music Notes***

Patrick Julian and his wife Beth are not only valued members of our choir but are contributing their respective talents for our edification.



"For the Beauty of the Earth" was authored by F. S. Pierpont who, at age 29, sat on a hilltop near his home in Bath, England and was so impressed with the winding Avon River and the natural beauty of the scene that he wrote this text. Composer David Evans was a major Welsh music scholar, professor at the University College of Cardiff, and a judge of music festivals. The tune "Dix" is also used with this hymn.

"My Song Is Love Unknown" came from the pen of Samuel Crossman (b. 1623). He is buried in the Cathedral of Bristol where he was Dean. His elegant language describing "love" is one of the treasures of our hymnal. Musician John Ireland is best known for the cantata "The Holy Boy," a setting of Masefield's *Sea Fever*, a piano concerto, and this exquisite hymn tune.

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" was written by two British Methodists, John Bakewell and Martin Madan, the latter a close relative of William Cowper. The vigorous tune was derived from a 1710 Dutch hymnal.

"Spirit Song" is the legacy of John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship, written in 1979, twenty years before his death

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, October 6

3 pm - Blessing of the Animals

### Wednesday, October 9

4 pm - Evening Prayer, Zoom

6 pm- Mod Squad, Bender's Tavern

### Wednesday, October 16

4 pm – Evening Prayer, Zoom

5:30 pm – Stewardship Dinner

### Thursday, October 24

5:30 pm – Stewardship Dinner

## 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

Bobbi Zollinger

24 Becs Hostetter

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 David and Christy Thorley

5 Chuck and Karen Violand

16 Derek and Emily Gordon



### Servers this Sunday, October 6:

#### Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Sara Strattan

10 am: Tom Turner, Pam McCarthy

Acolyte: Danny Holihan

Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren

Altar Guild: Bobbie Gordon, Susie Hines

### Servers next Sunday, October 13:

#### Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Paul Sack

10 am: Bruce Hixon, Judy Hixon

Lector: Colin Jenkins

Acolyte: Colin Jenkins, Karen Violand

Ushers: John Willoughby, Gary Mull

Altar Guild: Bobbie Gordon, Susie Hines



### PRAYER CONCERNS

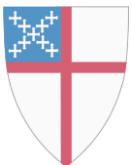
**Have compassion on:** Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**For those who have died: Jesse Childers**

**Family & Friends:** Ingrid (friend of Sue Little) + **Greg, Debbie, & Victoria Swinehart and Richard Flohr** (family of Frances Swinehart) + **Patti & Jack Freeder and Kim Milinkovich** (former members of St. Marks) + **Johnny Willoughby & Alison** (grandson & friend of the Willoughbys) + **Jane McBride** (mother of Beth Crowl) + **Joel Harris** (friend of Derek & Emily Gordon) + **Tom** (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) + **Gail & Jody Shumway** (sister-in-law of Bec & Bill & co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) + **Dr. Mallamaci** (acquaintance of Bobbi Zollinger) + **Kirk Schuring, Jolonda Mull & Pam Lagodich** (sister-in-law & friend of the Mulls) + **Earl Hoot** (father of Joe Hoot) + **Scott Jones, Rick Ciminelli, Harold Freedman, & Tim Swihart** (cousin & friend of the Gordons) + **Larry Aclaska & Judy Heisser-Turner** (acquaintance & sister of Bert Heisser) + **Lee, Theresa, & Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) + **Clarice Lough & Mark Osterhage** (friend of the Watters) + **Elaine Campbell** (friend of the Turners) + **Sammy Coates** (friend of Leslie Redmon) + **Melanie & Trish** (friends of Paulette Frech) + **Pat Walter & family** (friend of Barb Whitehouse) + **Alycia Geis** (Karen Violand's friend's daughter) + **Don & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan** (husband & sister of Barb Siegfried) + **Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins** (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) + **Finnigan Savage** (friend of Pam McCarthy) + **Yanette Pysher** (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin) + **Tony Donahue** (friend of the Boyds) + **David** (acquaintance of the Nadels) + **Fr. Jon Coventry** (Trinity, Alliance) + **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 on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*



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