Holy Eucharist
23rd Sunday after Pentecost/All Saint's Sunday
November 1, 2026, at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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: Shall We Gather At the River …… Dale Wood

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

Processional Hymn 287: **For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest ... Sine Nomine**
(stz. 1-4)

OPENING ACCLAMATION …… BCP, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

All Saints Prayers

Leader: God of the past,
All **on this feast of All Saints we remember before you, with thanks, the lives of those saints who have gone before us**:

the great leaders and thinkers, those who have died for their faith, those whose goodness transformed all they did, and those who have been saints to us, especially those who we come forward to name and light candles to continue to share their light.

Give us grace to continue their work.
God of love, grant our prayer.
God of the present, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you the living saints in our own lives,
giving thanks for them and for all they mean to us.
With their example before us, we pray for those who grieve and for all who suffer throughout the world: for the hungry, the sick, the unemployed and the destitute, those who serve in the armed forces, and the victims of violence and persecution.
God of love, grant our prayer.
God of the future, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you the newest generation of your saints, and pray for the future of the church and for all who nurture and encourage faith.
We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises in the name of Jesus Christ;
we pledge to follow their example to the best of our ability:
to feed the poor in body and spirit;

to support and comfort the suffering, the sorrowful, and those who ask for forgiveness;
to encourage the meek and stand with them;
to affirm those who hunger and thirst for your righteousness;
to cherish and learn from the merciful;
to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.
We ask you to help us see that we are called to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength
but simply by your love and grace, made known to us through your Son, Jesus, our Savior and our Lord. Amen!

The people are invited to come forward to light a votive candle in memory of departed saints

Lighting of Memorial Candles..... **Largo (Handel)**
Sally Little, piano, with organ

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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING:…… Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM…… Psalm 34:1-10,22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING ..... 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 623: **O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be …….. O quanta qualia**

GOSPEL: ……..... **Matthew 5:1-12**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 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 Bob, Heather, Rich, Gene, 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 Ernest and Arlene Popelka and 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.

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 Anthem: Shall We Gather At the River ..... Robert Lowry

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 Music: Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus ..... Johann Schop
Bellmaster Karen Violand at Ray's Handbell Tree

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 293: I Sing A Song of the Saints Of God ..... Grand Isle

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 ……..…… Kenneth Leighton



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

Bob's and Bruce's Music Notes

"Gather with the saints by the river....." are words from the hymn written by Robert Lowry, a Baptist minister, who became one of the most popular writers of Gospel tunes. Our prelude today is based on his piece which will be our offertory anthem. Dale Wood's registration for our voluntary calls for softer stops, which on our organ will include the lovely choir Kleiner-Erzhäler II, a two-rank stop of Gemshorn-like pipes (the front row of tapered pipes in the Antiphonal organ) with one rank tuned slightly sharp to the other rank for a gentle undulation. There are six sets - twelve ranks! - of undulating stops on the St. Mark's organ, from the broad Viola Pomposa/Celeste to the very delicate Unda Maris.

"For All the Saints" was authored by William Walsham How, known as "the Poor Man's Bishop" for his work in the East London slums. The stately tune "Sarum" accompanied this text for some time, until Vaughan Williams introduced "Sine Nomine" ("no name"), which has since become the standard tune.

"O What Their Joy" reminds one of that Scripture text that says, "eye hath not seen... the things that God has prepared for those that love him." Peter Abelard wrote the text, although he was accused of heresy, but his writings remained popular with translations by Neale, who, though in poor health, was a most productive writer. The lovely "O Quanta Qualia" is one of our hymnals' gems written by Abelard/

"I Sing A Song of the Saints of God" is a delight in every way, written by Mrs. Scott for her children in a book she illustrated. A relative of the Hopkins family who wrote "We Three Kings" composed Grand Isle for this text, based on a vacation home on Lake Champlain.



The Altar Flowers are given today
In memory of Ernest and Arlene Popelka
by Bruce and Judy Hixon
In celebration of Giada's and Lindsy's birthday

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, November 3**
  Election Day
  7:00 p.m. Yoga with Beth
- **Wednesday, November 4**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
  6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- **Thursday, November 5**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

- **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**
  4:00 p.m. Zoom Evening Prayer
  Veterans Day
- **Thursday, November 12**
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Servers This Sunday, November 1
Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. Derek Gordon
Lector: Doug Carey
10:00 a.m. Judy Hixon, Bruce Hixon
Lector: Julie Werren
Acolytes: Ryan Holihan, Brynn Pelger
Ushers: Kent Clark, Mike Adams
Altar Guild: Linda Deuble, Kathy Sloan
Streamer: John Wise

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 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

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** (cousins 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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