

Holy Eucharist

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024 at 8:00 and 10 a.m.



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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 436: Lift Up Your Heads..... Truro

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:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING:..... *Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM..... *Psalm 34:15-22*

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
 and his ears are open to their cry.
16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
 to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
 and delivers them from all their troubles.

- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 628: Help Us, O Lord..... St. Ethelwald

GOSPEL: *John 6:56-69*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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 Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks and heal 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 SENTENCE

OFFERTORY DUET: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Picardy

Patrick Julian, trumpet

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.*

COMMUNION MUSIC:

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 563: Go Forward, Christian SoldierLancashire

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Altar Flowers Today are Given to the Glory of God

Bob's Music Notes

"Lift Up Your Heads" was authored by Weissel, born in 1590, a German pastor whose output of hymns was small (20) but significant for clarity of thought. Translator Winkworth is considered the finest in the field of German, being true to the original but fluent in poetic mastery. This hymn is based on Psalm 24.



"Help Us, O Lord" is by William Watkins Reid, Jr., a graduate of Oberlin and Yale Divinity Schools. He served as a medic overseas and spent eight months in a German prison. He was active in the Hymn Society and served in Methodist Churches. The tune is by Monk, best known for "Abide With Me." He was an editor of the famous "Hymns Ancient and Modern."

"Go Forward" was the work of Lawrence Tuttielt who started out as a physician but then took holy orders. He wrote several volumes of prayers in addition to hymns. Composer Smart is best known for this tune (with the text "Lead On, O King Eternal") and for Regent Square

"Angels From the Realms of Glory." He lost his sight at age 52 but continued to compose, so great was his musical memory. He also drew up specifications for new organs.

Today's trumpeter Patrick Julian was born in Youngstown, and raised in Canfield. He met Beth at Ohio U and married in 1984: three children and three grandchildren. As principal trumpeter for the Warren Junior Military Band, he toured the US, Canada, Hawaii, England, Scotland, and Wales. He is currently the lead trumpeter for the Canfield Community Band. He attended St. Rocco's Episcopal Church, Youngstown. He and Beth are valued members of our choir.

Next week, Labor Day weekend, Karen Violand will lead our bells and chimes in Van Dyke's hymn to workers, "Jesus, Thou Divine Companion".

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 28

4 pm – Evening Prayer on Zoom

6 pm - Cluster Dinner group, Walther's Twin Tavern

Sunday, September 1

9 am-Altar guild meeting, undercroft

Sunday, September 8

Picture Taking Day

Sunday, September 15

8 am - Eucharist

10 am – Morning prayer, Outdoor Service

Saturday, September 21

5:30 pm - Progressive Dinner

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Jess Hostetter

4 Jack Gordon

11 Tory Willoughby

13 Joyce Rupp

Pamela Clark

18 Bradley Mull

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 Drew and Mandy Pelger

4 Bruce and Jane Schutrum

21 Scott and Debbie Shellhammer

26 John and Tory Willoughby

27 Patrick and Rebecca Watters

Servers this Sunday, August 25:

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Sara Strattan

10 am: Anne Coen, Bruce Schutrum

Lector: Kent Clark

Acolytes: Karen Violand

Ushers: Bill Rand, Derek Gordon

Altar Guild: Paulette Frech, Pat Silagy-Wesson

Servers next Sunday, September 1:

Eucharistic Ministers

8 am: Paul Sack

10 am: Judy Hixon, Derek Gordon

Acolytes: Colin Jenkins

Ushers: Gary Giammarco, Kirk Bletzacker

Altar Guild: Diana Cornell, Carol Popovich, Sara Strattan

PRAYER CONCERNS

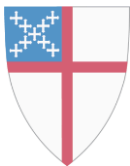
Have compassion on: Ten Gall, Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

For those who have died:

Family & Friends: Greg, Debbie, & Victoria Swinehart and Richard Flohr (family of Frances Swinehart) + **Patti & Jack Freeder and Kim Milinkovich** (former members of St. Marks) + **Clare Alice Julian family** (mother of Patrick Julian) + **Judith Johnson** (Father RJ's mother) + **Johnny Willoughby & Alison** (grandson & friend of the Willoughbys) + **Jane McBride** (mother of Beth Cowl) + **Joel Harris** (friend of Derek & Emily Gordon) + **Joanne C.** (Florida friend of the Kieslings) + **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, and Chuck Boone** (friends & cousin of the Hixons) + **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) + **DaNay Jackson** (friend of Ron Brookes) + **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) + **Marc Hostetler** (brother of Susan Hostetler) + **David** (acquaintance of the Nadels) + **Kirk Schuring** (friend of Gary Mull) + **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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