



✠ Holy Eucharist ✠

Labor Day Sunday (Observed) – September 6, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #518

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

Gloria In Excelsis

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.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our

own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

SIRACH 38:27-32A

So it is with every artisan and master artisan who labors by night as well as by day; those who cut the signets of seals, each is diligent in making a great variety; they set their heart on painting a lifelike image, and they are careful to finish their work. So it is with the smith, sitting by the anvil, intent on his iron-work; the breath of the fire melts his flesh, and he struggles with the heat of the furnace; the sound of the hammer deafens his ears, and his eyes are on the pattern of the object. He sets his heart on finishing his handiwork, and he is careful to complete its decoration. So it is with the potter sitting at his work and turning the wheel with his feet; he is always deeply concerned over his products, and he produces them in quantity. He molds the clay with his arm and makes it pliable with his feet; he sets his heart to finish the glazing, and he takes care in firing the kiln. All these rely on their hands, and all are skillful in their own work. Without them no city can be inhabited, and wherever they live, they will not go hungry.

“The Word of the Lord.” *“Thanks be to God.”*

PSALM 90:1-2, 16-17

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.** Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children. **May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-14

Like an expert builder I built the foundation of that house. I used the gift that God gave me to do this. Other people are building on that foundation. But everyone should be careful how they build. The foundation that has already been built is Jesus Christ, and no one can build any other foundation. People can build on that foundation using gold, silver, jewels, wood, grass, or straw. But the work that each person does will be clearly seen, because the Day will make it plain. That Day will appear with fire, and the fire will test everyone’s work. If the building they put on the foundation still stands, they will get their reward.

“The Word of the Lord.” *“Thanks be to God.”*

Gradual Hymn #606 *Where True Charity and Love Dwell*

Matthew 6:21-28

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

"Glory to you Lord Christ."

Jesus said, "DO NOT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST CONSUME AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL; BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST CONSUMES AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO. "THE EYE IS THE LAMP OF THE BODY. SO, IF YOUR EYE IS HEALTHY, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE FULL OF LIGHT; BUT IF YOUR EYE IS UNHEALTHY, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE FULL OF DARKNESS. IF THEN THE LIGHT IN YOU IS DARKNESS, HOW GREAT IS THE DARKNESS! "NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR A SLAVE WILL EITHER HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND WEALTH."

"The Gospel of the Lord." "Praise to you Lord Christ."

Sermon The Interim Rector

"And now let us join together in reaffirming our faith as stated in the Nicene Creed."

Nicene Creed

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 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.

The Prayers of the People

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 Fort Lauderdale & Oakland Park 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;
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, and Peter our Diocesan Bishop; and for all other bishops and ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Take a moment to pray for those whose Concerns are known to you and to Almighty God) Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (Take a moment to pray for those whose Joys are known to you and to Almighty God) We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, particularly the people from COVID related illnesses that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Officiant continues

We pray that churches will be outgoing communities of welcome and support, so that people will have someone to call on when they are in need. Let us also use this as an opportunity to slow down, reflect and look at our neighbors in a new way; to rethink our relation to nature and to be awake to the need to change the way we live. *AMEN.*

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

Confession & Absolution

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Response 380 *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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 the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. 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:

Sanctus

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God, **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*

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.

Communion Hymn #593 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Breaking of the Bread

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

The Invitation

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (from South Africa)

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer But hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes When, with St. Mark and all your saints, I may praise you for ever. *AMEN.*

The Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.*

THE BLESSING

OUR WORSHIP IS OVER, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

** In the spirit of Jesus Christ this church extends a cordial welcome to all persons regardless of age, economic or marital status, gender or sexual orientation.*

INTERIM RECTOR BOX

If you need to be in touch with Fr. Johan – his cell phone (212) 534-4810 or email Jjohnson@saintmarks.com

Fr. J also has “SANCTUARY HOURS” – you can find in the church weekday mornings
(Monday through Thursday) from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH DONATIONS

If you are a first-time visitor or pledging member (OR somewhere in between) please consider making a financial donation to help maintain our ministry and presence in your life. You can donate by going to our website <http://saintmarksftl.com/annual-giving/> OR mailing a check to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (1750 East Oakland Park Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334). This service bulletin and accompanying video service was made for you by the people of this church, and our collective belief in the Risen Lord which will lead us through the darkest of valleys. We understand what a stressful economic time we are all experiencing, but we are sure you will do your best for your church.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for St. Mark's parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

CHURCH & MEMORIAL GARDEN OPEN DAILY

If you wish to come for private prayer or moment of quiet please feel free to come to St. Mark's. We are open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Saturday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. & Sunday from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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MONDAY EVENING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY - RENEW YOURSELF IN GOD'S WORD

In these difficult days, come help draw our St. Mark's community together in God's Word. Please consider 'zooming in' to our new unique Bible discussion tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. (remember to start getting on at 6: 55 p.m. in case there are issues). The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8516509108>. Dean Norm Carroll will lead the gathering, bringing outstanding biblical scholarship in easy-to-understand language. Become a new person through the Word of God.

PARISHIONER PROFILES

In efforts to connect us as a parish, Father J. is holding occasional interviews with people in the St. Mark's community so we can get to know one another more fully. Today's service concludes with a discussion with Chuck Van Dyke. Chuck retired news and radio correspondent who is got his start in Armed Service Radio, and is originally from Pittsburgh. Chuck has been a regular worshipping parishioner, often attending the 8:00 a.m. service. We hope you will enjoy the discussion following the worship service.

SEEKING USHERS

Over this weekend we have held Usher Training, if you wish to assist and learn about our new protocols – we would be glad to welcome you.

ST. MARK'S CONCERT SERIES THANK YOU

Last night (Saturday) was our final concert in our Summer 2020 Drive-in Concert Series in the St. Mark's parking lot. Thank you to Clive Frater, Chris Toth, and the entire community for supporting this endeavor.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK FROM ST. MARK'S

SATURDAY (September 12th) @ 5:30 p.m.: You are invited to an Evening Prayer service, which will also be livestreamed from the sanctuary – Father J. will officiate. *John Henry Hobart Scripture:* Isaiah 18:1–3; Psalm 78:3–7; Titus 1:7–9; John 17:11b–19.

SUNDAY (September 13th): Fr. Johan will both preach and celebrate. *Pentecost 15 Scripture:* Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.