



✠ Holy Eucharist ✠

*Independence Sunday – July 5, 2020*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### 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.**

### Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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.**

### The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

### *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 Lord be with you.            **And also with you.**            Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

**Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

*"Here begins a reading from Deuteronomy"*

The Lord is your God. He is the God of gods and the Lord of lords. He is the great God. He is the amazing and powerful fighter. To him everyone is the same. He does not accept money to change his mind. He defends widows and orphans. He loves even the strangers living among us. He gives them food and clothes. So you must also love them, because you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt. "You must respect the Lord your God and worship only him. Never leave him. When you make promises, you must use his name only. He is the one you should praise. He is your God. He has done great and amazing things for you. You have seen them with your own eyes.

"The Word of the Lord."

*"Thanks be to God."*

Psalms 145:1-9

*"Psalm 145:1-9 is appointed today."*

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever. **Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. **One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.** I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works. **They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.** They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds. **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.** The LORD is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

Hebrews 11:8-16

*"Here begins a reading from Hebrews"*

**By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to**

conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

*"The Word of the Lord."*

*"Thanks be to God."*

### Gradual Hymn

### *God Bless America*

### Matthew 5:43-48

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

*"Glory to you Lord Christ."*

Jesus said, "YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.' BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN; FOR HE MAKES HIS SUN RISE ON THE EVIL AND ON THE GOOD, AND SENDS RAIN ON THE RIGHTEOUS AND ON THE UNRIGHTEOUS. FOR IF YOU LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WHAT REWARD DO YOU HAVE? DO NOT EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS DO THE SAME? AND IF YOU GREET ONLY YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHAT MORE ARE YOU DOING THAN OTHERS? DO NOT EVEN THE GENTILES DO THE SAME? BE PERFECT, THEREFORE, AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT."

*"The Gospel of the Lord."*

*"Praise to you Lord Christ."*

Sermon     The Rev. Johan Johnson, Ph.D.

*"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.**

*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 and 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. In particular..... Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. In particular.....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.**

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

Confession & Absolution

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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.**

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 Hymn     *America the Beautiful*

**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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For he spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as brothers and sisters. His message took form in the vision of our founding fathers as they fashioned a nation where we might live as one. His message lives on in our midst as our task for today and a promise for tomorrow. 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary 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.***

**Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Agnus Dei**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**The Communion**

**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.***

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *AMEN.***

THE BLESSING

**Closing Hymn    *Battle Hymn of Republic***

**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.*

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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Peter Barr	Gabrielle Henley	Nora Powell	Nayim Carter
Dr. Kathleen Blais	Audrey Horncastle	Gail Sanderson	Robert Prevost
Debbie Breton	Nicholas Leong	Stephanie Voris	Lindy Weaver
Ryan Brukardt	Miles Nolting	Joseph Weitz	Canon Richard Nolan
Stuart Collister	Christine O'Loughlin	Louella Young	Bob Pingpank
Deborah Ferguson	Sergio Orellana	Candace Barlow	Brian and Christina Chu
Cynthia Floria	Sandra Ozlen	Ronald Hayde	Glenn and Dianne Garvin
AnnMarie Grappo	Kathryn Pollari	David Cuthbertson	Art and Christy Lambertus
Billie Hairston			David and Cara Pointer

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

<b>Preacher:</b>	The Interim Rector
<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Fred Johnson
<b>Opening &amp; Collect for Purity:</b>	Julia & Justin Van Brakel
<b>Gloria:</b>	Elizabeth Johnson
<b>Collect of the Day:</b>	Clara & Liliana Brukardt
<b>Lectors:</b>	Jordan Dorsett, Tony Cosenza & Meghan McCormick
<b>Intercessors:</b>	Harry & Karen Richardson
<b>Camera &amp; Editor:</b>	Mark Hofmann

### VESTRY

Pia Delvaille (Sr. Warden)	Yuly Van Brakel (Jr. Warden)	James Hairston (Treasurer)	
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Carol Lee Ortman	Sandra Hoyle	James Jana	

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Johan Johnson, Interim-Rector	Spence Taintor, Head of School
Robyn Neville, School Chaplain	Kelly Harris, Communications
Tara Henley, Administrator	Clive Frater, Sexton

Francia Willberg, Mommy's Morning Out Director

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## JULY 4TH & INDEPENDENCE

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The Declaration of Independence, which we celebrate this weekend, was approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. But the conflict we know as the Revolutionary War had already been going on for over a year. Fighting between the rebels and the British had first broken out at Lexington and Concord, (Mass.) on April 19, 1775, but the representatives of the thirteen colonies who had joined together in resistance to British rule had maintained for many months that their quarrel was with Parliament rather than the King. They were loyal subjects of King George III, they insisted, who were merely resisting Parliament's decision to tax them without representation and other violations of their rights. Shortly after the battles of Concord and Lexington the Congress passed the "Olive Branch Petition" professing loyalty to the King and begging for his help. King George took no notice of the petition and soon Thomas Jefferson, with the help of John Adams and Benjamin Franklin drafted the Declaration of Independence.

# **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.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

People connected to St. Mark's in need of prayer for challenges or healing or those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary. Thank you for informing us of who we should raise up.

## **MOMMY'S MORNING OUT IS OPEN**

Program for toddlers (ages 1-4), staffed by qualified and nurturing instructors. Encouraging developmentally appropriate activities in a safe and clean environment. Contact Mrs. Francia Willberg at [mmo@saintmarks.com](mailto:mmo@saintmarks.com) or 954-334-0117.

## **WORSHIP THIS WEEK VIA ST. MARK'S**

Sunday (7/12): Preacher & Celebrant: Johan Johnson. *Pentecost VI Scripture*: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23.

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