



✠ Holy Eucharist ✠

Pentecost VIII (8) Sunday – July 26, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Village Variations by Andrew Carter*

Opening Hymn #376 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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.**

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

1King 3:5-12 "Here begins a reading from the Book of 1st Kings"

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

"The Word of the Lord." "Thanks be to God."

Ps. 119:129-136; "A portion of Psalm 119 is appointed for today."

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart. When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments. Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your Name. Steady my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me. Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments. Let your countenance shine upon your servant and

teach me your statutes. My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

Romans 8:26-39

"Here begins a reading from Romans"

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"The Word of the Lord."

"Thanks be to God."

Gradual Hymn

Because He Lives

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

"Glory to you Lord Christ."

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED THAT SOMEONE TOOK AND SOWED IN HIS FIELD; IT IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL THE SEEDS, BUT WHEN IT HAS GROWN IT IS THE GREATEST OF SHRUBS AND BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT THE BIRDS OF THE AIR COME AND MAKE NESTS IN ITS BRANCHES." He told them another parable: "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST THAT A WOMAN TOOK AND MIXED IN WITH THREE MEASURES OF FLOUR UNTIL ALL OF IT WAS LEAVENED." "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD, WHICH SOMEONE FOUND AND HID;

THEN IN HIS JOY HE GOES AND SELLS ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD. "AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MERCHANT IN SEARCH OF FINE PEARLS; ON FINDING ONE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE, HE WENT AND SOLD ALL THAT HE HAD AND BOUGHT IT. "AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A NET THAT WAS THROWN INTO THE SEA AND CAUGHT FISH OF EVERY KIND; WHEN IT WAS FULL, THEY DREW IT ASHORE, SAT DOWN, AND PUT THE GOOD INTO BASKETS BUT THREW OUT THE BAD. SO IT WILL BE AT THE END OF THE AGE. THE ANGELS WILL COME OUT AND SEPARATE THE EVIL FROM THE RIGHTEOUS AND THROW THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE, WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. "HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD ALL THIS?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "THEREFORE EVERY SCRIBE WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE THE MASTER OF A HOUSEHOLD WHO BRINGS OUT OF HIS TREASURE WHAT IS NEW AND WHAT IS OLD."

"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.

The Prayers of the People (ADAPTED FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND)

Heavenly God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church Universal, the Diocese of Southeast Florida and in particular St. Mark's Church & School in Fort Lauderdale.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: in particular that we may find a cure and relief from the global pandemic known as COVID 19

That God's healing may prevail over all of humanity.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

Joan Billings, Roland Breton, Tony Cosenza, Clive Frater, Riley Guerin, Gavin Henley, Emma Horncastle, Caroline Jacobs, James Jana, Gregg Lambert Jr., Ian Michko, Philip Morgan, Amanda Pointer, Rick Pollari, Slade Schmidt, Nichole Anderson, Candace Barlow, Ronald Hayde, David Cuthbertson, Nayim Carter, Robert Prevost, Lindy Weaver, Bob Pingpank, Brian and Christina Chu, Glenn and Dianne Garvin, Art and Christy Lambertus, David and Cara Pointer.

God of trust, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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 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 God 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. **T**hrough Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. **T**herefore, 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.

The people are seated OR kneel

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 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.

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.*

And now having given thanks to God in Eucharist, let us pray:

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 *(LEVAS) #60 How Great Thou Art*

Postlude *Prelude in Classic Style by Gordon Young*

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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WELCOME BABY ALAN!!



Kyle and Deming Schulberg (4th grade teacher at St. Mark's Episcopal School) welcomed Alan Francis Schulberg to their family. Alan was born on Saturday, June 27th at 7:55 a.m. and weighed in at 6lbs 8oz. His big brother Hugh (2.5 years old and in the St. Mark's Pre-Kindergarten program) is also excited to welcome him!

THANKS TO NORTH BEACH ART GALLERY

The photographic images that were in our prelude came from Brooke Trace and the North Beach Art Gallery. Thanks to her for her kindness and generosity in sharing these pictures with us today.

IMAGES FOR ONLINE SERVICE

You may notice that in our services we will occasionally place images in our service while music is playing in the background. If you are interested in sharing some images that may enhance our worship experience please send them to our Interim Rector (JJohnson@saintmarks.com).

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

In these difficult days, come help draw our St. Mark's community together in God's Word. I am delighted to invite all members of St. Mark's to zoom in easily to our new unique Bible discussion beginning 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.

MOMMY'S MORNING REOPENING THIS WEEK

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 or 954-334-0117.

PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 18

Are you registered to vote? We have a Primary Election coming up on August 18th. This Primary looks at state and local issues, our National Election takes place on November 3rd. Please make your voice heard.

SANCTUARY & MEMORIAL GARDEN OPEN HOURS

Monday – Friday from 8:30am - 2pm; Saturday from 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m. & Sunday from 8:00am – 11:00 a.m..

WORSHIP THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Saturday (8/1): Evening Prayer via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Officiant: Johan Johnson; **Sunday (8/2):** Celebrant & Preacher: Johan Johnson; *Pentecost IX* Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21