

# Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StA5auoQDBQ&feature=youtu.be>

**Before the service, let us silently speak to God.**

**During the service, may God speak to us.**

**After the service, let us joyously speak to our friends.**

**Prelude:** Beautiful Savior

- arr. Kevin Hildebrnad

**Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- Hymnal 690

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

#### Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

#### Collect of Purity

BCP 355

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-280 (send last page)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*

#### Collect for the Day

BCP 235

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### A Reading from the Book of Joshua (Joshua 24:1-3a)

Reader: Jon Campbell

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: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "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." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 78:1-7**

**Casey Hodge, Cantor**

*Refrain: Tell out the deeds of the Lord, tell out the wonders God has wrought.*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching: incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark saying from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our forebears have told us. *Refrain*

We will not hide them from their children, but to tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might and wonders God has wrought. *Refrain*

God established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which was commanded of our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should for the works of God, but keep the commandments. *Refrain*

### **A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (1 Thes. 4:13-18)**

Reader: Johnna Lillich

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

### **The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-3**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to thee, Lord Christ*

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Judith S. Roberts

**Nicene Creed**

BCP 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**

BCP 392

People may stand or kneel for the prayers.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this 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 Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Dabney our Bishop,  
For all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this Life,

We will exalt you, O God our King:  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

**Confession**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins

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

**Absolution**

**The Peace:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

**Announcements** (see end of bulletin)

**Anthem:** Child of God

- Mark A. Miller

**THE HOLY COMMUNION  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP 367

*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 God 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.

**Proper Preface of the day said by Celebrant**

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**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel (if able).*

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 Father,  
*We remember his death,*  
*We proclaim his resurrection,*  
*We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

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's 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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,*  
*your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*  
*Give us today our daily bread.*  
*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*  
*Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.*  
*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,*  
*now and for ever. Amen*

### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

### Fraction Anthem: Be Known to Us

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ." The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a *fine* marking and ends with a double bar line. The third staff begins with a *D.C. al fine* marking and ends with a double bar line.

### Act of Reception

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every Altar of your church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection, I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of your body and blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse me of my sins and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Hymn:** Jerusalem, My Happy Home

- Hymnal #620 v.1-3

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Almighty and everliving 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.*

**Blessing**

**Hymn:** Lift Up Your Heads

- Hymnal #436 v.1-3

**Dismissal:**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Love of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude:** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

- arr. Joel Raney



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NEW OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP IN PERSON: Saturday's 4:30 pm.** Starting on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Join us outside on the labyrinth for the Saturday evening Eucharist Service. No reservation will be required, we will ask you to sign in when you attend. Mask and social distancing will be the norm. We will have outdoor chairs available or you can bring your own. Contact the office with any questions.

**St. Mark's will welcome our new rector, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** The Rev. Michael Rau comes to St. Mark's with extensive experience and training in youth ministry as well as five years of experience as Rector of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania and experience as Associate Rector in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan, Connecticut. He is a graduate of General Seminary in New York City. During the ten years prior to entering seminary he worked in various positions of increasing responsibility in the Montgomery County Office of Domestic Relations in Pennsylvania.

Fr. Michael's wife, Melissa, works as a consultant to various churches around the country and recently began working as Chief of Staff at Bexley Seabury Seminary, a digital seminary 'without walls'. Fr. Michael and Melissa are very proud of their three children – Talie, a sophomore at Boston Conservatory of Music; Kiersten, a tenth grade student; Peyton, an eighth grade student, and Francis, the family dog!

As part of the announcement at St. Mark's Senior Warden, Michael Knowlton, mentioned the guiding hand of God as the critically important component in place throughout the entire transition process. He then specifically thanked the vestry, the search committee, church staff and numerous church volunteers who have worked so hard and accomplished so much during this uniquely difficult and challenging time.

**"In-person" Worship - Sundays at 9:00 am.** Seating is limited. Please register to reserve your seat on our website: <https://stmarksvenice.com/services> or by calling the office. Registration opens Tuesday for the following Sunday's service. For more details, please contact the office.

**Coffee Hour, Sundays at 10:00 am.** Grab your cup of coffee and join us for some fellowship via [Zoom meetings](#). Sit at your own table and enjoy the weekly conversation about this and that! For more information on Zoom or for help starting Zoom, please contact the church office or check out [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Zoom is an easy video/audio conferencing application. You can join with audio only from any regular telephone.

**Drive-Through Communion – Sundays at 11 a.m. – Noon.** You are invited to receive Holy Communion from the safety of your car. While this is an unusual approach, we do long to share the blessing of Holy Eucharist as part of our Sunday celebration of prayer and thanksgiving. Please enter the parking lot behind Gray Hall via Riviera Street.

**Men's Morning Fellowship – Tuesdays at 10 am.** Weekly opportunity for Men's fellowship. This week, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be in person at Service Club Beach (1190 Harbor Dr S). Normally during the pandemic the meetings have been held online **via Zoom**. Please contact the church office for the Zoom meeting details.

**Morning Prayer under the Oaks on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 9:30 am.** We now have chairs available or you can still bring your own chair, mask are required. We have leaflets available or you may bring your own BCP.

**Wired Word Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10:30 am.** Weekly Bible study for Adults **via Zoom**. Lessons are based on the week's news that usually spark stimulating discussions. Please contact the office for the Zoom meeting details.

**St. Mark's Book Circle, Tuesday Nov 17th at 10:00 am.** Meeting will be in Gray Hall. November's book discussion will be Olive, Again by Elizabeth Stout. The facilitator will be Susanne Isbill. All are welcome for the discussion, even if you have not read the book. Please bring you suggestions of books for next year.



**INTERCESSIONS:** For the universal Church; for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Anglican Communion; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Julio, Bishop of our Companion Diocese; for St. Mark's Clergy; for a resolution to the conflict in the Middle East; for civilian workers; for military chaplains; our service personnel, their families; victims of terror and abuse everywhere; for all those suffering due to disasters of nature.

**THE SICK:** Jean Alfano, Chad Alley, Milt Barnes, John Barr, Emma Bentley, Sue Bickenton, Joyce Bishop, Patricia Blow, Barbara & Ed Boucher, Barry Briggs, Gibb Brownlie, Genevieve Brussee, Dick Bull, Betty Caldwell, Jackson Carmichael, Kayce Caswell, Loretta Cunningham, Donne Cutting, Janie Davis, Ron Davis, Carole Doll, Connie Dowry, Shari Duval, John Eichman, Rodney Eller, Evelyn Eisenhower, Chris Emmons, Mack Emmons, Judy Epperson, Robert Evans, Ouida Felker, Clint Ferrazzo, Dan Flatt, Lyn Ford, Bob Fritche, Michael Gavin, Lynda Geyer, Jason Goss, Betty Graves, Jennifer Grieger, Joshua Griffin, Douglas Griffith, Anne Grubb, Steve Grupp, Tracy Hagar, Meredith and Allan Hardman, Woody Harvey, Sue Hatch, Penny Heleman, Kristin Hickey, Hobey Hinchman, Christina Hines, Linda Hintzpeter, Natalie Holcroft, Linda Hopkins, Madeline Horvath, Linda Hubbard, Matt Hulbert, John Hussey, Nancy Hussey, Eleanor Jean, Jennifer, Forrest Jerome, Jill, Joshua Johns, Karen & Steven Kabatski, Molly Kehoe, Robert Kench, Janine Kiddle, Sarah Kipp, Kirstin Knotph, Lee Krumbacher, Mary Kyrzos, Charles Lakowsky, Pat Lauth, Jennifer & Jack Laules, Joyce Leithauser, Leslie Livinghouse, E. Melvin Lloyd, Bill Luckfield, Scott Macintosh, Anita Marshall, Paul Marshall, Michael Mayo, Willa McCafferty, Victor Mankiewicz, Kim Medvedis, Melissa McCoy, Barbara Minor, Andrea Montgomery, Elizabeth Moser, Pam Motte, Mark Nettesheim, Elizabeth Ord, Rachel Parrish, Lucy Patterson, Deb & Holly Ranieri, Eli Rider, Dori Reiley, Tom Ritzel, Sarah and Aaron Royster, Lora Rzepka, Barbara Sammons, Cynthia Schein, Linda Seerey-Lester, David Sherwood, Liz Shetterly, Helen Sica, David Simmons, Jeff Slang, Doug Small, Rich Smith, Lisa Spears, Nan Stortz, Mike Strasburger, Nancy Tabor, Molly Taylor, Marvin Thomas, Sally Thomas, Harris H. Tibbetts, Jr., Chrissy Todd, David Todd, Len Van Zinderen, Jim Walker, Eddie Ward, Christopher Warnock, Connie Waymer, Ann Weaver, Bernie Welker, John White, Lisa Whole, Bob Williams, Kathryn Williams, Kourtney Williams, Hubert Willis, Robert Wills, Jan Wolf, Mark Woodward, Ann Worrall, those in nursing homes and our parish homebound.



# GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.