

# Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11th, 2020

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtLr3MMFEEE&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:** Veni Creator Spiritus

- Samuel Scheidt

**Hymn:** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

- Hymnal #408

### 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-277

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

#### Collect for the Day

BCP 234

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### Congregation: Collect for St. Mark's Episcopal Church

*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, 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.*

#### A Reading from the Book of Exodus (Exodus 32:1-14)

Reader: Judy Davis

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the

land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 106**

**Emma Robbins, Cantor**

Refrain: The mighty God is the God of Israel.

1 Praise the Lord, O give thanks, for the Lord is good; God’s love endures forever.

Who can recount your mighty acts, O Lord, or tell of all your praise? *Refrain*

2 Blessed are those who act justly and always do what is right.

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people, and come to me with your saving help, so that I may see the prosperity of your chosen; rejoice with the nation’s gladness, and exult with the people you have made your own. *Refrain*

3 We have sinned like our ancestors; we have erred, and we have acted wickedly.

They made a young bull in Horeb and worshipped that molten image.

So they exchanged the glory of God for the image of a creature that feeds on grass. *Refrain*

4 They forgot that you were the God who had saved them by your mighty acts in Egypt, wonderful things in the land of Ham, and awesome things at the Red Sea.

So you would have destroyed them but for Moses, your chosen one, who stood before you in the breach, to turn back your wrath from their destruction. *Refrain*

### **A Reading from Saint Paul letter to the Philippians (Phil. 4:1-9)**

Reader: Judy Davis

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

## **The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**Hymn:** A King Planned a Party

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**The Sermon**

The Rev. John Warfel

**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:** Broken Yet Chosen

- 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, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the  
*fine*  
bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu ia, is the com -  
*D.C. al fine*  
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ.

### 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.*

### Anthem: I Chose Love

- Mark A. Miller

### 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

#### Dismissal:

Deacon: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God. .

### Postlude: Fanfare

- Jacques Lemmens



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The office will be closed Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Columbus Day.

**“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. 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. ***\*No Morning Prayer on Monday this week.\****

**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.

**Fall Christian Education Classes – Wednesday at 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm.** Two classes offered this fall. Each class is a 4 week series on Wednesdays; October 14, October 21, November 14, and November 11. See details below.

A Biblical Theology of Creation in the Age of Climate Change, by Rev. Charles Kiblinger. This class will be presented in-person in Gray Hall, limited seating and registration will be required. Registration will open on Monday, register online [Click Here](#) or by calling the office (we will be available on Monday to take call in registration). This class will be recorded and sent out via E-Blast on Thursday for viewing on YouTube. *Class Description:* In this class we will look at the natural world through a theological lens. As Anglican Christians we are open to scientific knowledge about the natural world, but we also approach that body of knowledge with God at the center of all of life. Using the biblical framework for a theology of creation we will explore how we, as Christians, might view and respond to the issues of climate change as it impacts life in this world for us now and for our children and grandchildren.

How to Go from Coping to Flourishing, by Rev. Maggie Sullivan. This class will be presented online via Zoom meeting. Zoom meeting ID: 927 3897 5459, pass code 941. [Click here for the Meeting Link](#) *Class Description:* In this class we will explore how some people are managing through these strange times with hardly a hiccup, while others are pulling their hair out! Our life circumstances may certainly account for some differences, but there’s more at work here. What are the attitudes and practices that help one cope with the world since COVID-19 turned everything upside-down? How does one go from coping to flourishing? We will be exploring practices like prayer, Sabbath and study to build the resilience and gratitude that make a difference.



**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.



The prayers of the Parish family are asked for those who have died:  
Ann Brown Spaulding, Ed Holcroft, Sandra Finley, and Claudia Holley



**GLORIA**

Canticle 20 S 277  
 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)