

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25th, 2020

Stewardship Sunday

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBz2mCL57ts&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: This is My Father's World

- arr. Smith & Hustad

Hymn: Who is My Neighbor?

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Collect for the Day

BCP 235

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 34:1-12)

Reader: Cheryl Richards

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

David Singer, Cantor

Refrain: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord our God, have pity on your servants. *Refrain*

Fill us at dawn with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness.
Make us glad for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil. *Refrain*

Let your work be seen by your servants, and your glory by their children.
May your gracious care be ours. Prosper the work of our hands. *Refrain*

A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians (1 Thes. 2:1-8)

Reader: Cheryl Richards

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all

the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon - Stewardship Lay Speakers

Grace Mahoney

Bill Flack

Jason Flack

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: Steal Away

- Gwyneth Walker

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*



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.

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

Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- Hymnal #680

Dismissal:

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

Postlude: I Sing the Almighty Power of God

- arr. Joel Raney



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Faith-filled Generosity Stewardship, Guest Speaker The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, Monday Oct 26th, 7:00 pm. Join us via Zoom meetings to hear the inspiring Bishop Porter Taylor. Information packets were recently mailed with all the details. Opportunity to watch the Zoom meeting live will be available with limited seating in Gray Hall. Zoom meeting ID 985 1918 5613 passcode 941. Or [click here for the meeting link](#).

Upcoming All Saints Day on November 1st, 2020. We remember all those saints within our families who have died. If you would like the names of your loved ones listed on November 1st, please call or email the office before NOON on Thursday, October 29th. info@stmarksvenice.com or (941) 488-7714.

“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. 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.

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 Class – Wednesday at 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm. Online Zoom class offered this fall, on Wednesdays; **November 4th**, and November 11th. See details below.

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.

Father Charles’ in-person class, **A Biblical Theology of Creation in the Age of Climate Change**, has been postponed until a later date to be announced.

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.



The prayers of the Parish family are asked for those who have died:
 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 (fl. 1950)