

# Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18th, 2020

Worship Service available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SR6rr2Omhog&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:** Rhosemedre

- Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

- Hymnal #362

### 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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Exodus (Exodus 33:12-23)**

Reader: Doug Richards

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

**Psalm 99**

**Casey Hodge, Cantor**

Refrain: Hallelujah! Holy is the Lord.

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble! God is throned on the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
The Lord is great in Zion, God is high above the nations. May they praise your great and holy name!  
You are the holy one! Great judge, you love what is right, and have established justice in Jacob. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord our God; bow down before the throne; bow down and worship God. You are the holy one.  
Moses and Aaron among the priests, Samuel among those who called on God, all these cried to the Lord;  
God heard them and answered them. *Refrain*

In the pillar of cloud God spoke; they did God's will and kept the law. O Lord, you answered them;  
you punished their sins, but you forgave them. Glorify the Lord our God; bow down at the holy hill,  
Bow down and worship God; the Lord our God is the holy one. *Refrain*

**A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians (1 Thes. 1:1-10)**

Reader: Doug Richards

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

**Hymn:** Is it Lawful to Pay Taxes?

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

## **The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Maggie Sullivan

## **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:** Surely You Are in This Place

- Michael J. Trotta

## **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:

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:** We Grieve the Many Thousand

- Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**Dismissal:**

Deacon: Let us go out into the world, and show the word that we have been with God's son  
 People: Thanks be to God. .

**Postlude:** Toccata on 'St. Anne'

- Frederick Swann



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**“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.

**St. Mark’s Book Circle, Tuesday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** This month's book discussion will be on [Resistance Women](#) by Jennifer Chiaverini. The facilitator will be Charlotte Stafford. All are welcome for the discussion, even if you have not read the book.

**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; **October 21**, November 14, and November 11. 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.

**Faith-filled Generosity Stewardship, Guest Speaker The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, Monday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Upcoming All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, please call or email the office before NOON on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. [info@stmarksvenice.com](mailto:info@stmarksvenice.com) or (941) 488-7714.



**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 *Nou Phoisag*; David Hard (c. 1956)