

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 4, 2026

10:30am

The Season of Creation

"In the Season of Creation, we turn again to Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. In his incarnation, death, and resurrection, God's love is revealed not only for humanity but for the whole created order. To care for creation is therefore an essential expression of Christian discipleship and an integral mark of the Church's mission: to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. As we follow Christ, we are called to share in his reconciling work, seeking justice, healing, and hope for the earth and for all who dwell within it."

*The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Dame Sarah Mullally,
Archbishop of Canterbury*

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II, expanded

Prelude

All Earth is Hopeful

Arr. Lynn L. Petersen

Welcome

Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

Blue Hymnal - 400

Opening Acclamation

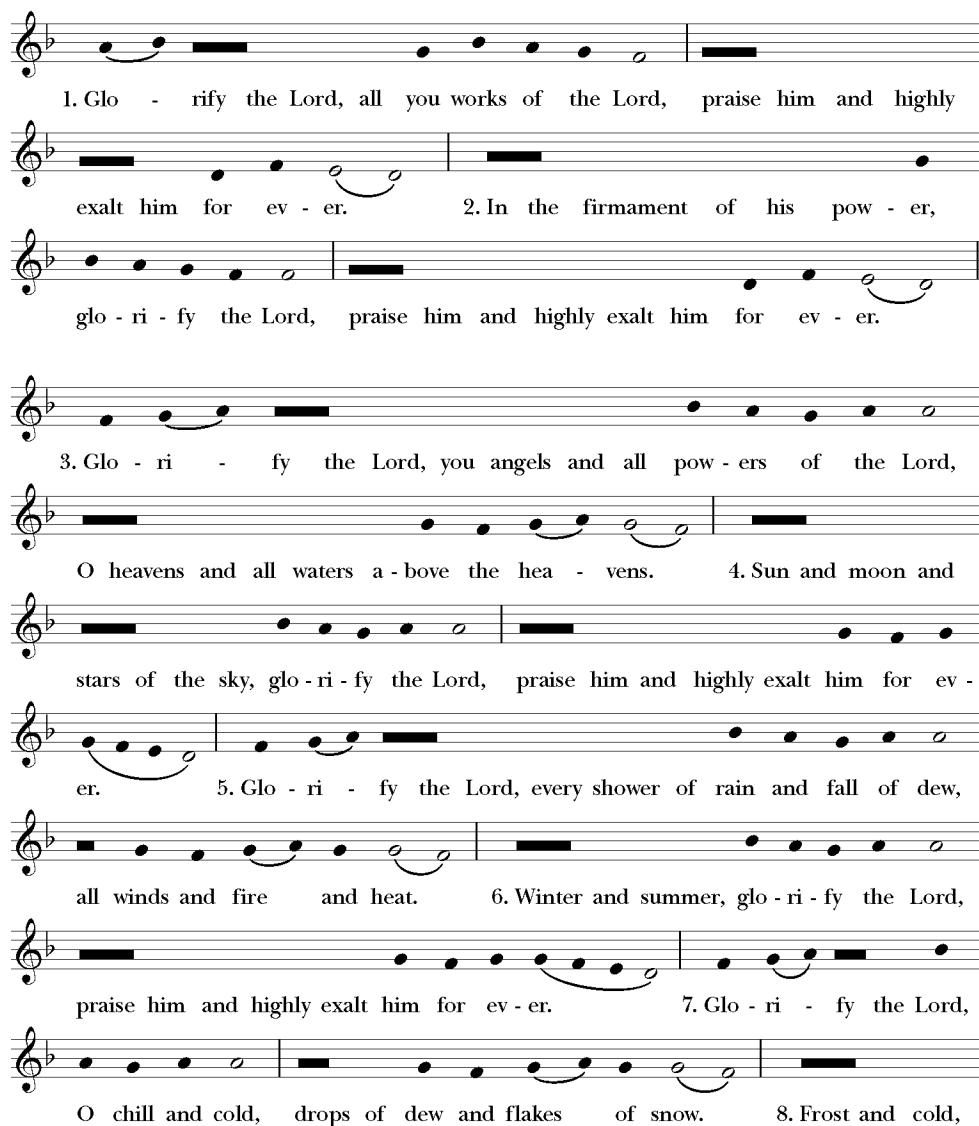
Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People God's love is new every morning.

Hymn of Praise

¶ All sing A Song of Creation

¶ All High voices sing the odd verses, and all low voices sing the even verses, and all sing verse 21 & 22.



1. Glo - rify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise him and highly
exalt him for ev - er. 2. In the firmament of his pow - er,
glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er.

3. Glo - ri - fy the Lord, you angels and all pow - ers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters a - bove the hea - vens. 4. Sun and moon and
stars of the sky, glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev -
er. 5. Glo - ri - fy the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat. 6. Winter and summer, glo - ri - fy the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er. 7. Glo - ri - fy the Lord,
O chill and cold, drops of dew and flakes of snow. 8. Frost and cold,

ice and sleet, glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him
 for ev - er. 9. Glo - ri - fy the Lord, O nights and days,
 O shining light and en - fold - ing dark. 10. Storm clouds and thunderbolts,
 glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er.

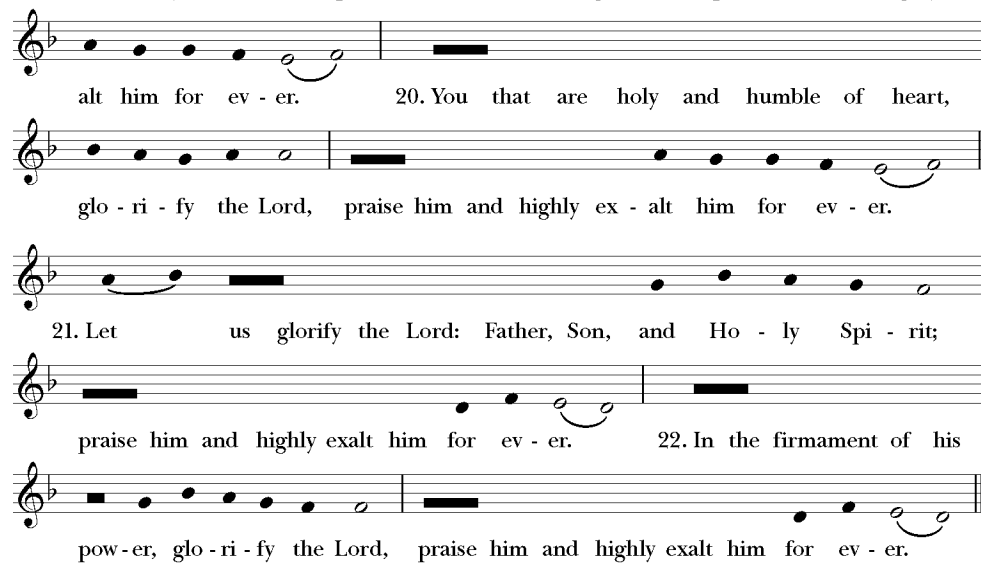
11. Let the earth glori-fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex-alt him for ev-er.

12. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows up-on the earth,
 praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er. 13. Glorify the Lord, O springs
 of water, seas, and streams, O whales and all that move in the wa - ters.

14. All birds of the air, glori - fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex -
 alt him for ev - er. 15. Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
 and all you flocks and herds. 16. O men and women everywhere, glori -
 fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er.

17. Let the people of God glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex -
 alt him for ev - er. 18. Glorify the Lord, O priests and ser - vants
 of the Lord, praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er.

19. Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the right-eous, praise him and highly ex-



The Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ *All are seated.*

A Reading

Job 39:1-18

Lector A reading from the Book of Job.

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open; they go forth and do not return to them. “Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Psalm 19

Cæli enarrant

¶ The Psalm is sung by the choir

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ All are invited to stand.

The Gospel Hymn

The Stars Declare His Glory, v.1-2

Blue Hymnal 431

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn (cont.)

The Stars Declare His Glory, v.3-4

Blue Hymnal 431

¶ All are seated.

Sermon

The Rev Jedediah Fox

¶ All are invited to stand.

The 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 for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Lector I Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. And, it is to you alone, Most High, that we pray.

Lector II You are praised, O Lord by our Brother, Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. May light be shed on your Church, that your faithful people may bear your likeness.

People O God, hear us.

Lector I You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Moon, and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful. May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night Be blessed with your peace.

People O God, hear us.

Lector II You are praised, O Lord, through our Brothers, Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather; May you rain down your grace upon our nation, and its leaders and people.

People O God, hear us.

Lector I You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Water; Quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in trouble of any kind.

People O God, hear us.

Lector II You are praised, O Lord, through our Brother, Fire, through whom you brighten the night; We pray you to brighten your Kingdom, where the souls of the faithful departed rest. For them, as you, may

there be no night.

People O God, hear us.

Lector I You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, and Mother, Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs; Give us the will to care for her, as you created her.

People O God, hear us.

Lector II Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

People O God, hear us.

Celebrant O Lord, we praise and bless you, and we give you thanks, and with all of creation, we serve you and pray to you with great humility.

The Blessing of Animals

¶ The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God the King of Saints, we thank you for the life and example of Saint Francis, servant of poverty, gentleness, and peace. We ask your blessing upon all your creatures and upon these medals which we bless now in your Name. Grant that the animals we love may be kept safe from harm and continue to grace our lives, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

People Amen.

¶ The People may bring forward pets, stuffed pets, or pictures of pets for a blessing.

¶ When all animals have been blessed, the Celebrant says

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heav'nly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C (expanded)

Celebrant
May God be with you. *People*
And al - so with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. *People*
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to Al-migh-ty God. *People*
It is right to give God thanks and Praise.

¶ The Celebrant continues with the prayer and the People sing their responses

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ev - er and ev - er.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

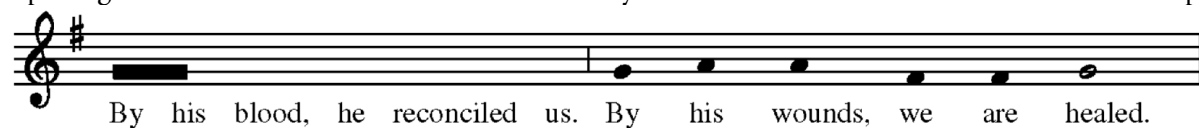
By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.

And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law,
opening for us the way of freedom and peace.



And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your
glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

¶ The People kneel or stand as they are able.

¶ The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

¶ The Celebrant continues

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

¶ The Celebrant continues

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray in the language of our heart,

Traditional 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Contemporary 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 forever. Amen.

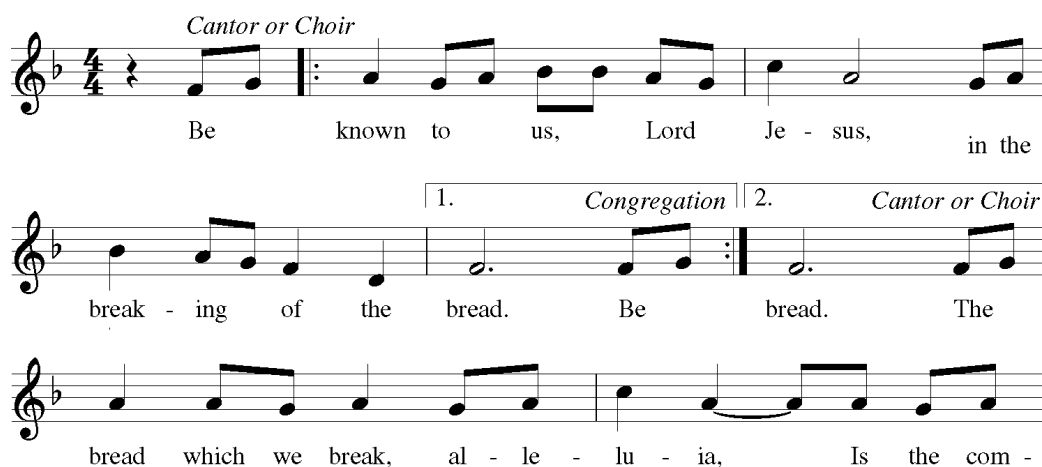
Spanish Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ *The Celebrant breaks the bread.*

¶ *A period of silence is kept.*

The Fraction



Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
Cantor or Choir
bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though
Congregation
man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The Invitation and Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People We behold what we are. Let us become what we receive.

¶ *The People sit.*

¶ *All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. You may receive either the Common cup or by intinction (dipping). Indicate your desire for intinction by holding up your host after it has been given to you. You may indicate your desire to drink from the common cup by consuming the host immediately after it is given to you. Gluten -free bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left.*

¶ *When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.*

Communion Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

Blue Hymnal - 383

¶ *The People stand as they are able.*

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the God of grace, who made all creation, give you the growth of the Spirit of joy, that you may be the steward of life, which is our deepest calling, and God's Blessing be with you, Christ's Peace be with you, the Spirits outpouring be with you now, and for ever more.

People Amen.

Hymn

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Blue Hymnal - 580

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into God's Good Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata

Flor Peters

§ Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then join us in the Parish Hall for coffee & fellowship .§

St. Marks Prayer List

<u>The Sick and Other Needs</u>		<u>Members of the Vestry</u>
Alisa Almonte	Sue Allen	Ben Busman (Sr. Warden)
Jayne Austin	Jennifer Julius	Rex Miller (Jr. Warden)
Doug Karsen	Susan Andrews	Emily Krueger (Clerk)
Barbara Gordon	Kerry Morey	Gloria Lara (Treasurer)
Phil Gleason	Nita DeGraff	Steve Bell
Bill Nasser	Mary Rollins	Christina DeKoekKoek
Allyson Nichols	John Graki	
	<u>In Military Service</u>	Scot Gugle
Audrey Nwak	Timothy Brower, Sr.	Rich Hiskes
Linda Radke	Cailen W. Donahue-McLean	Cindy Kok
Jean Reale	Nathan Gagin	Carmela McIntire
Mark Schuurmans	Kayla Gilardi	Michael York
Meghan VanderMale	Jayden Karsen	Michael Reale
Guillermo Venecia	Charles Lewis	
Roger York	Todd Murray	
Jaimie Interrial	John Nicholson III	

Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

We thank you for all the ways in which you support the work of the Gospel at St. Mark's.

If you would like to make a financial offering, there many ways to do so

- Place check or cash in the offering plate.
- Mail a check to the church.
- Gifts or transfer of stock. (Speak with a member of the vestry or Rector after the service)
- Remember St. Mark's in your estate planning. (A brochure is available on the Resource Table.)

OR, conveniently with your phone:

- Scan the QR code to give.





Music Ministry Update



Dr. Gary Gordon, Director of Music
garyg@stmarksgr.org – cell: 214-629-8926

BELL REHEARSALS – Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 PM

We'd love to welcome you to our ensemble. Playing experience isn't required but some familiarity with the musical staff and sight-reading ability will be helpful. This ensemble meets bi-weekly and performs occasionally throughout the year. For more info contact garyg@stmarksgr.org.

Make a Joyful Noise begins today at 9:15.

Do you know a child that loves to sing and play instruments? *Make a Joyful Noise* will resume this Sunday with Dr. Gary. Sundays from 9:15-9:35 If your child sings in a school choir, plays an instrument in band, or taking private lessons, please contact garyg@stmarksgr.org.

Saturday, October 17th at 7:30 PM

Vox GR Concert *Legacy: from Tradition into Modernity*

Legacy pairs choral gems from historical times with music by emerging composers to highlight the rich heritage of choral singing. The concert is also a collaboration with Fruitport High School and Grandville High School. Each high school choir will sing a set of their own music and perform side-by-side with the pros for a rousing closer.

Announcements

Adult Faith Formation: Signs and Grace:

Adult Formation discussions in the Parish Hall. Beginning on September 20th at 9:30 am, and the following three Sundays, we will explore why the church practices the rituals called Baptism and Eucharist. "Signs and Grace: An Introduction to the Sacraments" is a video-based resource produced by the Episcopal Church. Each session begins with a 20-minute presentation followed by 20 minutes of discussion. If you are a life-long Episcopalian or new to the church, "Signs and Grace" is for you. Come and join the conversation about the Sacraments, the acts that bring us together and closer to God.

Contemplative Prayer Group will be having their first kickoff meeting at St. Mark's

Thursday October 1st at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Our next meetings will be Nov. 5th & Dec. 3rd. We will be meeting on the first Thursday evening at 6 p.m. each month to spend time practicing together. All are welcome whether this is your first time trying contemplative prayer or you have been engaging in contemplative prayer for years. If you are interested in joining, please email Christina DeKoekKoek or reach out to Christina so we can get a rough head count at christinadekoek@gmail.com

Take a shot at health on Sunday morning

Corewell Health Vaccine Clinic will be at St Mark's to administer Flu & Covid vaccine's on 10/17/2026 during Breakfast Cafe for our unhoused neighbors and also on 10/18/26 during Social Hour for our Parishioners.

Episcopal 101 begins October 18th at Noon

The former Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry often referred to Episcopal Church as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. He meant something specific by it. If you would like to know more about what it means to be in this branch of the body of Christ, or just what to know why we call the Presiding Bishop a Primate (no, it's not an insult) you are invited to come to *Episcopal 101*, a class designed to answer all these questions, and more.

And, for those interested in investing more in the Life Giving, Liberating movement of Jesus that is the Episcopal Church, this class will prepare you for being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or Reaffirming your faith.

Thank you for Standing with Nic Fletcher! He still needs your support and prayers!

Nic has recently learned that the dismissal of his case has been appealed by the Kent County Prosecutor's office. Nic needs our support and prayers. You can read a letter from Nic in the E-news or on St. Mark's website.

Please share Nic's letter and donate to support Nic

Make the Church A Safe Place for Everyone

All staff, Vestry and volunteers in contact with vulnerable youth or adults must re-certify with Safe Church every 3 years. For the online, self-directed platform, reach out to Jeff for instructions.

Education for Ministry Class has begun!

You are invited to deepen your faith and understanding of the Bible and the church, by enrolling in this year's EfM class. Curriculum is through the Episcopal Seminary of the South. The group meets every Sunday afternoon from 12:15-2 pm. There is a cost to enroll, and you will need the registration link from Laura Kozminski, laurakozminski@gmail.com.

Food Pantry Donations

St. Mark's partners with the Downtown Food Pantry to help supply needed food to neighbors in the downtown area. For the month of October boxes of cereal would be much appreciated, although all gifts will be gratefully received. Each item you donate makes somebody's life a little easier.

Outreach needs your help! Gender neutral clothing needed

The Outreach ministry would like to thank St. Mark's for their generous clothing donations for our unhoused guests at the Breakfast Cafe. In order to better serve our guests, we ask that such clothing be gender neutral items such as jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, tennis shoes, and coats. We also appreciate donations of new socks and underwear. Items can be placed in the basket in the north transept.



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Craig Mosley	Sexton, Videographer, Photographer
Judy Buitenhuis	Weekend Sexton

St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the Indigenous peoples of the Three Fires: Anishinaabe, Odawa, and Bodéwadmi. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds that continue to exist by that occupation, and we pray and work for reconciliation.