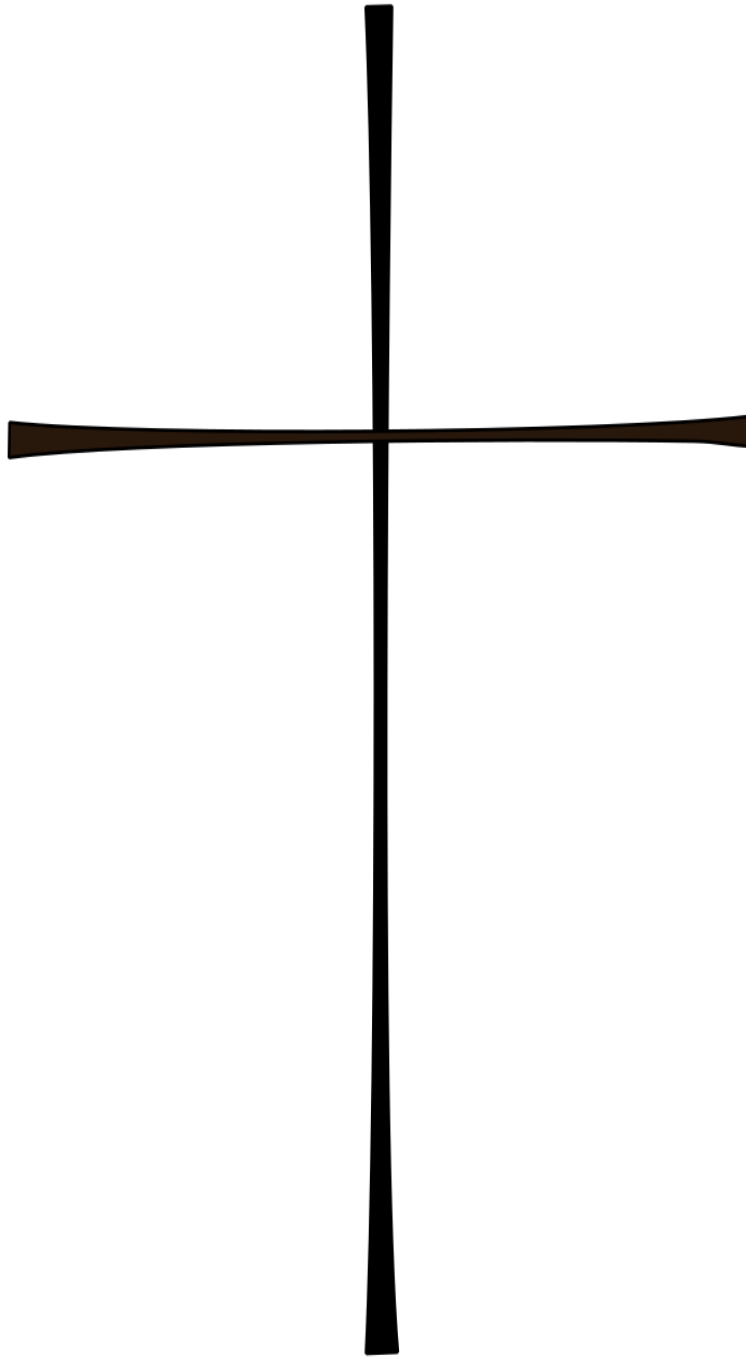


St. Mark's Episcopal Church



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

10:30am

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Arr. by Teresa Wilhelmi

Welcome

Hymn

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

Blue Hymnal -- 515

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Blue Hymnal – S278



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

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

All are seated.

A Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Lector A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Domine, refugium

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

A Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand.

The Gospel Hymn

What Does the Lord Require, vs. 1-2

Blue Hymnal - 605

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

People Glory to you, O 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.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn (cont.)

What Does the Lord Require, vs. 3-4

Blue Hymnal - 605

¶ All are seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Jedediah Fox, Rector

¶ 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 1 Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” Trusting in God’s abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. We pray;

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector 2 God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. We pray;

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector 1 God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. We pray;

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector 2 God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. We pray;

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector 1 God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need those on our parish prayer list. Surround them with your healing and your peace. We pray;

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector 2 God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace, especially those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.

¶ A period of silence is kept.

We pray;

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

¶ The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Confession of Sin

¶ The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

¶ Silence may be kept.

¶ Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

¶ The Celebrant stands and says,

Almighty God have †mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

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

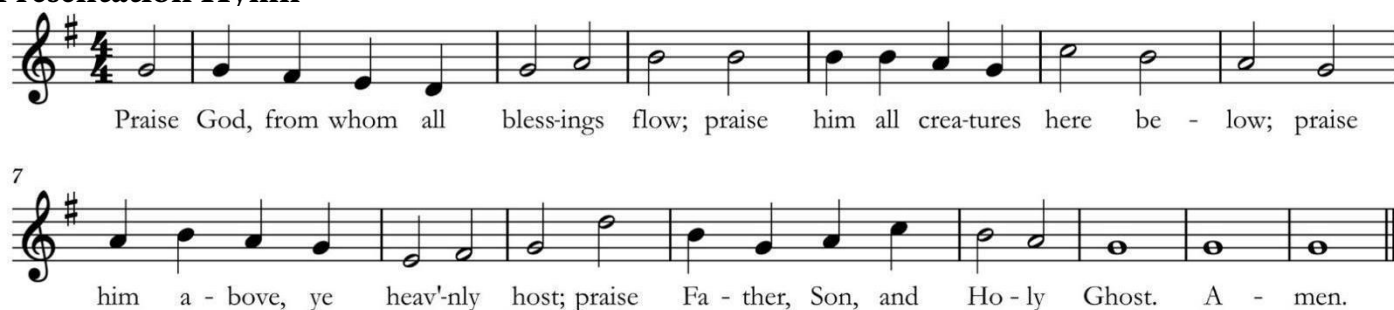
The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd is Lord

Harrison Oxley

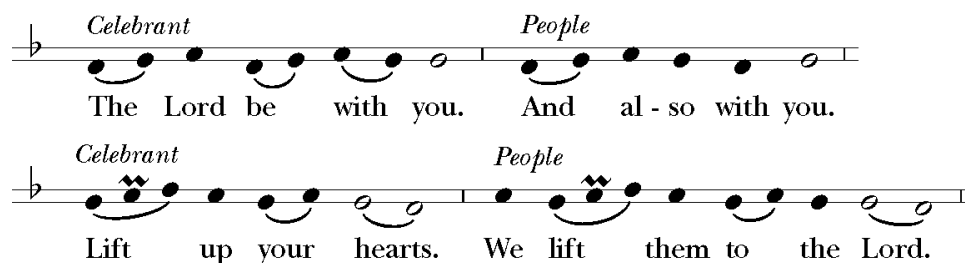
Presentation Hymn



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 A



Celebrant The Lord 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 the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

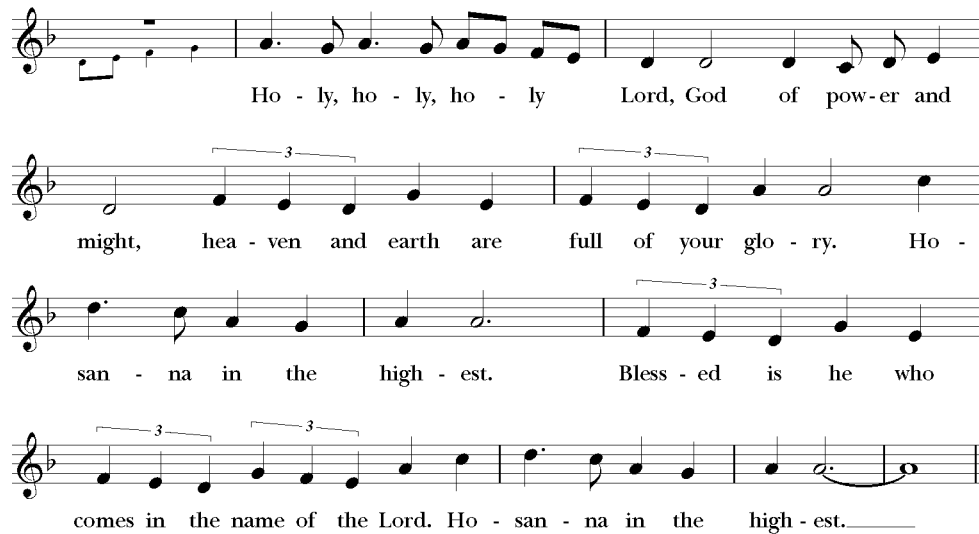
¶ The Celebrant continues with the prayer and the People sing their responses

... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, LORD

Blue Hymnal - S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

¶ The People kneel or stand as they are able.

¶ The Celebrant continues

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

¶ Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

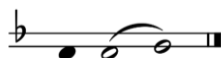
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

¶ The Celebrant continues

... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

ALL



The Lord's Prayer A-men

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

Be Known to Us Lord Jesus

Green Hymnal - 875

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

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

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

Blue Hymnal - 517

¶ The People stand as they are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May God's Blessing be with you, Christ's Peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you now, and forever more.

People Amen.

Closing Hymn

God is Working His Purpose Out

Blue Hymnal - 534

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D major, Op. 15

C. S. Lang

§ 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. §



Plenty Good Room

Theological Statement

Questions for Reflection:

How have you used your creativity and experience to overcome scarcity?

The Spiritual Plenty Good Room tells us a story about God's inclusive love. The home is there, the table is spread, the place is prepared. Choose your seat and sit down, the chorus sings to us. Like many metaphors for the Kingdom of Heaven, there is a dual meaning, and in this case, the message is clear: in the eternal reward, there is room for everybody; and in the heaven we create here on Earth we should strive for the same.

What abundance! Images of narrow paths and closed gates of pearl aside, Jesus proclaimed such a radical, all-inclusive love that we know in our hearts that we, all of us, each of us, is a part of God's plan for humanity. We have each been given gifts to share in order to bring about the fullness of God's Kingdom.

The secret about having gifts to share is that generosity begets generosity. God modeled generosity in the Creation and as we continue to participate in the co-Creation we bring our gifts to bear. The more we acknowledge the abundance into which we have been created, the more we are inspired to share our resources, relationships, and responses with our neighbors. Generosity asks us to see scarcity not as a problem that we have to endure, but rather as a system that we need to dismantle.

In God's Kingdom, there is no need that cannot be met. The barriers we have placed between met and unmet needs are ours, not God's. These obstacles can be overcome through a creative use of our gifts: If there is not enough money to address something, perhaps there is an in-kind donation we can make. Perhaps more volunteer hours, or employing our networks to expand the circle of help will be useful. And maybe the only thing we can give is a smile or a prayer. We have every good thing inside of us to offer a place for others, all we need to do is to recall that truth. tens.org



J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-

inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.



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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
Larisha Mazzola	Mary Rollins	Christina DeKoekKoek
Allyson Nichols	John Graki	
	<u>In Military Service</u>	Scot Gogle
Audrey Nwak	Timothy Brower, Sr.	Rich Hiskes
Linda Radke	Cailen W. Donahue-McLean	Cindy Kok
Jean Reale	Nathan Gagin	Carmela McIntire
Ruth Schoff	Kayla Gilardi	Michael York
Meghan VanderMale	Jayden Karsen	Michael Reale
Guillermo Venecia	Charles Lewis	
Roger York	Todd Murray	
Jaimie Interrial	John Nicholson III	
Mark Schuurmans		
Bill Nasser		

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 News

Dr. Gary Gordon, Director of Music
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A special “thank you” to all who made our Sacred Sounds concert with Vox GR, Fruitport High Choir, and Grandville High Choir a resounding success!

November 1st at 5:00 PM - All Saints Evensong

Come experience the serene beauty of this 45-minute choral service, deeply rooted in our Anglican tradition. Please note this service will include light incense.

November 8th at 5:00 PM - Evensong Honoring Bishop Anne

This Evensong is provided as a Diocesan event as we mark the end of Bishop Anne’s service with us. Please note this service will include light incense.

Make a Joyful Noise 9:15-9:35 - Choir Room

All Children/Youth are invited for a time to learn music we can share in our services, learn more about the Liturgical calendar, and learn how hymns support our faith.

Instrumental Music

If you are learning an instrument in school, taking private lessons, or have been playing for many years, I cordially invite you to share your talents in our services. Please speak with me after any service or send an email to garyg@stmarksgsr.org and let me know more about your instrument and level of skill.

*Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies;
Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness;
Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;
Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute;
Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.
Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah! – Psalm 150*

Hand Bells – Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 PM (bi-weekly) Next rehearsal Oct. 28th.

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@stmarksgsr.org.

Michigan Arts and Culture Council

We are grateful for generous financial support from **MACC** which supports our Sacred Sounds Series and makes occasional performances by the Grand Rapids Symphony at our Breakfast Cafe possible.



Announcements

Adult Formation: *The Shape of the Liturgy*

Fr. Jed will be leading a class from Oct. 18th to Nov. 22nd explaining the modern Eucharistic liturgy in the Episcopal Church. The class will address historical precedents and modern theological and practical consideration that have created and innervate our worship on Sunday morning.

Episcopal 101 at 12:15 pm in the Guild Room

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.

Sharing the Bounty Food Walk

Join us on October 25, **TODAY**, at 12:30pm for the annual Sharing the Bounty Walk. This walk is a key fundraiser for St. Mark's Breakfast Cafe and for the Westminster Downtown Food Pantry. Our walk will focus this year on the churches that support these two programs. We encourage walkers to set a goal to raise \$100 in pledges for their walk. Donations will be turned in at Westminster on the day of the walk. The walk is scheduled to last approximately 1 1/2 hours and will be set at a leisurely pace. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for those who will participate. Thanks for your support. For further questions, please see Sue Poll or email her at suepoll@gmail.com.

All Saints Day November 1

As we remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us, we invite you to submit the names of loved ones who have passed away before us since November of 2025 to be included in our parish Necrology. This is a special opportunity to honor their memory and hold them in prayer.

Please submit the names of those you would like to remember by Wednesday, October 28. May their memories be a blessing, and may they rest in the eternal peace of God.

Candy Tithe And All Saints'

On All Saints Sunday, as a way for our youth and children to tangibly participate in this stewardship season, we invite them to participate in a Candy Tithe on All Saints' Sunday on 11/1. Those who would like to tithe 10% of their candy may bring it to a basket at the altar for donation during the offertory on that day. Also on All Saints' Sunday, everyone is invited to come dressed as their favorite saint.

Newcomer Event

New to St Mark's in 2026? We'd like to make the social hour on Sunday, Nov 1 a celebration of your being a part of our St Mark's family. We hope you can be with us then!

Sunday Youth Group Meetups (6th—12th grade)

All Youth Group meetups this fall will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 4-6 pm at St. Mark's. See you on November 1 and 15, and December 6 and 20.

Disciples & Dragons-1st Wednesdays Beginning November 4 (3rd—12th grade)

Disciples & Dragons will return on the 1st Wednesday of the month, beginning in November, and will run from 6-8 pm on Zoom. You can find registration details and more information in the e-newsletter.

Charge: Youth Event —November 6th-8th

Episcopalians in 6th-12th grades from around our diocese are invited to join with our Lutheran neighbors from Living Water Ministries for Charge, a high-energy ecumenical youth event at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City from November 6-8. Participants at Charge are equipped and empowered to learn, lead, laugh, and love as an expression of their faith in Jesus. Worship, small groups, congregational time, workshops, recreation options and an outdoor campfire camp style are all elements of this powerful gathering of community! To learn more, speak with Jeff Brown after the service

Annie Civic Theatre Parish Life Event

Parish Life is hosting the traditional Holiday trip to the Civic Theater to see the musical *ANNIE* on Sunday, *December 13* for the 2:00 matinee. A signup sheet is available at the information desk. Tickets are \$20.00 for students and \$33.75 for adults. That is a savings of \$11.75. Your check is your reservation. Please make your check payable to St. Mark's. You can give your check to Judy Fetterhoff or put in Pam Stevensons mailbox. We will park in our lot, and all walk together to the theater. Group rate is for a group of 20 or more. Get your reservation early as Annie will sell out very fast.

Diocesan Virtual Youth Group-3rd Wednesdays Beginning October 21 (6th-12th)

Virtual Youth Group first launched during the pandemic when we could not meet in person. We are pleased to announce it will return this fall, as a way to keep our youth from around this diocese, and beyond, connected throughout the year. These meetups will take place via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8pm, from October through May. Participation is open to 6th-12th grade students and their mentors in the current school year. During our time together, we will explore Storymakers NYC's Relationships: Teen Zine Vol. 4, which invites teens to explore the diversity of relationships—with God, themselves, family, besties, neighbors, or strangers across the globe. Teens will walk through the Ten Commandments, exploring how these rules apply to our relationships with God and other people, showing humans the best way to love one another, because relationships are where true meaning is found.

Participants will each receive their own zine from the diocese, but should register by October 1 in order to have it prior to our first meetup. That said, we welcome youth to join as they are able, at any time in the program year, and will get their zine to them as soon as we can.

There will also be time for sharing, devotions, games, and Compline. We hope you can join us! Please check out the link in the e-news or on the diocesan website.

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.

October Outreach Collection

Each month the Outreach Ministry designates a different cause for a collection from our parishioners. For the month of October, the collection will go to the Breakfast Cafe. There are envelopes in the pews at church or you may place "Breakfast Cafe" in the memo section of a personal check. Help take a neighbor to breakfast and thank you so much for helping us with this ministry as we are making a difference in our community.



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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.