

**Birthdays:** Alex Reisz, Judy Presley, Dena Haverland, George Ross, Alex Brown

**Anniversaries:** Mike & Meredith Andersen, Jake & Lori McGill

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen and Thomas.

**Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksdalton.org**

**St. Mark's Prayer Chain** - If you have a prayer request, you may contact Cathy Houser 706-624-8913, or 404-219-8139; housermc@aol.com

**This Sunday at St. Mark's**

**June 21, 2026**  
8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00am Early Adult Sunday School  
9:45am Adult Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Father's Day  
Noon Strength in Stillness

**Every Thursday**

Bible Study - 6:00 pm Library  
Al-Anon - 7:00 pm Parish Hall

**Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs 9am - 2pm

**A Look Ahead \*Subject to Change\***

**June 22 10:00am** Quilting for Others  
**June 28 1030am** CoHi Commission Serv.  
**July 4th** Holiday  
**July 7 6:15pm** Evening Prayer  
**July 9 10am** Royal Oaks  
**July 13 10am** Quilting for Others  
**July 14 6pm** Outreach meeting  
**July 14 7pm** Prayer Shawl  
**July 25 11-4pm** Pop Up Store-Raiz  
**July 26 12pm** Strength in Stillness  
**July 27 10am** Quilting for Others  
**Aug 1 2-4pm** Lighten their Load  
**Aug 4 6:15pm** Evening Prayer  
**Aug 9 Noon** Sunday Potluck  
**Aug 9 6pm** Royal Oaks  
**Aug 10 6-8pm** Griefshare 1st meeting

Rector	The Rev. Rick Tiff
Guest Celebrant	The Rev. Perry Scruggs
Music Director & Organist	Beth Nichols
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00AM Debora Buckner 10:30AM Marilyn Lance Ed Anthony
Lector OT	Jack Donlon
Lector NT	Elise Donlon
Prayer Leader	Barry Pulliam
Verger	Marilyn Lance
Acolytes	David & Nancy Chapman, Joseph Sosebee
Flower Guild	Annelle Serritt
Altar Guild	Jennifer Ross, Martha Minor
Linen Guild	Kelly Harrell
Ushers	8:00 AM Don Hayes Jr. 10:30 AM Ty Ross Mike Renfroe
Oblation Bearers	Ross Family
Vestry of the Day	Tracey Burke
Greeters	Alderman Family
Video	Gregory Washington

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM**

*We begin the service in silence.*

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation** BCP p. 323

**The Collect for Purity** BCP p. 323

**The Gloria** BCP p. 324

**The Collect of the Day**  
O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading Genesis 21:8-21**

**The Psalm: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17** BCP p. 709  
(Please stand and read responsively, by half verse)

**The Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11**

**The Gospel Matthew 10:24-39**

**Sermon** The Rev. Perry Scruggs

**The Nicene Creed** BCP p. 326

**The Prayers of the People** BCP p. 328

**Confession of Sin** BCP p. 331

**The Peace** BCP p. 332

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

**Eucharistic Prayer I** BCP p. 333

**Sanctus** BCP p. 334

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP p. 336

**Fraction** BCP p. 337

**The Prayer of Humble Access** BCP p. 337

**The Communion** BCP p. 338

**Post-Communion Prayer** BCP p. 339

**The Blessing** BCP p. 339

**The Dismissal** BCP p. 340



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**Welcome to St. Mark's Church**

*We are glad you have come to worship here this morning.  
Please join us in prayerful meditation before the service.  
We ask that you turn off cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.  
Hymns and Service Music (e.g. S280) may be found in The Hymnal 1982  
WLP Hymns may be found in the green hymnal.*

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM**

**Prelude** Pastorale Charles Wesley

**Processional Hymn 537** Christ for the world we sing! Moscow

**Acclamation**  
*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*

**The Collect for Purity** BCP p. 355

**The Gloria S280** Robert Powell

**The Collect of the Day**  
O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading Genesis 21:8-21**  
The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy

where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

**The Psalm: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17**  
**(Please stand and read responsively by half verse)**

- <sup>1</sup> Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- <sup>2</sup> Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- <sup>3</sup> Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- <sup>7</sup> In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.
- <sup>9</sup> All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

**Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Sequence Hymn 679** Surely it is God who saves me  
*Thomas Merton*

**The Gospel Matthew 10:24-39**

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the house-tops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Sermon** **The Rev. Perry Scruggs**  
 (Children will now be dismissed for Children’s Church)

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP p. 358**

**Prayers of the People Form IV** **BCP p. 388**

**The Peace**

**The Confession** **BCP p. 360**

**Parish Notices**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory** Brethren, we have met to worship *Lani Smith*

**Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 3)** Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
*Old 100th*

**Eucharistic Prayer A** **BCP p. 361**

**Sanctus S125** Holy, holy, holy Lord *Richard Proulx*

**The Lord’s Prayer** **BCP p. 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem** *Take, O take me as I am* *John L. Bell*  
*(sing three times)*  
*Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be.*  
*Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

**The Communion**

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord. If you would like to participate in the traditional Common Cup, or through intinction, please join the line at the communion rail. To receive a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest. If you desire communion brought to you in the pew, please let an usher know.

**Post Communion Prayer** **BCP p. 365**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 296** We know that Christ is raised *Engelberg*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude** Postlude in F major *Johann Kindermann*

*The flowers are donated by Phil & Kathi Reisz in thanksgiving for Alex.*

**INTERCESSIONS**

**\*Parishioners**

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| *Tommy Brooks   | Ellie Bramlett  | Jordan Muschamp |
| *Arden Brown    | Runette Broome  | Hunter Parker   |
| *Jon Burchfield | Andrew Cash     | Michele Polk    |
| *Ken Culverson  | Ty Coppinger    | Ronnie Stanley  |
| *Evie Fincher   | Martha Gill     | Jim Unger       |
| * Rob Gouffon   | Rita Hammontree | Tomas Vaquera   |
| *Donna Huoppi   | Clyde Johnson   | John Wall       |
| *John Hutcheson | Mari Jones      | Alan Weeks      |
| *Sarah Jenkins  | Nancy Junnila   | Ronnie West     |
| *John Kenemer   | Tommy Laster    | Mary Withum     |
| *Rick Martin    | Francisa Loredo | Pat K.          |
| *Bo Thompson    | James Martin    | Adrian          |
| *Judy Schwenn   | Matt Miner      | Liliane         |
|                 | Lance Miner     | Daniele         |
|                 |                 | Gabriele        |



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