

Birthdays: George Spence, Nola Culverson, Mike Renfro, Mitchell Arthur, Ellen Andersen, Kyle England, Adam Burnette, Alan Nichols, Tucker Lamb
Anniversaries: Thierry & Marianne Urbain
Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen, Chrissy and Thomas.

Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksepiscopaldalton.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
September 27, 2026
8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Early Adult Sunday School
9:45am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

A Look Ahead *Subject to Change*

Oct 4 4pm-7pm Oktoberfest
October 12 Columbus Day
Oct 12 10am Quilting for Others
Oct 17 12pm Funeral Reception
1pm Tom Lanford’s Service
Oct 18 Pledge Sunday
Oct 18 4-5pm St. Francis Day
Oct 18 6pm Royal Oaks
Oct 19 1pm CoHi
Oct 19 4:30pm Children’s Church meeting
Oct 20 6pm Vestry

Every Monday
6-8pm Grief Share
Every Tuesday
6:15pm Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday
Handbells - 5:15pm
Chancel Choir - 7:30pm

Rector	The Rev. Rick Tiff
Music Director & Organist	Beth Nichols
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00AM Ed Anthony 10:30AM Marilyn Lance John Schwenn
Lector OT Lector NT	Elise Donlon Deb Sneary
Prayer Leader	Jaime Beckler
Verger	Scott Hamlin
Acolytes	Jack Donlon Elise Donlon, Joseph Sosebee
Flower Guild	Cindy Sarratt Ellen Anthony
Altar Guild	Martha Minor, Beth Bennett
Linen Guild	Marilyn Lance
Ushers	8:00 AM Matt & Rosely Hamilton 10:30 AM Tom Minor Wes Phinney
Oblation Bearers	Family TBD
Vestry of the Day	Alex Hunt
Welcome Cart Video	Alderman Family Caroline Schusterick

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM		
<i>We begin the service in silence.</i>		
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 God who declares thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>		
The First Reading Exodus 17:1-7		
The Psalm: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	BCP p. 694	
(Please stand and read responsively, by half verse)		
The Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13		
The Gospel Matthew 21:23-32		
Sermon	The Rev. Rick Tiff	
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	
Postlude	Prelude on “Nettleton”	Charles Callahan
(Come, thou fount of every blessing)		
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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM

Prelude Prelude on “Nettleton” setting by Charles Callahan

Processional Hymn 9 Not here for high and holy things Morning Song

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

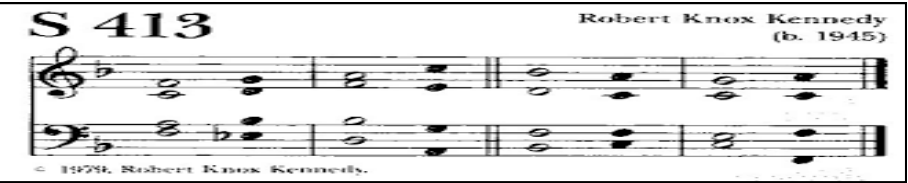
The Gloria S278 William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”



**The Psalm: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
(All Stand and Sing)**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my / people; *
incline your ears to the words of my / mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a / parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient / times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / told us, *
we will not hide from their / children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has / done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their / forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of / Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass / through; *
he made the waters stand up like / walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by / day, *
and all the night through with a glow of / fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the / wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great / deep.
- 2nd Half
- 16 He brought streams out of the / cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like / rivers.

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sequence Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing *Nettleton*

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”



Sermon **The Rev. Rick Tiff**
(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 Confession **BCP p. 360**

The Peace

Parish Notices

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation Hymn 492 (v.1) Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*



Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP p. 361**

Sanctus S128 Holy, holy, holy Lord *William Mathias*

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.

Communion Hymn Great is thy faithfulness (see insert) *Faithfulness*

Post Communion Prayer **BCP p. 365**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 450 All hail the power of Jesus’ Name! *Coronation*

The Dismissal

Postlude A Trumpet Air *David Paxton*

*The flowers today are donated by Bob Pike in memory of
Jeff Burr and Charles Bryant.*

Intercessions Prayer List

***Parishioners**

- *Tommy Brooks
- *Arden Brown
- *Jon Burchfield
- *Ken Culverson
- * Rob Gouffon
- *Judy Hall
- *Donna Huoppi
- *John Hutcheson
- *Sarah Jenkins
- *John Kenemer
- *Cindy Latour
- *Jim Sneary
- *Bo Thompson
- *Judy Schwenn

Extended Community

David Blackburn family
Ty Coppinger
Rita Hammontree
Rusty Harrison
Clyde Johnson
Mari Jones
Monique Lenoir
Francisa Loreda
Muschamp family
Ronnie Stanley
Jim Unger
John Wall
Alan Weeks
Gordan

We are called as a community to pray with and for one another, and we invite you to submit requests for our parish prayer list. In order to keep the list up-to-date and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, we will print names for one month, unless otherwise requested. If you would like for someone to remain on the prayer list for more (or less) than one month, please call the Church Office or email admin@stmarksdalton.org

