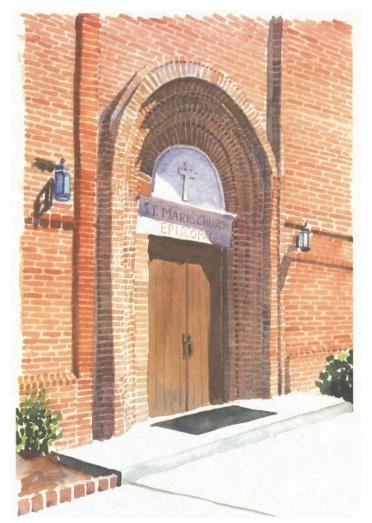


AUGUST 10, 2025 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M. THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • PROPER 14



WELCOME!

We celebrate God's love by welcoming all people into a life with Jesus Christ and each other.

Your presence blesses us, and we pray this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Whether you are a first-time guest, a longtime member, or somewhere in between, welcome to this place! Together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and the world.

Our liturgy comes from The Book of Common Prayer. You will find the accompanying page numbers in this bulletin. It includes the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table. Please add your voice to our worship as we pray together the prayers printed in bold and sing the hymns found in this bulletin or in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. If you are more comfortable coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms and a blessing will be offered over you. Children are a welcome blessing here at St. Mark's. Many depart after the beginning of the service for Children's Chapel.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keith Giblin, Priest Associate

OPENING HYMN "The God of Abraham praise" (Please stand and join in singing.)

Hymnal 401



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. | Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

CELEBRANT

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

PEOPLE

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

CELEBRANT

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*.



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you. PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The People may be seated. The Children are invited to depart for Chapel.

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 15:1-6

READER A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM 33:12-22 EXULTATE, JUSTI (Read responsively by whole verse.)

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *

he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

THE EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-13

READER A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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



Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40 (Please remain standing.)

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

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

GOSPELER The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Keith Giblin, Priest Associate

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form I) (The People may stand or kneel.)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Mark and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 your Son 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

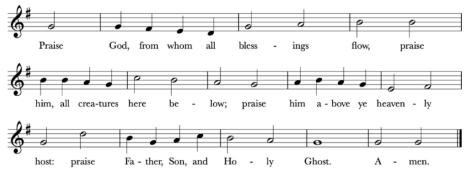
There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is a welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt., harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A (The People remain standing.)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 361

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 him thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of

heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: SANCTUS (Sung by all.)

Hymnal S 125



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The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

CELEBRANT Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
PEOPLE Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
CELEBRANT The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People sit. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The altar of Saint Mark's Church is God's Table, and all are welcome. If you are more comfortable coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms and a blessing will be offered over you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken by all, standing.)

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.

COMMENDATION OF THOSE TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND (As needed.)

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

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MUSIC NOTES

This summer, our full parish choir is enjoying a well-deserved break, and we are fortunate to be enjoying beautiful music from members of our music ministry. The full choir returns for next week for Rally Day, August 17.

Our beloved Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ (Opus 1391) is "away" undergoing a complete restoration. We expect it to return in late 2025 or early 2026. We are happy to report it's presently on time, and on budget! We are grateful to the St. Mark's Foundation, our parishioners, community members, and SETX foundations who have come forward to graciously support our preservation of this historic instrument. As you can see, we are still fundraising to close the gap and fully fund this project. Donations may be made online by selecting "Organ Fund" or by check, noting "Organ Fund" in the memo line.





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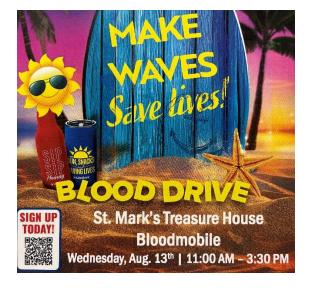
DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Epilogue"

Norman Gilbert (1912-1975)

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Spoken)
10:30 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (With Music)

Monday, August 11

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, August 12

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

12:00 p.m. Healing Service

12:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, August 13

11:00 a.m. Treasure House Blood Drive

12:00 p.m. AA

5:30 p.m. Grief Group (Gilbert Bldg.)

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 14

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon 12:00 p.m. AA

Friday, August 15

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

August 17 Rally Day

August 19 Tasting for Some Other Place at 5 p.m.

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The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, Rector The Rev. Keith Giblin, Priest Associate The Rev. Tracie Middleton, Deacon Jordan Williams, Organist-Choirmaster Genevieve Brassard, Assistant Director of Music

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