



SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**AUGUST 16, 2026 • THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II • 10:30 A.M. • PROPER 15
RALLY DAY WITH THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**



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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt. © The Church Pension Fund.
 Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer p. 413

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.*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive-our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated. The Children are invited to depart for Chapel.

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

READER A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67 DEUS MISEREATUR (*Sung by the Choir.*)

Anglican Chant: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in
2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to
3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -
4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher - e'er the foot of
preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -
tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the Name of Je - sus

man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. | Music: *Melcombe*, Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:10-28 *(Please remain standing.)*

GOSPELER The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*

THE NICENE CREED *(The People stand and join in reciting the Creed together.)*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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 V) (*The People may stand or kneel.*)
The Leader and People pray responsively

The Book of Common Prayer p. 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald our President, Greg our Governor, and all our elected officials in Southeast Texas, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Saint Mark and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE And also with you.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Without the Fire, There Is No Burning”

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Without the Fire, there is no Burning, without the Teacher,
there's no Learning, without the the Shepherd, no safe
Keeping, without the Sower, there's no Reaping.

Without the Way, there is no Going, without the Truth, no
inward Knowing, without the Life, there is no Living. Without
the Cross, no full Forgiving.

Without the Judge, there is no Pleading, without the Bread, no
heav'nly Feeding, without the Vine, no holy Drinking, without
the Mind, no Christly Thinking.

Without the Grave, no Resurrecting, without the Light, no
Love's Reflecting, without the Vision, no clear Dreaming,
without the Savior, no Redeeming.

FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” (The People stand and join in singing.)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen

Musical notation for the Festival Doxology, featuring four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts, praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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.)*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na,
 Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The People stand or kneel.

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.**

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.

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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung by all.*)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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CELEBRANT The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People sit. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join the Choir in singing **Hymns 469 and 321** from *The Hymnal 1982*.

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

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" (*Sung by all.*)

Hymnal 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Voluntary on *Duke Street*: Jesus Shall Reign"

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

PARISH PHOTO

ADULT FORMATION

SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM

Lectionary Study
Learn about the Sunday scriptures used in worship in a lay-lead study.

Find readings @
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ST. MARK'S DINNER DIVAS

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THURSDAY 8/20

FRANKIE'S ITALIAN GRILL
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5:30 p.m.
Please RSVP: Gail Davis, 409-781-6233

The Tasting
for
Some Other Place

This Tuesday, August 18, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Beaumont Civic Center
Tickets: <https://www.thetastingforsomeotherplace.com/>

HYMN FEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 5PM
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85th Annual Chili Supper and Bazaar

ORGAN REDEDICATION CONCERT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th at 5 p.m.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, August 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Spoken*)
 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (*The Cloister*)
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*With Music*)
 11:45 p.m. Parish Photo & Lunch

Monday, August 17

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
 12:00 p.m. Healing Service
 12:00 p.m. AA
 5:00 p.m. Tasting for Some Other Place

Wednesday, August 19

12:00 p.m. AA
 5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 20

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
 5:30 p.m. Dinner Divas

Friday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

August 25 Chili Cooking Begins!
 September 13 Hymn Fest at St. Mark's at 5 p.m.
 October 25 Organ Rededication Recital at 5 p.m.
 November 1 Choral Evensong at 5 p.m.
 November 12 Chili Supper & Bazaar

CLERGY AND PROGRAM STAFF

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*
 The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*
 The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*
 The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*
 The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*
 Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*
 Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*
 Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
 Emma Davis, *Director of Family Ministry*

Vestry

Dr. Bob Birdwell, *Senior Warden*
 Charles Teel, *Junior Warden*
 Ryan Schiesler, *Treasurer*
 James Black, *Chancellor*

2027

Gail Davis
 Floyd McSpadden
 Ed Stedman
 Pat Sherwood
 Charles Teel

2028

Bob Birdwell
 Josh Crawford
 Ali Corcoran
 Maris Mehaffy
 Laurel Shrontz

2029

Michael Curtis
 Laura Hayes
 Laurie Kent
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