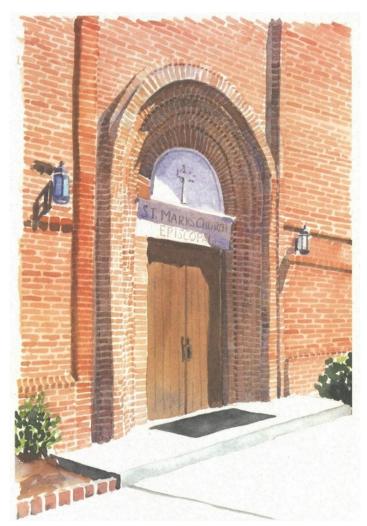


AUGUST 17, 2025 • HOLY BAPTISM • 10:30 A.M.
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • PROPER 15
RALLY DAY WITH THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



# **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! 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 at St. Mark's. They may depart after the beginning of the service for Children's Chapel.

### **WORDS OF 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



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## THE WORD OF GOD

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

The Book of Common Prayer p. 299

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

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

CELEBRANT There is one Body and one Spirit;
PEOPLE There is one hope in God's call to us;
CELEBRANT One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
PEOPLE One God and Father of all.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT 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.

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

## **PSALM 82 DEUS STETIT** (Remain seated as the Choir sings.)

Anglican Chant: David Hurd (b. 1950)

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*

he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*

and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*

defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*

and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*

and fall like any prince."

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*

for you shall take all nations for your own.

#### THE EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

READER A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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



THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-56 (Please remain standing.)

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

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Keith Giblin, Priest Associate

## THE HOLY BAPTISM

#### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Book of Common Prayer p. 301

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Infants and Younger Children

Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present Julia Joyce Giblin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

### I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

#### I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

PEOPLE We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Book of Common Prayer p. 304

CELEBRANT Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE I do

CELEBRANT Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

CELEBRANT PEOPLE Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

CELEBRANT

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

CELEBRANT

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

PEOPLE I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

PEOPLE I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

PEOPLE I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

PEOPLE I will, with God's help.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

The Book of Common Prayer p. 305

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Julia who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*.

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Book of Common Prayer p. 306

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying
CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Julia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

Julia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Old Hundredth"

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell; Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always,

For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;

His mercy is forever sure;

His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY (The People stand and join in singing.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

The Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

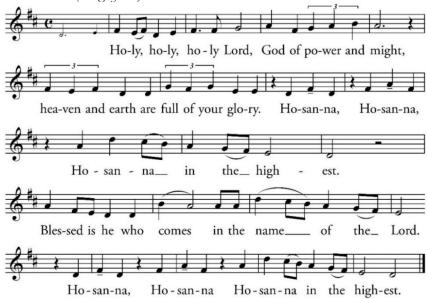
PEOPLE It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.)



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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."

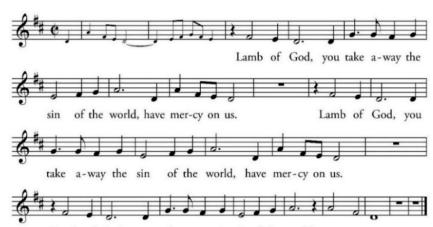
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.* 

### **AGNUS DEI** (Sung by all.)



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

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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.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** All are invited to join the Choir in singing Hymns 328 and 341.

### 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** "How firm a foundation" (*Please join in singing.*)

Hymnal 637



Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt. | Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

#### DISMISSAL

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** "Prelude in C Major"

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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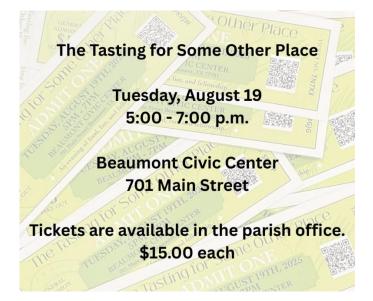
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#### **MUSIC NOTES**

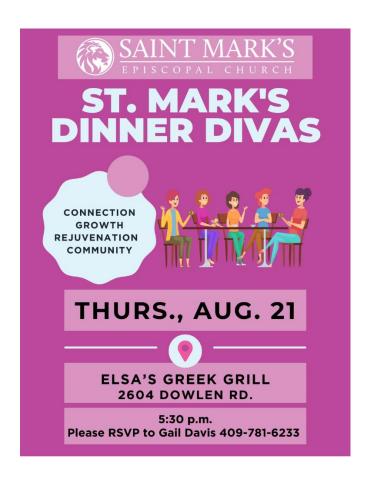
Our beloved Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ (Opus 1391) is "away" undergoing a complete restoration. We expect it to return in late 2025 or early 2026. We are happy to report it's presently on time, and on budget! We are grateful to the St. Mark's Foundation, our parishioners, community members, and SETX 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.



















## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

## Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Spoken)

9:15 a.m. Formation

10:30 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (With Music)

11:45 a.m. Parish Photo and Lunch

## Monday, August 18

12:00 p.m. AA

## Tuesday, August 19

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 20

12:00 p.m. AA

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

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, August 21

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

5:30 p.m. Dinner Divas

### Friday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

## **SAVE THE DATE**

August 31 Potluck Lunch at 11:45 a.m.
September 7 Curate Reception at 11:45 a.m.
September 14 Hymn Fest at Trinity UMC, 5 p.m.

## **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

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