



SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AUGUST 3, 2025 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M.
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • PROPER 13



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

OPENING HYMN “Sing praise to God who reigns above” *(Please stand and join in singing.)*

Hymnal 408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.
 Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547,
 and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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.*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO *(Sung by all.)*

Hymnal S 280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

READER A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49: 1-11 AUDITE HAEC, OMNES *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

1 Hear this, all you peoples;

hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *

and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, *

or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *

that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, *

and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also;

like the dull and stupid they perish *

and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,

their dwelling places from generation to generation, *

though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *

they are like the beasts that perish.

THE EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

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

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
 O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.

Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21 (*Please remain standing.*)

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

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

GOSPELER The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Marcea Paul
Chief of Staff, Episcopal Diocese of Texas

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 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 “Christ Hath a Garden”

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Christ hath a garden walled around,
A Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.



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.**

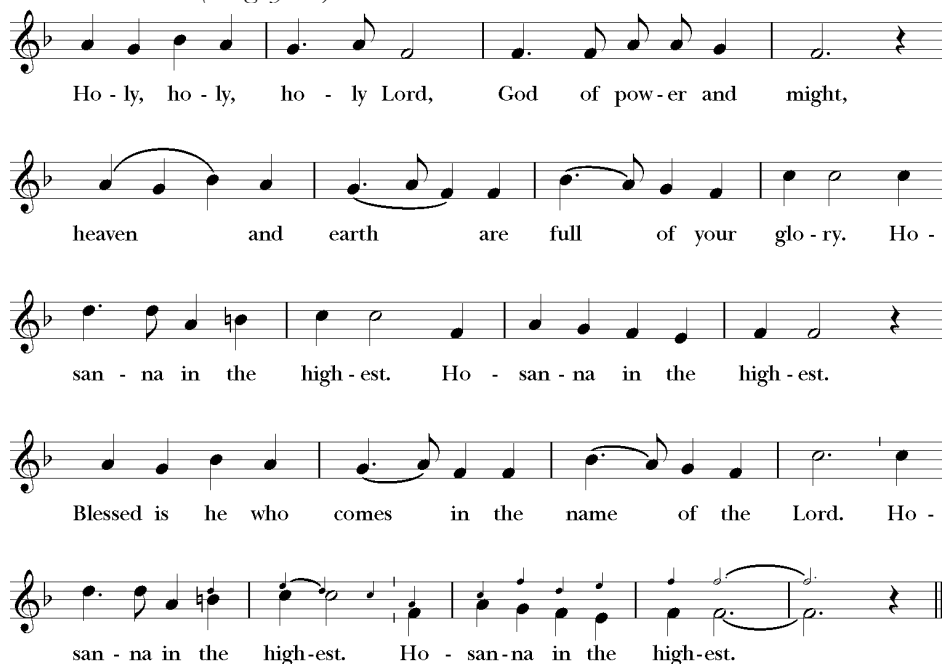
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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.



CLOSING HYMN “Before thy throne, O God, we kneel” *(Please join in singing.)*

Hymnal 574



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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

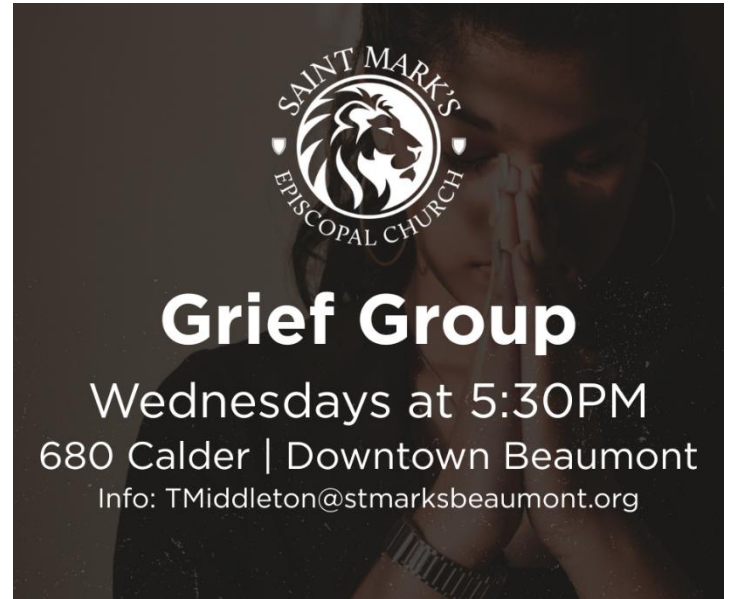
DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Postlude in D”

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Malcolm Williams by his children and grand-children.

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RALLY DAY AT ST. MARK'S

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- ▶ 8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Spoken*)
- ▶ 9:15AM Formation resumes
- ▶ 10:30AM+ Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*Choir*)
Father James returns!
Curate Chris Hilton arrives!
Blessing of the Backpacks!
- ▶ 11:45 a.m. Parish Photo & Lunch
+ *Nursery Provided*



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, August 3

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

Monday, August 4

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

12:00 p.m. AA
 5:30 p.m. Grief Group (Gilbert Bldg.)
 6:00 p.m. Traveling Eucharist

Thursday, August 7

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

Friday, August 8

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

August 6 Traveling Eucharist at 6 p.m.
 August 13 Adult Choir Rehearsal Begins
 August 17 Rally Day
 August 19 Tasting for Some Other Place at 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. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*
 The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*
 Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*
 Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*
 Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
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Vestry

Josh Allen, *Senior Warden*
 Ryan Schiesler, *Junior Warden*
 Jan Blessing, *Treasurer*
 James Black, *Chancellor*

2026

Josh Allen
 Rebecca Boone
 Scootie Clark
 Ryan Schiesler
 Becky Underhill

2027

Gail Davis
 Floyd McSpadden
 Pat Sherwood
 Ed Stedman
 Charles Teel

2028

Bob Birdwell
 Ali Corcoran
 Josh Crawford
 Maris Mehaffy
 Laurel Shrontz



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GIVE TO ST. MARK'S



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