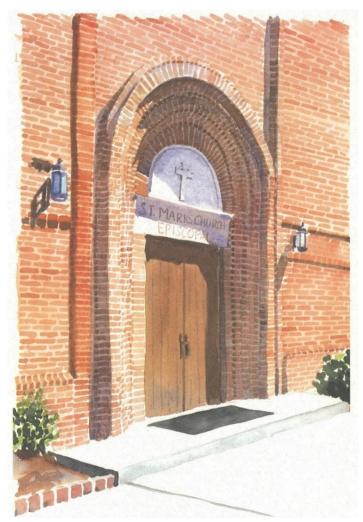


SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M. THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • PROPER 20



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.

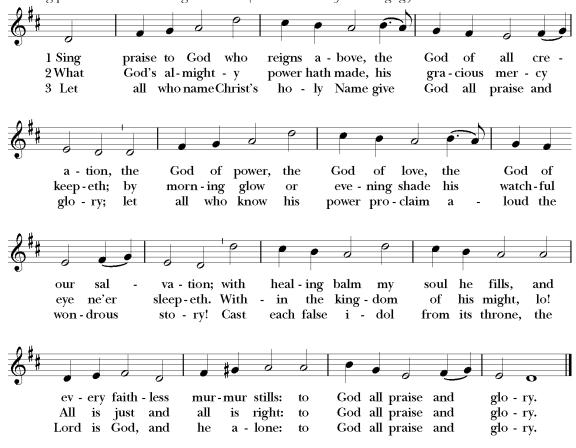
All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. If you are more comfortable coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms and a blessing will be offered over you. Children are a welcome blessing here at St. Mark's. Many depart after the beginning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

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, Rector

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

Hymnal 408



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 Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph V aughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

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. And also with you. PEOPLE

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed CELEBRANT

among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: AMOS 8:4-7

READER A reading from the book of Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

PSALM I 13 LAUDATE, PUERI (The People remain seated as the Choir sings.)

Anglican Chant: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *

praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *

from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, *

and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

THE EPISTLE: I TIMOTHY 2:1-7

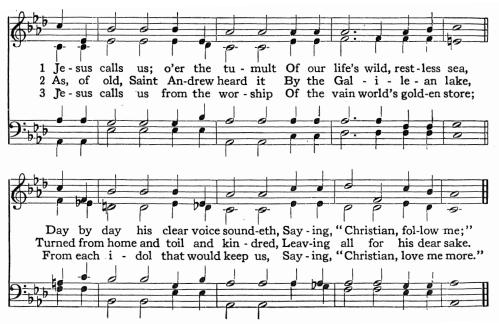
READER A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN "Jesus calls us" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

From The Hymnal 1940



THE GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13 (Please remain standing.)

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

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Keith Giblin, Priest Associate

The Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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

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 Book of Common Prayer p. 360

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 elected city and county 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, 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, 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 concludes with a 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 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 "Be Thou My Vision"

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955) Ali Corcoran, Soprano soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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! 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 L

PEOPLE We lift them to the Lord.

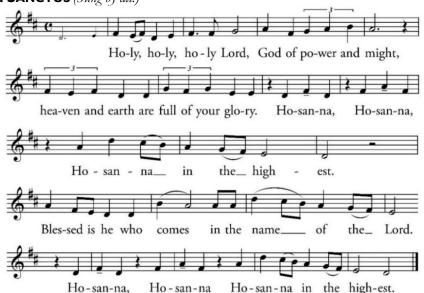
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.)



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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.

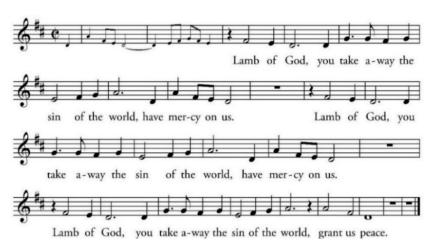
The Celebrant continues

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.*

AGNUS DEI (Sung by all.)



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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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join the Choir in singing Hymns 309 and 312.

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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DISMISSAL

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

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. 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.















HAPPENING #185
9th-12th graders - this one is for you! A weekend retreat at Camp Allen
lead by high schoolers, for high schoolers. Talk to Lauren for more
information.

- DINNER AND DEVOS | 6-12TH GRADE Come for dinner, stay for devos and games! 5:30–7:30 PM

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

- How often do you get to bring your pet to church? Come see all the furry friends at an outdoor worship service. Bring money for dinner! 6 PM
- BINGO FOR THE FAMILY
- BINGO FOR THE FAMILY Come enjoy an afternoon of BINGO! Snacks for all, prizes for some! \$10/10 games. Don't want to play, just come help out! 2 PM

- OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
 Join us in Park garden for movie night. Snacks and drinks
 provided. Bring a chair or blanket! Movie starts at 7 PM, Gates
 open at 6:30 PM
- COSTUME PARTY | 6TH-12TH GRADE Throw on your best costume and let's get spooky! Dinner, games, and fun! 5:30-7:30 PM
- SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD DAY | 6TH-12TH GRADE Join us bright and early to build beds for kids in need. Let Lauren know if you can make it! 8 AM 8
- 13
- CHILI SUPPER AND BAZAAR
 Come wait tables, sell desserts, or help take out trash! All hands on deck!
- FRIENDSGIVING AND FUN | 6TH-12TH GRADE Let's celebrate together with dinner and games! Bring a dish of your choice to share. 23
- ADVENT WREATH MAKING WITH THE FAMILY/POTLUCK SUNDAY Come and make an Advent wreath with your family and then stick around after church for Potluck Sunday! 9:15 AM
- ORNAMENT MAKING
 - Join us for ornament making and tree decorating in Payne Hall. 9:15 AM
- KIDS NIGHT OUT | AGES 4–12
 Parents drop the kids off for a night of games, movies, and fun. Dinner included. Cost is \$15. Registration required. 6–9:30 PM

- Journey with us as we retell the story and Mary and Joseph as they search for lodgin before the birth of baby Jesus. Stay after for a fiesta in Payne Hall 5 PM
- YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY | 6TH-12TH
 White elephant, reindeer games, the whole deal! Meet in youth room after
 Lessons and Carols. 6:30 PM

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5 6 pm | Park Garden











Join us for a special evening as we celebrate and bless our beloved pets-furry, feathered, or scaled-all are welcome!

After the blessing, stick around for some great food and fellowship! We'll have T's BBQ and Blues and the Popsicle Posse food trucks available to purchase, so feel free to grab dinner and enjoy the evening with us!





THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Spoken) 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (The Cloister)

9:15 a.m. Formation (Parish Hall)

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

11:45 am. Curate Reception (The Cloister)

Monday, September 22

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, September 23

6:00 a.m. Chili Cooking

9:30 a.m. Chili Cooling and Packing

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

12:00 p.m. Healing Service

12:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, September 24

12:00 p.m. AA

5:30 p.m. Grief Group (Gilbert Bldg.)
5:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

September 28 Stewardship Kickoff Lunch 11:45 a.m.

October 5 Blessing of the Pets at 6 p.m.

October 11 Parish Bingo at 2 p.m.

October 24 Family Movie Night at 6:30 p.m.

November 2 Choral Evensong for All Saints at 5 p.m.

November 13 Chili Supper and Bazaar December 21 Lessons & Carols 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. Christopher Hilton, Curate
The Rev. Keith Giblin, Priest Associate
The Rev. Tracie Middleton, Deacon
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