

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK & ALL SAINTS (Episcopal)

**Worldwide Anglican Communion
Diocese of New Jersey
Atlantic Convocation**

"Loving God and neighbor by word and action"



*Sundays 9:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
Kid's Program (Sunday School) – 9AM*

A Service for Healing with Holy Eucharist – Wednesdays at 5PM

*For Holy Baptism, Private Confession, or Holy Matrimony,
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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Instructional Eucharist
August 17, 2025
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A
9:00 AM

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #546

Salutations and Responses

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

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 forever. ***Amen.***

The Word of God

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

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.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #552

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:49-56

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?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Instructional Eucharist

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Lord, hear our prayer

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow...

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S125

The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364	Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S155
Communion Hymn		LEVAS #146

Going Forth into the World

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
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Blessing	BCP366
Recessional Hymn	Blue Hymnal #539
Dismissal	BCP 366

Welcome!

At SMAS, there are no visitors. This is Christ's Church, and ALL are always welcome!

With us for the first time or after a long time? *Please sign the guestbook in the foyer.*

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 8/17 – 9 AM – Mass – Fun with Jesus for Kids, Fellowship Hour
5:00 – 7:00 PM – Potluck Picnic – Absecon United Methodist Church

Mon., 8/18 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
6:00 -8:00 PM – Art Space *(all ages & skill levels welcome)*

Tues., 8/19 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed., 8/20 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
5:00PM - Healing Service and Eucharist

Thurs., 8/21 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 8/22 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 8/23 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you Eric Harrington! Hosts needed!
 Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.
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SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE - Have you been thinking about how you can become involved with the parish's ministry to the Seamen's Church Institute, but you don't knit or crochet?

Well, here are some ideas...

- ❖ **DONATE YARN...#4** Medium worsted weight (avoid pastels)
- ❖ **DO YOU SEW?...** Make Ditty Bags, there is a simple pattern in the book in the box in the back of the church or online @ <https://seamenschurch.org>
- ❖ **DONATE ITEMS TO FILL THE DITTY BAGS...** travel sized toiletries, granola bars, gum, individual packages of hot chocolate and microwave popcorn, playing cards and puzzles
- ❖ **AMAZON WISH LIST...** Christmas at Sea has an Amazon wish list, if you use Amazon, you can use this to send items to them, be sure to add a gift note so they can acknowledge your gift
- ❖ **Knitting/Crocheting for the Seamen's Church Institute continues!** Please place items in the box. We are also collecting the front covers of used Christmas cards. Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

Kid's Program – for children up to 6th grade! Children will have fun learning Bible stories, how to imitate Jesus, as well as how to worship in the Episcopal Church, etc.

Children's Sunday! On the 4th Sun. of each month – next one is 8/24 - children will have the opportunity to assist in worship and take part in a special children's sermon or reflection.

Peggy's Pantry – Today, 8/17 - Your generosity helps support the community food bank. Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta – Donations Needed!

We're excited to once again participate in the annual Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta! To help with boat construction, we're requesting donations of cardboard and duct tape.

- **Duct Tape Donations:** Please drop off at the box located at the back of the church.
- **Cardboard Donations:** Leave outside at the back of the church under the overhang.

We will be building the boat later this month (date to be confirmed soon), and we invite you to join in the fun! The race will take place on **September 14th at 1 PM** at Port Republic Beach. Mark your calendars and help us make this year's boat the best yet!

Picnic Potluck – Today -August 17th – 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Absecon United Methodist Church, Great Hall, 100 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ

Bring your favorite summertime dish or dessert.

RSVP: Abseconumc@comcast.net (609) 641-1265

Guest Speaker, Brad Zabelski, from CASA will present.

(CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children)

Thinking about getting more involved at SMAS? We could really use some friendly faces to help out as ushers! If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, just add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Fall/Winter Bible Study with Mother Mag – The Study has ended – Mother Mag thanks everyone that attended and wishes everyone a great summer! The study will begin again in the Fall and will be studying the Book of Esther.

Education for Ministry - Want to study the Bible, church history, and theology with others? Mother Mag leads an *Education for Ministry* group on Monday evenings via Zoom. The group starts back up in September. If you're interested in learning more or would like to join, please email Mother Mag at margaretotterburn@msn.com.

In need of Prayer? Please add name(s) to our parish prayer list at the usher's stand.

Zoom Morning Prayer – Mondays through Saturdays at 9:30 AM. Please contact the church office for the link to Morning Prayer.

SMAS CARE Team – Is there a parishioner who needs a visit? Card? Call? Assistance with transportation to a medical appointment? Please email or call the church office.

Mission Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 8/20 at 6:00 PM**. ALL Welcome! The committee will not meet in July.

Pocket Prayer Squares Ministry – Please take one from the blue basket at the back of the church for someone in need or your comfort.

Important Groups Meeting at SMAS:

Art Space – Mondays 6 PM – 8 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Tuesdays (6 PM) & Wednesdays (4:30 PM)

Boardwalk Chorus – Wednesdays 6 PM – 8 PM

Easter Seals – Fridays (10:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

Girl Scouts – Every Other Tuesday

Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3rd Sunday

Memorials & Thank Offerings

Altar Flowers

Dale & Vicki Sharp in thanksgiving for their 54th wedding anniversary

Church Bulletin

Adele Hook in loving memory of Clarence Hook, husband

Dale & Vicki Sharp in thanksgiving for their 54th wedding anniversary

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Rich & Sarah Wisniewski in thanksgiving for our grandsons Nick & Noah's birthdays

Jeanne Lutz in thanksgiving for her husband Vincent

Faith Penrose in loving memory of her brother, Patrick Penrose

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Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

All Baptized Members

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