



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

October 16, 2022

11:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Mark's!

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We're so glad you're here. Our worship follows a similar pattern each week—it always includes readings from Scripture, lots of prayer, songs of praise, and most centrally, a meal we eat together called Eucharist. If you're new to this kind of worship and flipping through the bulletin feels overwhelming, feel free to just set it down, relax, and join in worship by letting us say the words on your behalf.

Children in Worship

We offer drop-off childcare for crawling infants through age three in the nursery, and for Pre-K through 1st grade in the Parish Hall. Children may be picked up at the Peace for communion, or after the service. Prefer to have your kids stay and participate in the service? Ask an usher for a children's bulletin, find crayons in the pew backs, or head to the Kid's Corner in the narthex for reading and quiet play with your child.

Prayers of the People Journal

If you know of anyone who would appreciate the prayers of the St. Mark's community, please add their first names to the Prayers of the People Journal found at the entrance to the church.

New to St. Mark's?

Use this QR code for a direct link to our Newcomer's page. Just open the photo app on your phone and hover over the image, which will take you to a link to complete an online visitor card!



GATHERING

Prelude: *Four Chorale Preludes*

Healey Willan

This morning's organ pieces and sequence hymn were chosen to honor the memory of Barbara Jones (Jan. 3, 1938 — Oct. 5, 2022). Before her retirement, Barbara served for 33 years as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Dade City, Florida. I began taking organ lessons with Barbara as a high school student in 1991. It was the start of a lifetime of mentorship and guidance from a wise and faithful church musician. I studied these beautiful chorales by Canadian composer Healey Willan (1880-1968) with Barbara during that first year of lessons.

Processional Hymn: *Praise to the Living God!*

Hymn 372

This is an American Judeo-Christian hymn written in 1884 by Max Landsburg (a rabbi) and Newton Mann (a Unitarian minister). It was intended as an interfaith paraphrase of the Jewish hymn "Yigdal." It first appeared in the Jewish Union Hymnal of 1910.

Opening Acclamation

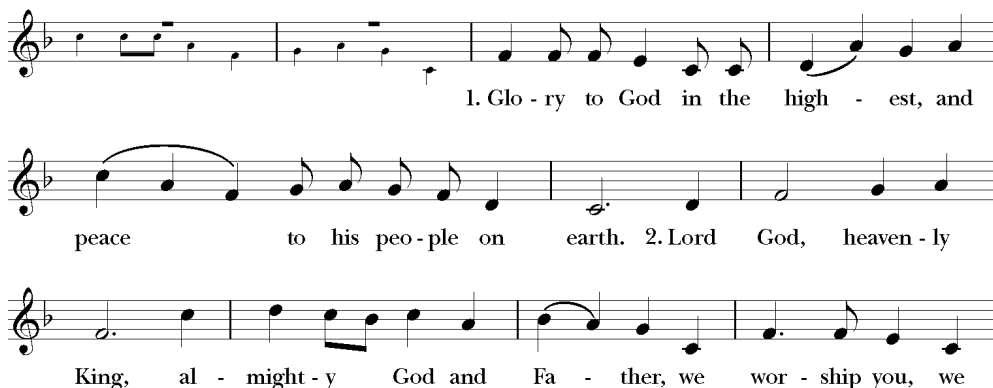
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament *(the people sit)*

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.”

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:97-104

Quomodo dilexi!



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- 97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.

- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your com-mandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain under-standing; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

The New Testament

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: *O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

Hymn 632

This was the first hymn I accompanied on the organ, at the sequence during a service at St. Mary's Church in Dade City, Florida in the spring of 1992. My teacher Barbara Jones (1938-2022) invited me to play the prelude, sequence hymn, and postlude as part of my organ instruction. She sat with me on the organ bench during this hymn; gently singing and offering words of encouragement.

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Priest
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Priest
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mary Keenan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Nicene Creed *(leader and people, all standing)*

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 VI

Leader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The intercessor names those listed in the Prayers of the People journal.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

The intercessor names those listed in the Prayers of the People journal.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *(the people kneel as they are able)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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 Announcements

EATING TOGETHER

Offertory Anthem: *Teach Me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Thomas Attwood (1765–1838) was organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London and composer of the Chapel Royal. From 1785–1787 he spent time studying in Vienna as a favorite pupil of Mozart. He preserved his composition exercises from this time, providing a rare opportunity to enter the creative "workshop" of the legendary composer.

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The Celebrant proceeds

... 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features several triplet markings over groups of three notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

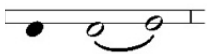
... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

... 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.

People



A - MEN.

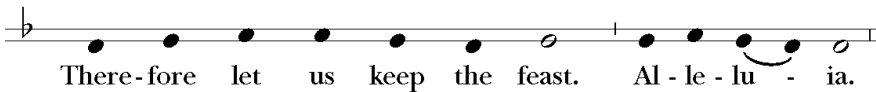
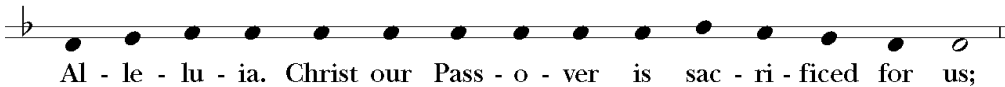
The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161

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

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Hymn: *Book of Books, Our People's Strength*

Hymn 631

These words were written by the English priest Percy Dearmer (1867–1936). Dearmer is best known today as the author of The Parson's Handbook, a liturgical manual for Anglican clergy, and (working alongside Ralph Vaughan Williams) as editor of The English Hymnal (1906).

Hymn: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

Hymn 711

This song was written by Karen Lafferty in 1971, following a Bible study on Matthew 6. Lafferty (b. 1948) is a Christian songwriter and folk musician who gained worldwide influence through her musical leadership at one of America's largest churches, Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**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.**

BEING SENT

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Hymn 530

The source material for this hymn is a German poem written by Lutheran pastor J. F. Bahnmaier (1774-1841). It was translated by two Episcopal clergymen in the early 20th century before being further revised, with a new final stanza, for our current hymnal.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Healey Willan

This setting of an Easter tune (Hymn 205) was the first organ postlude I played in a church service, in the spring of 1992. I can think of no better tribute to the ministry of my teacher Barbara Jones—skilled organist, caring choir director, wise teacher, loving shepherd, and faithful servant—than the words of this hymn: “Good Christians, all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!”

The altar flowers are given by Mark Reed,
in loving memory of his former organ teacher Barbara Jones.

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This Week at St. Mark's

Today	10:00 am	Theology of Bad Things, Grace Chapel
Tuesday, October 18	12:00 pm	Bible Study, Zoom
Wednesday, October 19	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Eucharist, Grace Chapel Choristers Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 22	10:00 am	Block Party
Sunday, October 23	10:00 am	Artist Talk with Juliet Whitsett, Grace Chapel

Announcements

Theology of Bad Things: This formation class is about the problem of pain. If God is good and all-powerful, why do such bad things continue to happen? Join us today at 10:00 in Grace Chapel for the final session of this special clergy panel class with Nathan, Mary, and Zac.

The Block Party is Almost Here! Be here this coming Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, for food, games, and music – bring your friends! **And we need your help!** The most fun you'll ever have! Help with games, food, BBQ, set up, clean up ... and more. Welcome our neighbors! Hand out prizes! Serve delicious food! Sign up in the Parish Hall.

Threatened Texas Artist Talk: St. Mark's is excited to announce that our Meditation Trail will be hosting a new art installation. Artist Juliet Whitsett offers viewers encounters with biodiversity through her interactive and artistic representations of our rarest and most at risk species. Join us for an Artist Talk with Juliet Whitsett next Sunday, October 23rd, at 10:00 am, in Grace Chapel.

Poinsettia & Wreath Sale to Benefit the Music Ministry: Choir members will be taking your orders during Taco Time today and next Sunday. Poinsettias are \$15, and two sizes of wreaths are available for \$40 or \$45. Contact Mark Reed at mark@stmarksaustin.org for more information or to place an order by email. Order online using by scanning this QR code.



Women of St. Mark's: The Women of St. Mark's will host bunco and a potluck on Monday, October 17th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Youth Gathering – Peter Pan Mini-Golf: On Sunday, October 30th, join us to play mini-golf! We'll head out after the 11:15 service, grab lunch, and then head to the course to see who takes home bragging rights for best mini-golfer in the youth group! Cost of mini-golf included. Bring money for lunch. Contact Casey at casey@stmarksaustin.org to sign up.

Food Pantries are struggling in Austin due to high demand and rising food costs. You can help by donating directly to Welcome Table and El Buen Samaritano or by bringing donations to St. Mark's collection bin in the Parish Hall.

Baptism Opportunity: The next baptismal feast is All Saints' Sunday, which falls on Sunday, November 6. Contact Fr. Zac at zac@stmarksaustin.org if you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate altar flowers (suggested donation of \$50), please sign up in the Parish Hall or email the church office at office@stmarksaustin.org with the Sunday of your choice and your dedication (in memory or honor of someone, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, etc.).

Congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week (Oct 16-22)!

Alicia Barker
Abigail Blanding
Judy Elkins
David Johns
Nancy Kibler
Taber Lee

Randy McNair
Jackson Nelson
Isabella Sepos
John Sieverman
Michelle Smith
Castle Smouse

Francisco Sondgeroth
Molly Walker
Julian Webb
Liam Yeager

Lindsey and Michael Gehrig
Kimberly and Jennifer Katner

Bill Pugsley and Margaret Schlankey
Heather and Donald Zdancewicz

Ministers of the Service

Lectors: Joseph Sondgeroth, Michael Meigs

LEMs: Barbara Dody, Jennifer Shaw

Ushers: Reed Shaw, Jody Doran, Jay Doran, Bo Overstreet

Altar Guild: Pat Bullock, Laurel Kelly,
Debbie Thornal, Amelia Sondgeroth

Acolytes: Vivie Reshetnikov, Titus Ballard, Eden Ballard

Livestream Operator: Michael and Colin Quinones

Depositors: Diana Stangl, Cathy Chadwick

Hospitality: Daniel Murrieta, Katherine Shriver

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian in Residence*

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music & Bookkeeper*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

Irma Glover, *Sexton*

Rachel Joiner, *Seminarian*