

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, July 30, 2023

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

"Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend"

BWV 709, J.S. Bach

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The People stand. The ministers process from the back of the church.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488

"Be thou my vision"

Slane

Celebrant: Blessed be God.... *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 S-280

Robert Powell

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*In unison*)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the First Book of Kings

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

PSALM 119:129-136

Mirabilia

RESPONSE: Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes.

℟

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives
light;
it imparts understanding to the
simple.

¹³¹With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your
commandments.

¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who
love your name. *℟*

¹³³Keep my steps steady
according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion
over me.

¹³⁴Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.

¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your
servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept. *℟*

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right

hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The People stand

GRADUAL HYMN 615, V. 1-3

"Thy kingdom come!"

St. Flavian

1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended
knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to
see
on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the
night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN 615, V. 4-5

"Thy kingdom come!"

St. Flavian

4 the day to whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

The People stand

THE NICENE CREED

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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 People remain standing***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Subdeacon: Through Baptism, we have been made alive in Christ Jesus. Let us speak the words of this new life by praying for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church, that we might be faithful,
willing to serve, constant in grace, and receptive to
newness. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and
for his healing. For Jeffrey and Laura, our
bishops, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we might be eager to
welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed,
let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For our nation, town and neighborhood, that we
might be advocates of the lowly and defenders of
liberties and models of justice. For Joseph, our
President, and for the Congress and Supreme
Court, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy

For those who grieve, those in places of care,
those in prison, those who are addicted, those
who are dependent, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those in dangerous occupations, those who
care for the sick, those who work the land, those
who engage in commerce and those who teach, let
us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who travel, those who seek rest, who visit
family and friends, and those who enjoy the gifts
of creation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our families and all who are placed under our care, for our enemies and those with whom we disagree, and for those who are examples of grace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

We pray for the special concerns of this congregation. . .

Celebrant:

Faithful God, your love stands firm from generation to generation, your mercy is always abundant. Give us open and understanding hearts, that when we hear your word, we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **AMEN.**

CONFESSION OF SIN *(The People may remain standing)*

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Subdeacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father,
in your compassion forgive us our sins
known and unknown,
things done and left undone,

For the sick: Zoma, Dolores, Janet, Rich, John Paul, Emmanuel, Emily, Wade, Karla, David, Art, Norm, Michael, Angela, and David *(Pause)*

For the departed: Grant eternal rest to the faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord. *(Pause)*

Lord, have mercy

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

and so uphold us by your Spirit.
that we may live and serve you
in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The People are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People stand

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offering is taken during the hymn and brought forward at its conclusion.

OFFERTORY HYMN 635

"If thou but trust in God"

Wer nur den lieben Gott

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength what'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... 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 S-129

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. ✠

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts ✠ that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, ✠ that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Mark our patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, ... for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Fraction S-154 **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

David Hurd

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

ORGAN MEDITATION AT HOLY COMMUNION "Wer nur den lieben Gott"

BWV 647, J.S. Bach

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People Stand

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. (*In unison*)

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.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT (*Celebrant*)

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: Raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The peace of God **AMEN.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 344

"Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Sicilian mariners

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

"Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend"

BWV 726, J.S. Bach

Join us for coffee and refreshments after the service so we can get to know you, and you us.

Announcements:

Save the Date for the 2023 Annual Steeplechase Bike/Walk Fundraiser! SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
St. Mark's will serve as a Rest Stop on the 35 mile route again. We would love volunteers to spend part of their morning with us to greet bikers, and provide drinks, snacks, hospitality, and encouragement! Please see Madison or Joan to get organized!

The Diaper Bank is celebrating being in operation for two years.

In that time we have distributed 22,423 diapers and countless wipes. Thanks for your generosity!

First, thanks to all of the donors to the Diaper Bank. Second, funds are running low. This is especially critical as we have two families, each with a set of twins, requesting diapers and wipes. So please consider making a special donation so we can help these families. Just write "Diaper Bank" on the memo line and make the check out to St Mark's. And thanks!

St Mark's Chapel

August Sunday Schedule:

Rite 1, 8 AM

Rite II, 10 AM

August 6 – Morning Prayer

August 13 – Rev Phil Bjornberg

August 20 - Rev. Bruce Steinway

August 27 – Rev. Ben Brockman

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers.

July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Rite I, 8am

Altar Guild: G. Morrow

Usher: S. Gagnon

Eucharistic Minister: J. Morrow

Reader: S. Gagnon

Prayers of the People: T. Bitwinski

Videographer: D. Sykes

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild: John Doiron

Usher: Mark Healey

Eucharistic Minister: John Hena

Reader & Intercessor: Laurie Gypson

Videographer: Madison Day

Coffee Hour: Madison Day

Counters: Art Engler & Bruce Steinway

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