

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, July 30, 2023

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Celebrant: Blessed be God.... **People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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

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

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.**

RESPONSORY: PSALM 119:129-136

Mirabilia

129 *Your decrees are wonderful; **
therefore I obey them with all my
heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives
light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love
your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon
your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.**

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

People: Glory be to thee, O 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev'd Gary K. Sturni, D.Min.

The People stand

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 may stand or kneel

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. . . *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.

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.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

People: And with thy spirit.

The People are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The People may stand or kneel

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

People: It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and places, to give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. ... Therefore we praise thee, 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 thy Name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he ✠ that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my ✠ Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my ✠ Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with

thy Word ✠ and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed ✠ Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

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

People: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy Spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*In unison*)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The peace of God **AMEN.**

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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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