

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, August 13, 2023

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”

Hassler

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 390

“Praise to the Lord!”

Lobe den Herren

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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*In unison*)

G*rant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Amen.*

The People are seated



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the First Book of Kings

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

PSALM 85:8-13

RESPONSE: Show us your steadfast love, O God, and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the
Sovereign will speak,
for God will speak peace
to the people;

God will speak to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in
their hearts.

⁹Surely God's salvation is at hand for
those who fear God,
that God's glory may dwell in
our land. *R*

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness
will meet;
righteousness and peace will
kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness will spring up
from the ground,
and righteousness will look
down from the sky.

¹²God will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase

¹³Righteousness will go before God,
and will make a path
for God's steps. *R*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

The People stand

GRADUAL HYMN 636, v. 1-3

"How firm a foundation"

Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints
of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his
excellent word!
What more can he say than to you
he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus
have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be
not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give
thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and
cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not
overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles
to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest
distress.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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 made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

GRADUAL HYMN 636, v. 4-5

"How firm a foundation"

Foundation

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

SERMON

The Rev'd Phil Bjornberg

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

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*)

BCP p. 360

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,

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 669

“Commit thou all that grieves thee”

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

1. Commit thou all that grieves thee
and fills thy heart with care
to him whose faithful mercy
the skies above declare,
who gives the winds their courses,
who points the clouds their way;
'tis he will guide thy footsteps
and be thy staff and stay.

2. O trust the Lord then wholly,
if thou would'st be secure;
his work must thou consider
for thy work to endure.
What profit doth it bring thee
to pine in grief and care?
God ever sends his blessing
in answer to thy prayer.

3. Thy lasting truth and mercy,
O Father, see aright
the needs of all thy children,
their anguish or delight:
what loving wisdom chooseth,
redeeming might will do,
and bring to sure fulfillment
thy counsel good and true.

4. Hope on, then, broken spirit;
hope on, be not afraid:
fear not the griefs that plague thee
and keep thy heart dismayed:
thy God, in his great mercy,
will save thee, hold thee fast,
and in his own time grant thee
the sun of joy at last.

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 *"Herzlich tut mich verlangen"*

BWV 727, 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 608

"Eternal Father, strong to save"

melita

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue"

BWV 554, J.S. Bach

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

Dear Friends at St. Mark's,

Thank you so very much for the get well card made most wonderful by bearing all those signatures assuring me of your prayers and concern. It lifted my spirits considerably to be reminded of the deep closeness I feel to the people of St. Mark's and to be borne up by your prayers. I'm getting better each day, thanks be, and not far at all from my previous "normal." So much to be grateful for!!

I hope and plan to be well enough to manage the two services on Aug. 27 and to thank you in person then for your thoughtfulness.

Until then, blessings ever,

Ben

Announcements/Volunteer Opportunities:

- 2023 Annual Steeplechase Bike/Walk Fundraiser! Saturday, August 19
- The Student Involvement Fair - Wednesday, September 6th.
- The Husky WOW – Week of Welcome - August 24 & 25.
- Celebrate Mansfield - September, 30th from 2-6pm in Storrs Center.

Please see Madison to help welcome the students back.

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers.

August 13, 2023, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rite I, 8am

Altar Guild: D. Spooner-Auden

Usher: S. Gagnon

Eucharistic Minister: D. Sykes

Reader: D. Sykes

Prayers of the People: S. DeWolf

Videographer: J. Morrow

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild: John Doiron

Usher: Sudie Evageliou

Eucharistic Minister: John Hena

Reader & Intercessor: Harry Evageliou

Videographer: John Doiron

Coffee Hour: Paula Weinman

Soup Kitchen: Art Engler & Joan Doiron

Counters: Karla Fox & Paula Weinman