

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, August 13, 2023

THE ELEVENTH 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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*In unison*)

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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 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.**

RESPONSORY: PSALM 85:8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

8 *I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, **
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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

Romans 10:5-15

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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 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 low 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, David, and Ben _____. *(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 and 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.

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:

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!

More volunteer opportunities include:

The Student Involvement Fair is Wednesday, September 6th.

The Husky WOW – Week of Welcome is August 24 & 25.

Celebrate Mansfield is September, 30th from 2-6pm in Storrs Center.

Please see Madison to help welcome the students back.

St Mark's Chapel August Sunday Schedule:

Rite 1, 8 AM

Rite II, 10 AM

August 13 – Rev Phil Bjornberg

August 20 - Rev. Bruce Steinway

August 27 – Rev. Ben Brockman

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

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