WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Ten O'clock in the Morning
Sunday, August 31, 2025

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423 *"Immortal, invisible"* *St. Denio*
(Please find the hymn in the blue Hymnal in the pews.)

At the footpace:
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 INSERT *Schubert*

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

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

Lord of all power and might, **the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR LABOR DAY *(In unison)*

Almighty God, **you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; 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 Prophet Jeremiah Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of

deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

PSALM 81:1, 10-16 (*Sung*) *Exultate Deo*

Response: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

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[1]Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

[10]"I am the Sovereign your God,
who brought you up out of the
land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I
will fill it.

[11]"But my people did not listen to
my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.

[12]"So I gave them over to their
stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels. ℟

[13]"O that my people would
listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

[14]"Then I would quickly subdue
their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.

[15]"Those who hate God would
cringe before God,
and their doom would last forever.

[16]"I would feed you with the finest
of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock
I would satisfy you." ℟

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

The People stand

GRADUAL HYMN 437, V. 1-2 *"Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"* *Birmingham*

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name the Lord, the Mighty One.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, `Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, `Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

GRADUAL HYMN 437, V. 3-4 *"Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"* *Birmingham*

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

The People are seated.

SERMON Fr. Ben Brockman

Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way. Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet. Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.

After the sermon, 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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and 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 Donald, 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:* Especially we pray for **Zoma,** *(The People say each name with the Intercessor)e)* **Rich, John Paul, Emanuela, Neal, Karla, Art, Michael, Angela, Monique, David, Carrie, Jim, Arlene, Angela, Tyler, Patricia, Phil, Iris, Joan, Joy, Barbara, Carol, Wade, Michael, Joanne Annie, Barbara, Don, Harry and Maggie. _____. (*pause*).**

For the departed: Grant eternal rest to the faithful departed: *pause* Let us pray to the Lord.

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.**

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

Subdeacon: 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.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God Have Mercy ✠ upon 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 us in eternal life. **Amen**. ….

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

People: And also with you.

The People are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

"The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who are here for the first time; you who have been here often; you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ himself who invites us to meet him here." ~ Iona Community

All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

OFFERTORY HYMN 656 *"Blest are the pure in heart"* *Franconia*

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

3 He to the lowly soul
will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
will choose the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God 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, For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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-130 INSERT *Schubert*

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, **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 memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI S-164 INSERT *Schubert*

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM *"Lord's Prayer"* *Schubert*

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People stand

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. *(In unison)*

Most loving God, **creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. AMEN**.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

THE PRAYERS FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT Book of Common Prayer, p. 821

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

THE BLESSING:

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

The Peace of God ✠ **….. AMEN**.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 450 *"All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"* *Coronation*

(Please find the hymn in the blue Hymnal in the pews.)

Celebrant: May the souls of the departed ✠ through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **People**: **AMEN**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We hope you can join us for the Broadway Review Performance on Saturday, September 6th at 7pm

Benefit concert for the St Mark's Choral Scholar Program.

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