WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

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

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

At the footpace:
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his 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.**

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 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 with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

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

Lord of all power and might, **who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR LABOR DAY *(In unison)*

***Almighty God*, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affecteth, 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 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 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 (*Spoken*) *Exultate Deo*

1 *Sing with joy to God our strength* *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

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

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.

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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, Barbara, Carol, Wade, Michael, Joanne, Annie, Barbara, Don, Harry, Maggie, and Joy _____.(*pause*).**

For the departed: Grant eternal rest to the faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.**

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

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

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 you in eternal life. **Amen**. ….

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

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.

PRAYER AT THE OFFERTORY *(Celebrant)*

Gracious God, with unbounded joy we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. As we are fed with the bread of heaven, may we know the abundant life you promise as we are guided by the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **AMEN.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP P. 367

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

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. 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

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People stand.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING BCP P.339

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

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 with thy spirit.**
The Peace of God ✠ **….. AMEN**.

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.

Broadway Review Performance on Saturday September 6th at 7pm in the Chapel.

Please join us.

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