

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR HOLY CROSS DAY (*In unison*)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The People are seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

PSALM 14

Dixit insipiens

1 *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."* *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
*
but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of
Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from the first letter to Timothy.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

The People stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The People are seated.

SERMON

Fr. Bennett 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.

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.

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 and see Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **AMEN.**

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.

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

For this congregation, and those that will choose a priest for this parish, that we may receive a faithful and compassionate pastor to serve as our partner and leader, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. 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*) **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.

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

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.

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.**

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 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People stand.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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

Almighty God, as your beloved son was lifted high on the cross that all through him might be drawn to your Way of love, peace, and justice, so guide and empower us to show forth that saving Way in all the paths of our lives; through Jesus Christ your son our Savior. 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.

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