

Welcome to

SAINT MARK'S

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20A SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 AT 8:00 & 10:00 AM

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal

(Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

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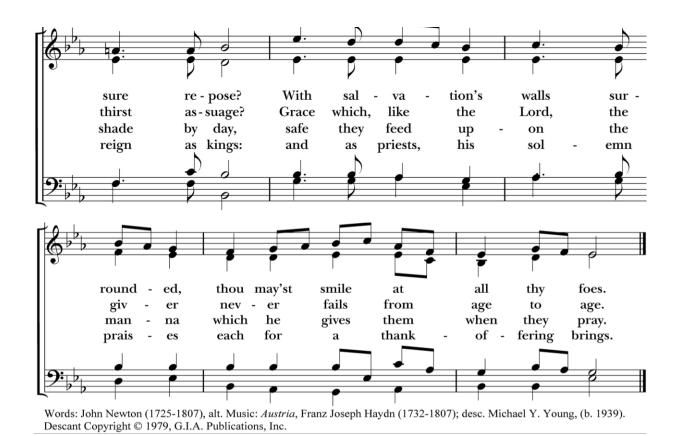
Welcome to St. Mark's Church. In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus' parable of the laborers in the vineyard is one of his most important statements concerning God's call to all people. That call is always open regardless of our past level of commitment. Those who accept it late are rewarded equally with those of long standing in the Kingdom. It is also a warning to those who have been committed to God for many years, lest they think themselves superior to those newly responding to the call of God. Jonah did not want to preach repentance to the city of Ninevah (one of the Jews' greatest enemies) lest its people repent and God forgive them. However, after an amazing experience with a fish, Jonah complied. That God would forgive even Nineveh is one of the most striking messages in the Old Testament, expressing the universality of God's love and forgiveness. Today we begin reading Paul's letter to Philippi. Written to encourage that church, the letter comes from a period when Paul was imprisoned and his own life was in danger. God's promise to us is not a reward for doing things right. It is our heritage as children and heirs of God's promise. When we gather to sing and tell the story of God's salvation, we discover anew our identity and the identity of all people. Not content to have us merely as creatures, God has made us sons and daughters who feast at the table of God's home, which is our home as well.

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Prelude

God's People Gather Together





Celebrant + Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant and People

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.



The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

(BCP p. 234)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11

A reading from the book of the prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8 Exaltabo te, Deus

- ¹ I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * *there is no end to his greatness.*
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another * *and shall declare your power.*
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * *and all your marvelous works.*
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * *and I will tell of your greatness.*
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * *they shall sing of your righteous deeds.*
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * *slow to anger and of great kindness.*

The Epistle Philippians 1:21-30

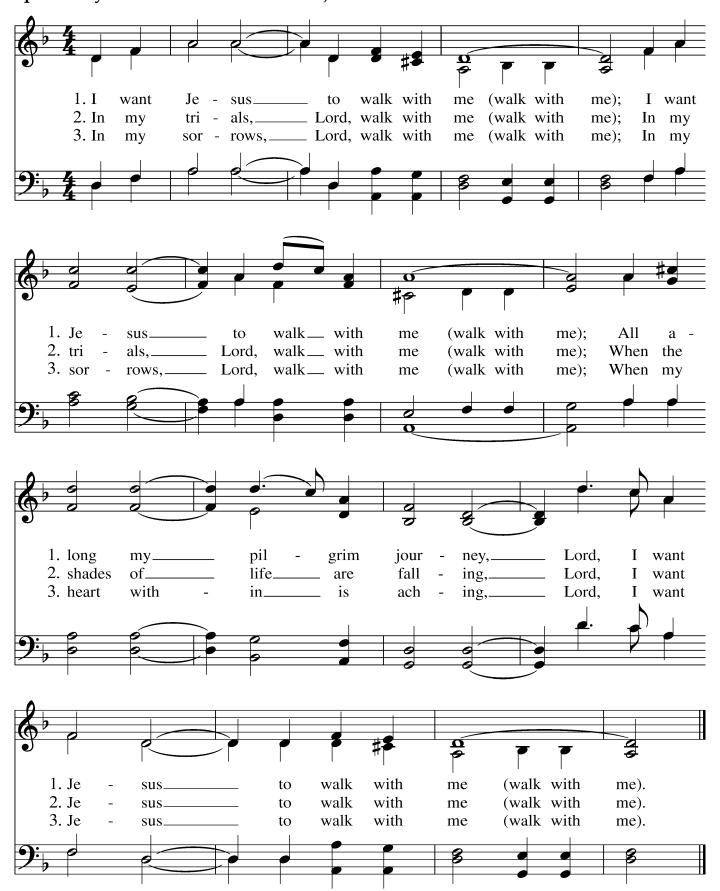
A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



The GospelMatthew 20:1-16

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out

and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit.

After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's Name as we offer our prayers for the church and the world saying: Creator God, *hear our prayer*.

LEM

For the Church: that we may welcome all who come to the Lord's vineyard, whoever they are and whatever the hour. Creator God, *hear our prayer*.

For this parish family, that we may be the gospel's model of community in which there are neither first nor last, but only sisters and brothers in Christ. Creator God, *hear our prayer*.

For all who have lost hope or are isolated from family and friends, that they may experience God's presence in their lives and recognize someone's love for them. Creator God, *hear our prayer*.

For all who are working to aid those who are victims of earthquakes, fires and floods, that God will give them strength, wisdom and protection from harm. Creator God, *hear our prayer*.

For greater stewardship of creation, that God will impel our hearts to oppose the misuse of earth's resources and empower us to work tirelessly to protect the magnificence of nature for future generations. Creator God, *hear our prayer*.

For those who are suffering, lonely, or in pain, and those commended to our prayers, remembering especially the people of Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Maui, Ukraine and the United States of America, and those on our prayer list. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray that God will strengthen them with healing and hope. Creator God, *hear our prayer.*

For all the departed, remembering especially Frederick Cuffari and Ethel Clark (Jinny Gilmore's sister). (*The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.*) Having gained Christ may they live with him for ever. Creator God, *hear our prayer*.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*The people may name their own thanksgivings.*) We give thanks to God this week for Elizabeth Plate' and Noelle Wyman who are celebrating their birthday.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Elizabeth & Noelle as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Laura & Geoffrey Bott in loving memory of Geoff Bott a loving husband and amazing father and by Barbara & Ed Callahan in loving memory of their parents.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, Saint Michael and All Angels, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you*, *O Lord our God*.

ALL: Gracious and merciful God, you call your children at every hour into your divine work, hear our prayers and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may be fruitful servants in your vineyard in our time and place, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Confession (BCP p. 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

+ Almighty God have mercy on 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.*

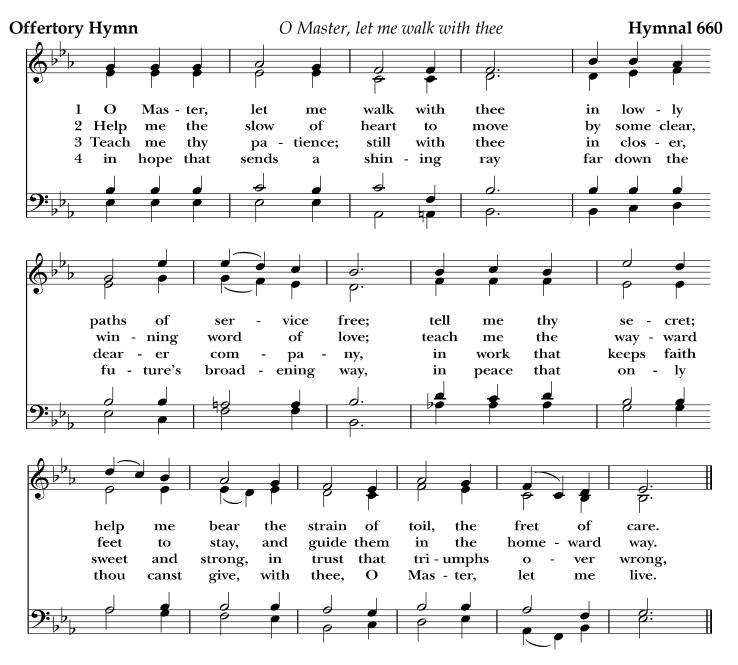
The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8



The Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee, Amen.

(At 10:00 a.m.) The Doxology

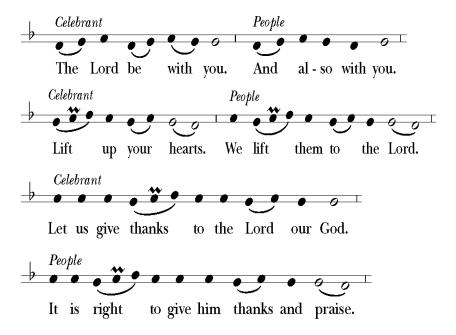


Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

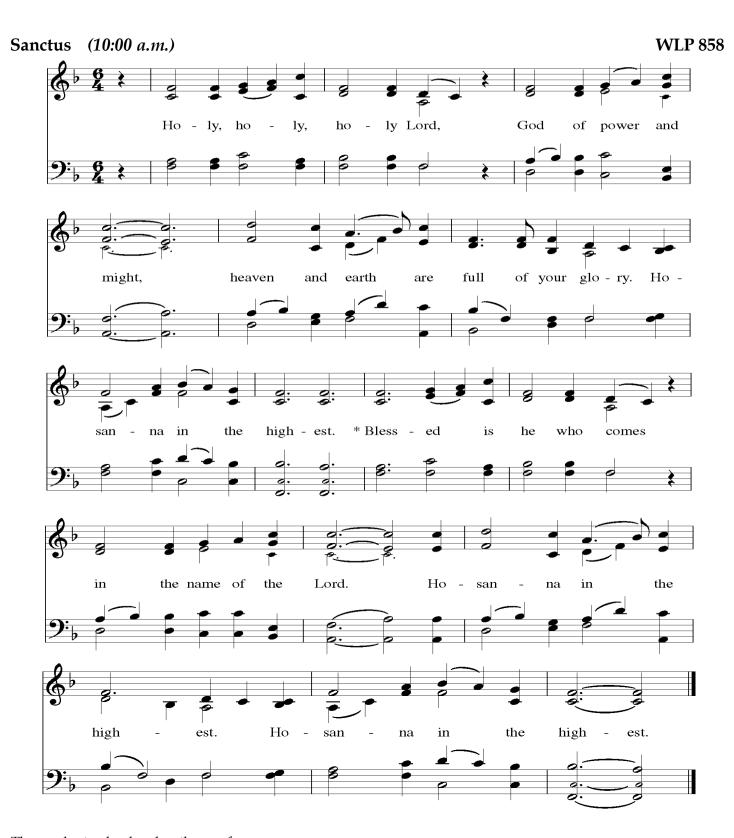
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 (At 8:00 a.m.)

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.



The people stand or kneel as they prefer

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

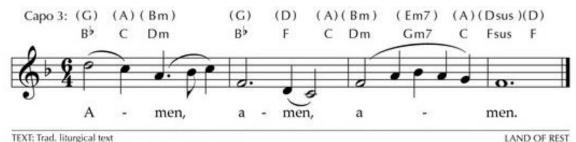
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever.



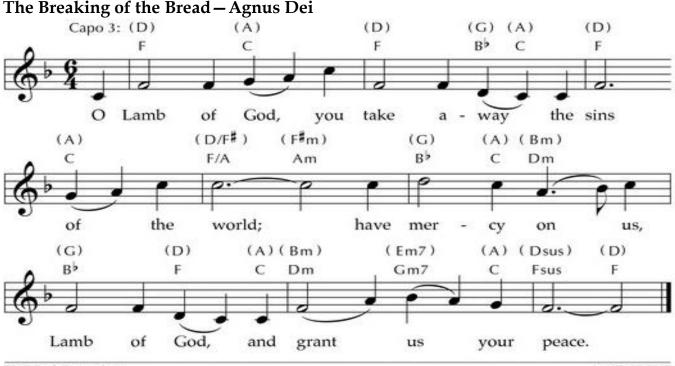
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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

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.



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995 Music Arr. © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc. LAND OF REST

Invitation to Communion

(BCP p. 364)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us the People of God. *Amen.*



<u>Communion Norms</u>—We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.



The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing (BCP p. 126)

+ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 *Corinthians* 13:14

The Announcements







THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 09/25 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, 09/26 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 09/27 7:30 p.m. Alanon 12 Step Meeting (Atwater Room)

Thursday, 09/28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Atwater Room

No Holy Eucharist Today

12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers in the Atwater Room

Sunday, **10/01** 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Church

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Participating in Today's Service

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Lector Carol Johns
Usher Pete Williams

Altar Guild Freear Pollard, Diane Stewart

Coffee Hour Diane Stewart

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

LEM Madeline Glover Lector Deni McChesney

Ushers Steve DeCaro, Kevin Tunney

Altar Guild Catharine Nobiletti, Victoria Garcia

Coffee Hour Diane Stewart

September Birthdays

Kylie Cast 09/09 Tom Horan 09/13 Delilah Tunney 09/15 Campbell Kast 09/18 Elizabeth Plate' 09/29

September Anniversaries

Tim & Diane Feil 09/03 Sandy & Gerri Wyman 09/09 John & Pamela Kern 09/12 Rob Perdock & Meg Harding 09/14 Christopher & Emily Towle 09/15 Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon And Remember the People of Libya, Morocco, Maui, Sudan, Ukraine and the United States of America too!

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 9/17 8:00 am 20 Sunday 9/17 10:00 am 62 Total 82

(43 Households worshipped with us online)

09/21 Bible Study 9

09/21 Midweek Healing Service 7

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for Bricks for the Parish Garden. Please contact the Office if you have some to donate.

<u>College/Career Bound:</u> We are compiling a list of the names of youngsters in college or who are starting their careers. It would be most appreciated if you would send these names & addresses to Diane Stewart at <u>Grandma3stewart@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Coffee Hour</u>: There are sign-up sheets for the 8 &10 am services outside of the parish hall. Your help will be very much appreciated.

<u>Women's Group Luncheon:</u> If you would like to be included in the upcoming Women's Christmas Kick-off Group Lunch, please include your name on the sign-up sheet located on the table outside of the Parish Hall. We will meet on Saturday, every other month beginning in December, with exact date, time and place is still to be determined.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- Memorial Service for Emily Andren, Saturday, <u>October 7 at 12:00 a.m.</u> Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.
- Memorial Service for Frederick Cuffari, Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.
- Stewardship "Kick-off" Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, October 27th.
- Gluten Free Communion Wafers are now available during each service. If you require one, please ask Fr. Chris at the communion rail.
- ❖ If you are a new parishioner, we would most appreciate your filling out our Parish Survey. There are blanks at the back of the church for your convenience. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.
- ❖ Altar Flowers: If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>laura.bott17@gmail.com</u> In October there are two vases available on the 1st & 29th. One vase is available on the 22nd. Each vase is \$40. The sign-up book is on the table outside of the parish hall.

Kindly Note: checks should be made out to St. Mark's Church with "Flowers" in the memo section.

* Ways to Help the People of Ukraine... A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at www.stmarkswhb.org for ways to help.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: Noah Berger (Req. by Jenn Kast), Stan Billie (Req. by Jenn Kast), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), David Fridae, Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Elaine Hanes (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Cathy Jones (Farmers Market), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Campbell Kast (Req. by Jenn Kast), Barbara Lopez, (Req. by Candace Andria), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Fred Meyer (Parishioner), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Req. by Jock McLean), The Reverend Abigail Murphy (Priest in EDLI), Sudie Nostrand (Carol John's Sister), Donald O'Connell (Req. by Candace Andria), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Joan Petrella (Parishioner), Jean Scopinich (Parishioner), John Stewart (Parishioner), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Louise Reeves (Parishioner), Owen Foster (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), Ursula Ellerkamp (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Samantha Rigby (Req. by Jinny Gilmore).

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

<u>We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:</u> Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner.

The Dismissal

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude





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Sunday Services (Summer Schedule ends on September 3rd)
Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.—"Mass on the Grass" come as you are Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)

<u>Thursday Midweek Service</u> 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—Bishop of Long Island
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The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—Assisting Bishop
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Sandy Wyman—Warden

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> Thomas Simson—Treasurer Carol Fitton—Clerk of the Vestry