



Welcome to **SAINT MARK'S CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

9:30 A.M. Morning Prayer (Rite Two) - Year A

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"
BCP—The "Red" 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)
 *--A Parishioner's Favorite Hymn
 Please silence your cell phone

Welcome to Saint 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. *From The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year. Copyright*

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Let us gather in silence to listen to God before the Eucharist and gather to build community after the

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Not here for high and holy things

Hymnal 9



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Opening Sentence

The Officiant says,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant + Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; **

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving **

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

*For the Lord is a great God, **

and a great King above all gods.

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, **

and the heights of the hills are his also.

*The sea is his, for he made it, **

and his hands have molded the dry land.

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

*and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The people sit.

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 First Reading— *Jonah 3:10-4:11*

Lector 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 not do it. 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?"

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

The people stand as they are able.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1: 68-79*

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; **
he has come to his people and set them free.
*He has raised up for us a mighty savior, **
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
*that he would save us from our enemies, **
from the hands of all who hate us.
*He promised to show mercy to our fathers **
and to remember his holy covenant.
*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, **
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
*Free to worship him without fear, **
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, **
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
*To give his people knowledge of salvation **
by the forgiveness of their sins.
*In the tender compassion of our God **
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
*To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, **
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading — *Philippians 1:21-30*

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

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand as they are able.

Canticle 21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

*Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.*

Sequence Hymn

A Man Owned a Vineyard
TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with Refrain

1. *A man owned a vineyard and needed a crew
To tend to his land — there was plenty to do.
He called out to people downtown in the square,
"Come work hard all day and I'll pay you what's fair."
God, you call and you send; there is work here to do.
There's your whole world to tend; may we garden for you!
O Lord, in your vineyard may we seek to be
The workers who tend to your justice and peace.*
2. *He went back a number of times on that day;
He called to new workers and promised fair pay.
Can we but imagine those first workers' rage
When all those who labored received the same wage?
God, the gift of your grace comes as quite a surprise.
For your mercies embrace even latecomers' lives.
May all who have worked long and hard humbly learn:
Your grace is a gift and not something we earn.*
3. *He called the complainers and said, "This is true —
That I kept my word and I gave you your due.
I share with compassion; I'm loving and kind.
I care for all people and give what is mine!"
God you give what is yours, more than what we deserve;
May we reach out in love where you call us to serve.
May we who have witnessed your grace gladly share
Your justice and love with your world everywhere.*

*Biblical Reference: Matthew 20:1-16 Tune: William Howard Doane, 1875 ("To God Be the Glory")
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The people sit.

The Gospel — Matthew 20:1-16

Lector A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.



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.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People say together, all standing as they are able.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
+ the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. *We praise your name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

The Officiant prays the collects

The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people sit.

Announcements

Offertory

The Officiant says,

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

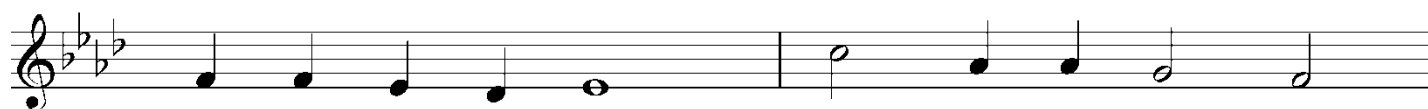
Offertory Hymn

Come, labor on

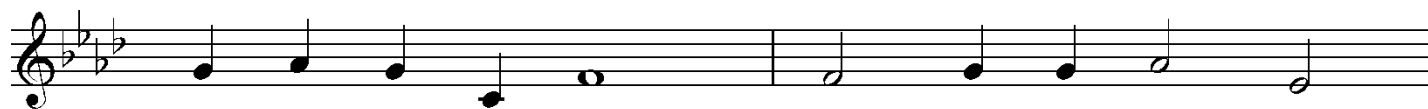
Hymnal 541



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a -	gents
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re -	deem	the	time; its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	“Go	work	to	-	day.”
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered—	not.			
3	may	our	God	ful - fill	his	right - eous—	will.		
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly.	The	night	draws—	nigh.	
5	with	the	set - ting	sun, —	“Ser -	vants, well	done.”		

The Presentation of Gifts

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Officiant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Prayers of the People – Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Adam, GERALYN, and William our bishops, our sisters and brothers at the Church of the Atonement, and for Chris and Anne our Priests, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We give thanks this week for Adam our new Bishop and for Stephen & Meagan Sherwood who are celebrating the anniversary of their marriage.

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon Stephen & Meagan that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kent & Elizabeth Wolgemuth in celebration of Jack Gelinias & Bryn Wolgemuth's wedding weekend in Rye, New York and by Rosemary & Randy Dean in thanksgiving for the many blessings on their wedding anniversary this month and prayers for all the children starting school, especially those with special needs.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Officiant says

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Officiant then concludes with the following

+ Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Recessional Hymn

Sing songs of expectation

Hymnal 527



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.



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Church Services

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
Sundays 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)
The first “Sunday” of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Services

11:15 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris’ Office
7:00 PM Compline via zoom

Office Hours

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

All Members of Saint Mark’s are Ministers of the Church!

The Rt. Rev. Adam Shoemaker – *Bishop of Long Island*
The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF – *Assisting Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin – *Assisting Bishop*

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