

Welcome to

# SAINT MARK'S

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18A SEPTEMBER 10, 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)

Please silence vour cell phone

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. We now reach a section of Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus teaches about God's way of dealing with humanity: namely, forgiveness. Today's reading is primarily concerned with the Church's role as the agent of forgiveness. Even when a member of the Church is unrepentant, the Church is not to give up on that person easily. We are to make every effort to move the sinner to repent and accept the forgiveness of God, which Jesus has commissioned the Church to offer. In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel is commissioned to warn the people of the need to repent. The central message is that God has no desire to condemn; God's deepest desire is to forgive. Today's passage from the Epistle to the Romans continues to deal with the characteristics of Christian living. We are to live in good relationships with all people, to respect the laws and authorities of human society, and above all to express love by mutual behavior based on God's law. We gather as the People of God, having found in our relationship with God that he is our lover and our savior, not an angry or condemning judge. We find in our lives together as Church that we are not only the recipients of God's love and forgiveness but also sent into the world as the instruments of that love and forgiveness to all people.

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## Prelude

## God's People Gather Together

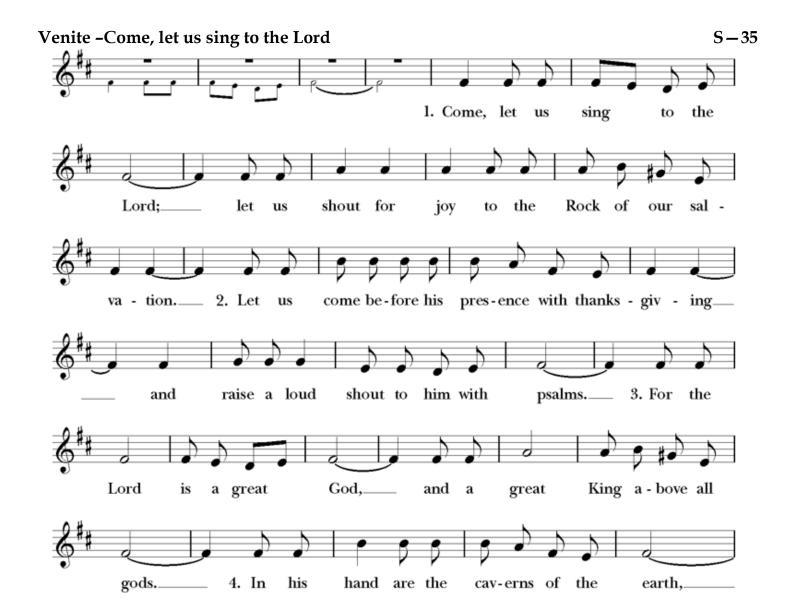


Celebrant + Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(BCP p. 233)

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Word of God

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

## **Psalm 119:33-40** Legem pone

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \* *and I shall keep it to the end.*
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \* *I shall keep it with all my heart.*
- <sup>35</sup> Make me go in the path of your commandments, \* *for that is my desire.*
- <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your decrees \* and not to unjust gain.
- <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \* *give me life in your ways.*
- <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, \* *which you make to those who fear you.*
- <sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach which I dread, \* *because your judgments are good.*
- <sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your commandments; \* *in your righteousness preserve my life*.

The Epistle Romans 13:8-14

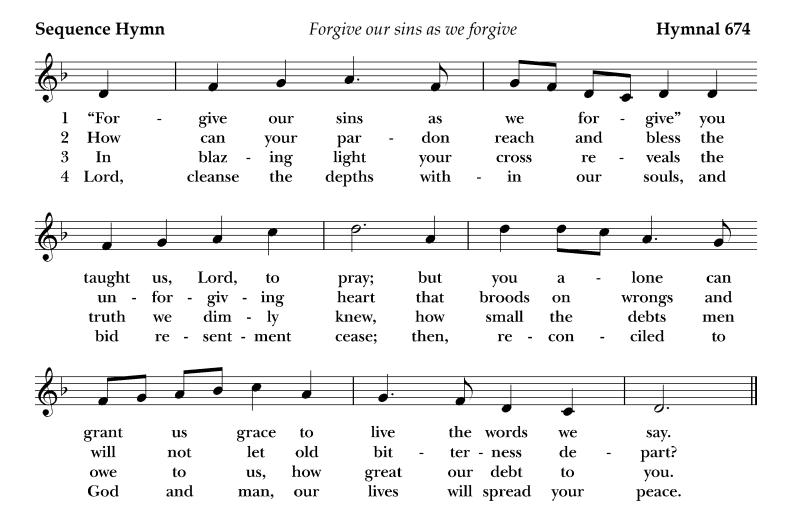
A reading from Paul's letter to the church of Rome.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



**The Gospel**Matthew 18:15-20

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.



Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile

and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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.

#### The Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

(BCP p. 358)

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 pray to the God of love who has promised to be present where two or three are gathered, saying: Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

#### LEM

For the Church: that following the example of Jesus, we may be peacemakers and reconcilers to all who are alienated or wounded. Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

For this parish family, that Jesus who is present when we gather in his name, may bind us together in his love. Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

For an end to violence in our cities and neighborhoods, that God will touch hearts so that all will value the dignity of each person and seek ways to work together for the common good. Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

For all who are beginning a new school year, that students and teachers may learn together as they grow in wisdom and as persons. Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

For those recovering from the power of nature, those wounded by the words and deeds of others, and those commended to our prayers, remembering especially the people of Maui, Ukraine and Sudan. May their lives be made whole as they trust in God and are supported by the loving hearts and hands of others. Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

For a new spirit of reconciliation, that we may have the grace to forgive those who have injured us and find ways to reach out to one another with love. Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

For all the departed, remembering especially Michael Nobiletti. (*The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.*) Having put on the Lord Jesus Christ, may they be bound to him in heaven. Holy 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 Tom Horan and Delilah Tunney who are celebrating their birthday. And for John & Pamela Kern, Rob Perdock& Meg Harding and Christopher & Emily Towle who are celebrating the anniversary of their wedding.

## For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Tom & Delilah 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.

## 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 John & Pamela, Rob & Meg and Christopher & Emily 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 Catharine Nobiletti in loving memory of Michael Nobiletti and by Lisa Canty in loving memory of Drew Richard Kleinknecht and by Sandy & Gerri Wyman in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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

ALL: Holy God, hear our prayers and let the power of Christ's resurrection reveal your justice and glory to all creation, as we share our part in the redeeming work of Christ's cross, through the power of the Spirit, glorifying your Name in all the world. 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

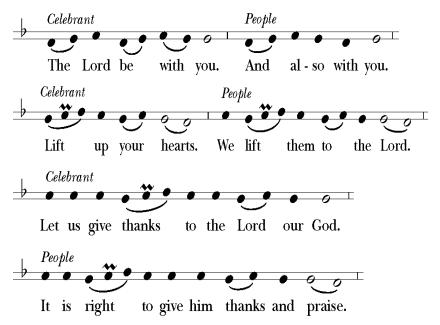


Thomas Ken, 1674

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

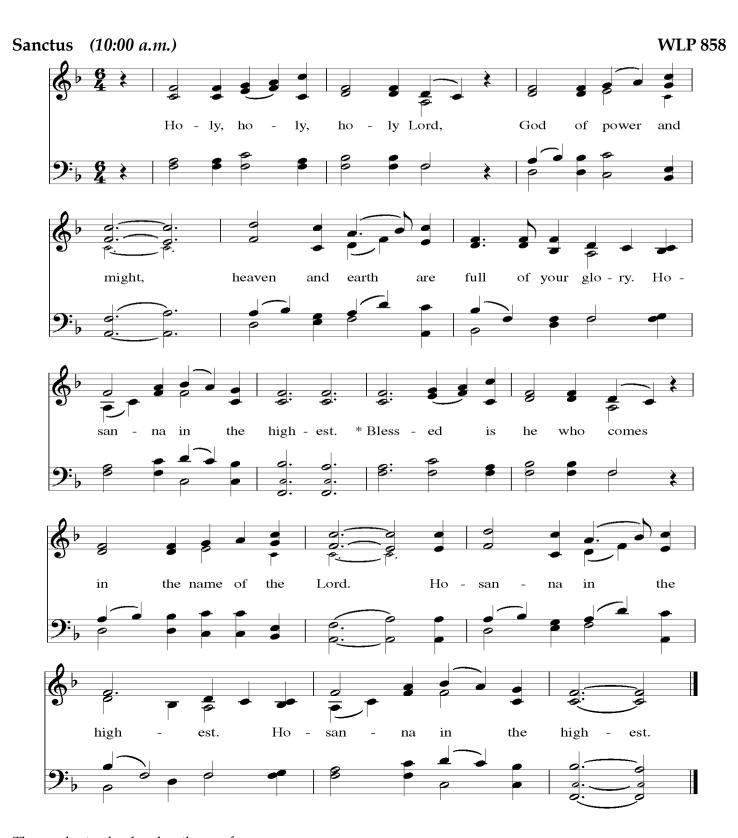
## Sanctus (At 8:00 a.m.)

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

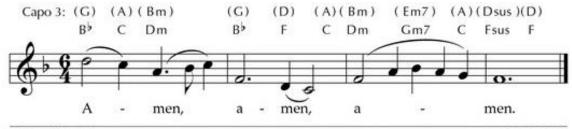
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.



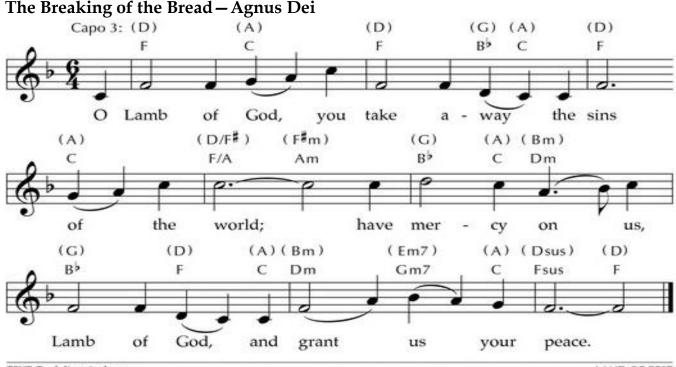
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## The Lord's Prayer

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.



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#### **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.



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## The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

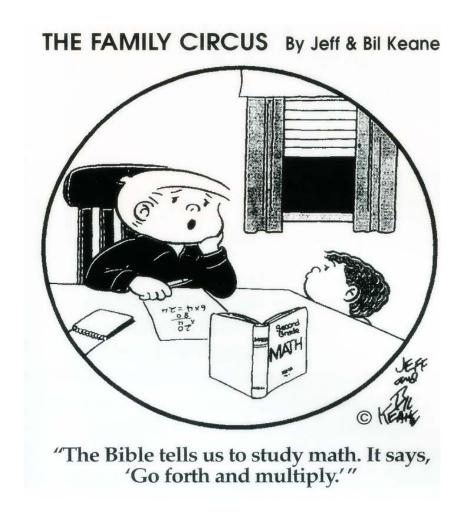
## Celebrant and People

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 Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Postlude**





#### **THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Monday, 09/11 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, 09/12 12:40 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 09/13 7:30 p.m. Alanon 12 Step Meeting (Atwater Room)

**Thursday, 09/14** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study "Reading the Bible"

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Rector's Office

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

**Sunday**, 9/17 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Begins

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

#### Participating in Today's Service

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**LEM** Sundy Schermeyer

Lector Tom Simson Ushers Steve Turner

Altar Guild Freear Pollard, Diane Stewart

#### Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

LEM Rob Perdock Lector John Kern

Ushers Tom Horan, Larry Andria
Altar Guild Edie Hofmann, Karen Love

## **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

Tim & Kara Norton 09/18

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon And Remember the People of Maui, Ukraine and Sudan too!

#### Last Week's Attendance

Saturday 9/02 23 <u>Sunday 9/03 40</u> Total 63

(69 Households worshipped with us online)

Thursday 09/07
Bible Study 8
Holy Eucharist 7
Holy Eucharist

#### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reading the Bible (2 Weeks) The Bible can be intimidating and confusing for any reader. In these two sessions Professors Harry Attridge and John Collins help us to think about some of the issues that cause these feelings. Learning about the amazing and inspiring literature that is the Bible will enrich the understanding of any seeker of spirituality. Session 1 helps us understand the historical time in which the Bible was recorded. It discusses the evolution of modern thinking from the view of the Bible as "history" to a more modern understanding as humankind's view God.

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

<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.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- 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.
- ❖ <u>Altar Flowers:</u> 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> There is one vase available September 24. Each vase is \$40. The sign-up book is on the table outside of the parish hall.
  - <u>Kindly Note:</u> 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.
- \* Maureen's Haven: "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

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), Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobeletti), 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), Thomas Olsen (Req. by Jinny Gilmore) and John Martinelli (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.



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Sunday Services (Summer Schedule ends on September 3<sup>rd</sup>)
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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