

Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 19C)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 at 5:00 P.M

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 at 9:30 A.M

+ --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 your cell phone

Welcome to Saint Mark's Church. Sin and the need to repent are central to the liturgy today. In the reading from Luke, Jesus speaks in reply to those who complained that he had table fellowship with sinners. God, he says, cares about each person, seeks out each one, and rejoices as each sinner repents. In the first reading, Moses at first seems more forgiving than God. When the people rebelled and created their own god to worship, God intended to destroy them all. It was Moses' entreaty that reminded God of the divine nature and that the people are the fruit of God's promise to the patriarchs. Moses is the human intermediary who becomes the instrument of God's forgiveness. We begin a series of readings from the first letter to Timothy today. Paul is described as the greatest of sinners because he persecuted the faith. However, his life is held up as proof of God's forgiveness. His having been accepted by God has equipped him to proclaim God's love to all people. Paul, like Moses brings others into the goodness of God as well. In our life of pilgrimage into God's Kingdom, Jesus—God among us—is the embodiment of God's unremitting call to us to come home to our true lover and friend. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit in baptism to share the vocation of Moses and Paul to be mediators and instruments of God's love and forgiveness to the world.

Prelude

God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

All are welcome

VERSES

C7 F C/E F Bb C Dm C/E F Bb C

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safe - ly_ live,
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And words are strong and_ true.
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In wa - ter, wine and_ wheat:
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be - yond the wood and_ stone
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and vi - sions heard

F/A Dm7 Gm7 C Gm7 F/A Bb C7 Bb/F F

1. A_ place wheresaints and chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give.
 2. Where all God's chil - dren dare_ to_ seek To_ dream God's reign a - new.
 3. A_ ban - quet hall on ho - ly_ ground, Where peace and_ jus - tice meet.
 4. To_ heal andstrength-en, serve and_ teach, And_ live the_ Word they've known.
 5. And_ loved and trea-sured, taught and_ claimed As_ words with - in the Word.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C F F/A Bb

1. Built of hopes anddreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
 2. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's grace;
 3. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and space;
 4. Here the out - cast and the strang - er Bear the im - age of God's face;
 5. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith andsongs of grace,

F Bb A7 Dm

1. Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 2. Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 3. As we share in Christ the feast that frees_ us:
 4. Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 5. Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

REFRAIN

The musical score is for a refrain in 4/4 time, featuring a vocal line and two piano accompaniment lines. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The chord progression for the vocal line is Gm, Dm, Am7, Gm/Bb, F/C, Gm7/C, and C7. The lyrics are: "All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place." The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line and a treble line with sustained chords.

Text: 96 86 87 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950.
 Music: TWO OAKS; Marty Haugen.

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

Collect for Purity

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.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading — Exodus 32:7-14

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 51:1-11 *Miserere mei, Deus*

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵ And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰ Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

The Epistle -1 Timothy 1:12-17

Lector A reading Paul's letter to Timothy.

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.

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

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

God's Great Love Is So Amazing
CONVERSE 8.7.8.7 D ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

- 1. God's great love is so amazing! See — a shepherd with his flocks!
Ninety-nine are safely grazing; one is lost among the rocks.
That good shepherd goes and searches till he finds the one astray.
So God says to fill our churches with the ones who've lost their way.*
- 2. God in love is always seeking! See — a woman with her broom!
For a single coin she's sweeping every corner of the room.
When it's found she calls each neighbor, telling friends from all around.
So God says to search and labor till God's precious ones are found.*
- 3. God keeps waiting, searching, yearning! See — a father's heartfelt joy!
Thankful for his son's returning, he runs out to greet his boy.
To the angry older brother, hear the father's patient call.
So God says to love each other, for in Christ, God loves us all.*

*Biblical Reference: Luke 15 Tune: Charles Crozat Converse, 1868 ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus")
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The Gospel — Luke 15:1-10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People + *Glory to you, Lord 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."

Gospeller 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.

Officiant and People together

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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 – Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, GERALYN, and William our bishops, and for Chris & Anne our priests; for our sisters and brothers at the Church of the Atonement; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our Diocese, the Search Committee, and for all candidates who seek to be our next Bishop:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift and source of all wisdom and understanding, look graciously upon your church and so guide the minds and hearts of those who will choose our next bishop. We pray that those who offer themselves as candidates in this process, you will grant them wisdom and discernment, a spirit of revelation and knowledge of your will, that they will care for all your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, remembering especially Kurt Andon, uncle of Sundry Schermeyer and Michael Ambler, father of Canon Ambler. *The People may add their own petitions.* Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for any need or concern. *The People may add their own petitions*

Silence

I ask your thanksgivings. *The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We give thanks this week for Tom Horan, Delilah Tunney and Campbell Kast who are celebrating their birthday.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Tom, Delilah and Campbell 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 Steve & Margie DeCaro in celebration of Mookie's third birthday and by Elizabeth Wolgemuth in celebration of Jack Gelina's birthday on September 18th, her future son-in-law.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Priest, stands and says

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. *Psalms 96:8*

Offertory Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal 408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

The Offertory

(At 5:00 p.m.)

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

(At 9:30 a.m.)

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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer adapted from the Scottish Episcopal Church*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God our thanks and praise.***

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus (At 5:00 p.m.)

Celebrant and People

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

+ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus (At 9:30 a.m.)

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. The score includes several triplet markings over groups of three notes.

The Celebrant continues

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

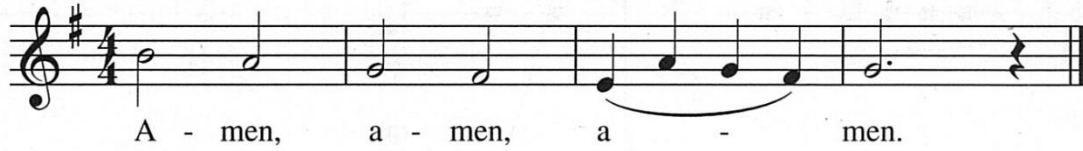
The Celebrant continues

We now obey your Son's command We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

(At 5:00 p.m.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Cantor or Choir

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the

All

bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the

Cantor or Choir

break-ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le -

All

lu - ia, is the com - mun-ion of the bod - y of Christ. The dis -

Cantor or Choir

ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. One

All

bo-dy are we, al-le - lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -

ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us, the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Communion Norms--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. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris or the Lay Eucharistic Minister will intinct for you and place the wafer on your on your tongue.** 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.

Communion Hymn

Sweet Sacrament Divine

Rev. F. Stanfield (1835-1914)

Blessed Sacrament
Corpus Christi

Rev. F. Stanfield

1. Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine! Hid in Thine earth - ly home,
2. Sweet Sa - cra - ment of Peace! Dear Home of ev - 'ry heart,
3. Sweet Sa - cra - ment of Rest! Ark from the o - cean's roar,
4. Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine! Earth's Light and Ju - bi - lee,

5
Lo! 'round Thy low - ly shrine, With sup - pliant hearts we come.
Where rest - less yearn - ings cease, And sor - rows all de - part.
With - in Thy shel - ter blest, Soon may we reach the shore.
In Thy far depths doth shine, Thy God - head's maj - est - ty.

10
Dear Lord, to Thee our voice we raise, In songs of love and
There in Thine ear, all trust - ful - ly, We tell our tale of
Save us, for still the temp - est raves; Save, lest we sink be -
Sweet Light, so shine on us, we pray, That earth - ly joys may

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heart - felt praise, Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine! Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine!
mis - er - y, Sweet Sa - cra - ment of Peace! Sweet Sa - cra - ment of Peace!
neath the waves; Sweet Sa - cra - ment of Rest! Sweet Sa - cra - ment of Rest!
fade a - way Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine! Sweet Sa - cra - ment di - vine!

The people stand as they are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Announcements



Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



The Dismissal

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.



BULLETIN INSERTS

September 14, 2025 – Pentecost 14 (C) The Nicene Creed: Week 1

To commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, bishop of Wisconsin, has written a series of reflections on the Nicene Creed and its relevance for contemporary Episcopalians. Over the coming weeks, we'll share his teachings, written mostly in a question-and-answer format.

“The Nicene Creed [is] the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.”
— ‘Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral’ (1979 Book of Common Prayer, p. 877)

“In our canons, the formal definition of “doctrine” is “the church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.”
— The Episcopal Church Canon III.10.4.c.2

“Doctrine shall mean the basic and essential teachings of the Church and is to be found in the Canon of Holy Scripture as understood in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and in the sacramental rites, the Ordinal and Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer.”
— The Episcopal Church Canon IV.2

2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which established the Nicene Creed as the symbol and measure of the Church’s faith.

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus had left his followers struggling to understand and articulate what had happened and its meaning. Paul and the other authors of what became the New Testament pointed the way. Those writings contained creed-like statements, e.g., 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. But even that needed interpretation. How could they make sense of the things Jesus had done and the things Jesus had said about humanity, God – and himself?

The Gospels and the other writings accepted as scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, include language that identifies Jesus with the God of Israel, including things He said Himself. His followers were convinced that his death and resurrection had reconfigured everything, bringing salvation from sin, death, and decay with the promise of a hitherto unimagined transformation of human persons and the world. Finding language to express that in ways that enabled people to experience that salvation and transformation was important. Was Jesus some sort of divine being sent by God at the mysterious heart of all reality? Was he something more?

They had the scriptures, they had the church’s language of prayer and worship, and they had the baptismal formulae that were already the seeds of a creed and which believers were expected to affirm. With all of that, theologians of the church struggled for decades – centuries – to make sense of and find a satisfactory way to articulate who he was and why he mattered. Some ways of articulating that were deemed unsatisfactory, misguided, or even dangerous. This struggle and the debates it provoked became more public and more intense once Christianity was declared legal by the Edict of Milan in 313.

Things came to a head with a priest in the city of Alexandria named Arius, who taught that, while Jesus was in some sense divine, he was still a divine creature of God. The God behind it all could not be apprehended and would surely not deign to be identified with the messy, chaotic material world by taking on mortal flesh. But his bishop, Alexander, preached otherwise – that Jesus was indeed the incarnation of that very God. Arius condemned his bishop’s teaching. In response, the bishop disciplined and exiled Arius. But this set up an intense controversy. The Council of Nicaea was called by the Roman Emperor Constantine to address disputes about how to understand the person of Jesus and, thus, God, creation, humanity, and salvation.



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Monday, 09/15** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tuesday, 09/16** 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom
- Wednesday, 09/17** 12:00 p.m. Peconic Deanery Clergy Meeting at Saint Mark's
7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room
7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Parish Hall
- Thursday, 09/18** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Atwater Room
11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service – Fr. Chris' Office
12:30 p.m. The Threshold Singers – Atwater Room
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting Fr. Chris' office
8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom
- Saturday, 09/20** 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Columbarium—"Come as you are!"
- Sunday, 09/21** 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

<u>SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants</u>	
LEM/Lector	Carol Jubinski
Usher	Steve Turner
Altar Guild	Eddie Hofmann, Karen Love
<u>SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants</u>	
LEM	Suellen Tunney
Lector	Dave Gardner
Ushers	Steve DeCaro, Kevin Tunney
Altar Guild	Eddie Hofmann, Karen Love
Welcome Back BBQ Picnic	
<u>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Tony Catanzaro	09/02
Elizabeth Johnson	09/07
Tom Horan	09/13
Delilah Tunney	09/15
Campbell Kast	09/18
Scott Johnson	09/27
Elizabeth Plate	09/29
<u>SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Timothy & Diane Feil	09/03
Sandy & Geri Wyman	09/09
John & Pamela Kern	09/12
Stephen & Meagan Sherwood	09/25
Anthony & Betty Ann Catanzaro	09/26

<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On-Line</u>
09/06 5:00 p.m.	20	
09/07 9:30 a.m	36	Service was not streamed
	TOTAL	56
09/06 – Men's Group Luncheon	16	
09/11 – Bible Study	11	
09/11 – Mid-Week Service	8	
09/11—Compline via zoom	3	

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And, remember the People of the Middle East, Armenia, Ukraine, Haiti, Syria, and the United States of America too!



Welcome Back to the start of a new program year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR - Diane Stewart would like to step down from being in charge of the Sunday Coffee Hour planning. Two volunteers are needed. Please give her a call if you are interested. 631-653-4531/grandma3stewart@gmail.com.

WEEKLY COMPLINE ON THURSDAYS - I invite you to come together in the spirit of prayer each Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. for Compline. This service takes about 10 minutes to pray and is perfect way to unwind for the evening. The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5697969237> Meeting ID: 569 796 9237 or via telephone: +16468769923,,5697969237# US (New York)

"SAINT MARK'S HISTORY" - This will be the last weekend the albums with the history of Saint Mark's will be on display. They are located in the hallway on the way to the parish hall.

CURRENT AND FUTURE PHOTOS - If anyone has photos from the 100th Anniversary and Confirmation please contact Marj Kulesa. She can be reached at 631-730-5506 or marjkulesa@aol.com. She is planning to put together an album to commemorate this occasion. Also, photos that are taken at any of our events will be most appreciated.....kindly contact Marj or Fr. Chris.

PLEASE NOTE: The current anniversaries and birthdays are listed in this insert each week. Kindly check it over to be sure your information is correct or if you are not listed contact Kate in the church office.

PASTORAL CARE—Please notify me if you are sick or in the hospital so that I can pray for you and visit to bring you Holy Communion. Some people hesitate to call me because they think they are inconveniencing me. Not true! I am here for you and your spiritual care. My cell is 410.253.3664—Chris +

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY—Please download this great tool on your apple or android device and have up to the minute access of our parish directory.

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. In September there is one vase available on the 21st. and the 28th and in October there are two vases available on the 19th and 26th. Each vase is \$40. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Friday, September 26**, Yoga continues at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Saturday, October 4**, Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets at 9:30 a.m. in the churchyard.
- **Sat., Oct. 25 to Sun., Nov. 2**, Early Voting in the Parish Hall. Times vary by day.

PRAYER LIST

Dick Anderson (Req. by Edie Hofmann), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **Amanda Cacoperdo** (Req. by Tim Feil), **Candace F. Cerretani** (Req. by Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Julia Cloppse** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **George Degener** (Req. by Fr. Chris), **Victoria DiRocco** (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), **Fred Rees Garcia** (son of Victoria Garcia), **Karen Giles** (Parishioner), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Debra Wolgemuth Jarashow**, (Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Karen** (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **Bob Love** (Req. by Fr. Chris), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Earl Meyers** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Austin Mooney**, (Laura Bott's brother), **Irene Monahan**, (req. by Laura Bott), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Jesse O'Neil** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Rosemary Rees**, (Victoria Garcia's sister), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Louise Reeves** (Parishioner), **Martin Sarocky** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Tom Simson** (Parishioner), **Allison Skinner** (Parishioner), **Jamie Thom** (Req. by Jennifer Kast), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia.).

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

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Cameron Garcia, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner, James Mercready and Midshipman 4th Class Luke



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Church Services

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. "Mass on the Grass"
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

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office
8:00 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. Lawrence Provenzano – *Bishop of Long Island*
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf – *Assisting Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin – *Assisting Bishop*

The Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski

Rector of Saint Mark's

Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Atonement, Quogue

Dean of the Peconic Deanery

Email: chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org

The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie – *Priest-in-Residence*

Stephen Hunt – *Director of Music*

Kate Gabrielsen – *Parish Administrator*

Chris Adams – *Facilities Manager*

Rosanna Davis – *Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*

Tom Horan – *Warden*

Steve DeCaro – *Warden*

Vestry Members:

(Class of 2026) Rich Caccavano, Marjorie Kulesa, Steve Turner

(Class of 2027) Diane Feil, John Kern, Sandy Wyman

(Class of 2029) Tom Hadlock, Madeline Glover, Norma-Jeanne Okula

Thomas Simson – *Treasurer*

Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry*

