

# THE WORD OF GOD

## *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 20*

*September 19, 2021 10:00 am*

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Hymn 637**

**How firm a foundation**

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.*  
*Amen.*

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 Gloria**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

### **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.  
People *And also with you.*  
Celebrant 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 Lessons**

### **Jeremiah 11:18-20**

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

### **Psalm 54**

*Deus, in nomine*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is God who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O God, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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

**Hymn 482**

**Lord of all hopefulness**

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ according  
to Mark.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

**Mark 9:30-37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the

greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a

little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill**

## **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 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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **Form I**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Ketlen, our Bishop-Elect, for the members of the standing committee, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For Joe, our President, for Tom, our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city of Johnstown, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to

the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the  
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or  
through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and  
for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the  
destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who  
remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for  
all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and  
degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without  
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O  
Lord, by thy grace.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. Mark' and of all the saints, let  
us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to  
Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to  
you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins,  
but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and  
unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.*

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**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

*Then the Minister and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

### **Hymn 480**

#### **When Jesus let his Father's throne**

1 When Jesus left his Father's throne,  
he chose an humble birth;  
like us, unhonoured and unknown,  
he came to dwell on earth.  
Like him may we be found below  
in wisdom's paths of peace;  
like him in grace and knowledge grow  
as years and strength increase.

2 Sweet were his words, and kind his look,  
when mothers round him pressed;  
their infants in his arms he took,  
and on his bosom blessed.  
Safe from the world's alluring harms,

beneath his watchful eye,  
thus in the circle of his arms,  
may we forever lie.

3 When Jesus into Zion rode,  
the children sang around;  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed  
their garments on the ground.  
Hosanna our glad voices raise,  
hosanna to our King!  
Should we forget our Savior's praise,  
the stones themselves would sing.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### ***Eucharistic Prayer B***

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

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

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread. Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, Forgive us our sins*

<i>as we forgive those who trespass against us.</i>	<i>as we forgive those who sin against us.</i>
<i>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</i>	<i>Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.</i>
<i>For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</i>	<i>For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.</i>

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

A period of silence is kept.

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time  
please pray the following with me:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed  
Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as  
I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for  
you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your  
Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and  
strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be  
separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in  
the life to come. Amen.*

**Communion Hymn 304**

**I come with joy to meet my Lord**

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall,  
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

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.

## **Blessing**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of God's son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

## **Hymn 492**

### **Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness**

1 Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness  
wake your noblest sweetest strain,  
with the praises of your Savior  
let his house resound again;  
him let all you music honor,  
and your songs exalt his reign.

2 Sing how he came forth from heaven,  
bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
stooped to wear the servant's vesture,  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
passed within the gates of darkness,  
thence his banished ones to save.

3 So he tasted death for mortals,  
he, of humankind the head,  
sinless one, among the sinful,  
Prince of life, among the dead;  
thus he wrought the full redemption,  
and the captor captive led.

4 Now on high, yet ever with us,  
from his Father's throne the Son rules  
and guides the world he ransomed,  
till the appointed work be done,  
till he see, renewed and perfect,  
all things gathered into one.

Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People Thanks be to God.*

From *Book of Common Prayer 1979*  
Hymns from *Hymnal 1982*

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church, Oakmont, the Rev. Jeffrey Murph, and the Rev. Dr. Norman Koehler; and the Chapel at UPMC St. Margaret

## **Altar Flowers for the Greater Glory of God**

In Honor of  
Robert and Ali Kintner's  
8th Anniversary  
From Jim & Lisa Bell Loncella

## **Next Week's Readings**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service.*

