

# *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 18*

*September 5, 2021 10:00 am*

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn 1**

**Father, we praise thee, now the night is over**

1 Father, we praise you, now the night is over;  
Active and watchful, stand we all before you;  
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation:  
Thus we adore thee.

2 Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;  
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
Bring us to heaven, where thy saints united;  
Joy without ending.

3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;  
Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
Through all creation.

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, 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 Lessons**

#### **Isaiah 35: 4-7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and

the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

#### **Psalm 146**

*Lauda, anima mea*

- 1 Alleluia!  
Praise God, O my soul! \*  
I will praise God as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
whose promise abides for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 God sets the prisoners free;  
and opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
God lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 God loves the righteous;  
and cares for the stranger; \*

GOD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 God shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Alleluia!

### **James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep

warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

### **Hymn 493**

### **O for a thousand tongues to sing**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy Name.

3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior comes;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heaven.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

### **Mark 7:24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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 V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Dorsey, our own Bishop, Ketlen, our Bishop-Elect, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust especially Joe, our President and Tom, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

### **Collect for Labor Day**

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*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**

*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

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

## Hymn 602

## Jesu, Jesu fills us with your love

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. (Refrain)

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

## 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.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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,

<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</i>	<i>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.</i>
<i>Give us this day our daily bread.</i>	<i>Give us today our daily bread.</i>
<i>And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.</i>	<i>Forgive us our sins 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 567**                      **Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old**

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave.  
To thee they went, the blind, the deaf,  
the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper set apart and shunned,  
the sick with fevered frame.

2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health,  
gave hearing, strength, and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
owned thee, the Lord of light:  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch,  
as by Gennesaret's shore.

3 Be thou our great deliverer still,  
thou Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
with thine almighty breath:

to hands that work and eyes that see,  
give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
may praise thee evermore.

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 541**

**Come, labor on**

1 Come, labor on.  
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
"Go work today."

2 Come, labor on.  
The enemy is watching night and day,  
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;

while we in sleep our duty have forgot,  
he slumbered not.

3 Come, labor on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill  
his righteous will.

4 Come, labor on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share--  
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear;  
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.

5 Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun.  
"Servants, well done."

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People Thanks be to God.*

From *Book of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *Hymnal 1982*

Psalms from *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Retired clergy, including the Rev. Walter Szymanski, the Rev. Philip  
Wainwright, the Rev. Linda Tardy Wilson, the Rev. Mary  
Weatherwax, the Very Rev. George Werner, the Rev. Randy Younkin  
and the Rev. Agustin Zubieta

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

In Loving Memory of  
Laura Sweeney  
&  
The Smith & Sweeney Families  
Perpetual Flowers

### **Next Week's Readings**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-8

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

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