

# *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*The Sixteenth Sunday after*

*Pentecost*

*Proper 21*

*September 25, 2022 10:00 am*

**Holy Eucharist Rite I**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn 625    Ye holy angels bright**

1 Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race  
and now, from sin released,  
behold your Savior's face,  
God's praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives!

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
till life shall end,

whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

### **The Gloria**

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,*

*have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

#### **Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was

in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

**Psalm 91:1-6,14-16** *Qui habitat*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

- 2 He shall say to the LORD,  
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
 my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
 \*  
 and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
 and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
 his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
 nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
 nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
 therefore will I deliver him; \*  
 I will protect him, because he knows my  
 Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
 I am with him in trouble;  
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
 and show him my salvation.

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and

clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

### **Hymn 552      Fight the good fight**

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;

lay hold on life, and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;  
life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide;  
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;  
he changeth not, and thou art dear;  
only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

### **Luke 16:19-31**

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in

agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill**

**The Nicene Creed**

*I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men and women: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ketlen, our bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly

and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe, our President, and Tom, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great Mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People *And with thy spirit.*

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

## **The Holy Communion**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

### **Hymn 535 Ye servants of God**

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;  
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

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

The Lord be with you.  
People *And with thy spirit.*  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
People *It is meet and right so to do.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer Death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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**

*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.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

*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.*

### **Hymn 312          Strengthen for service, Lord**

1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands  
that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs  
to clamor never waken.

2 Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang  
keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,  
thy blessed hope perceiving.

3 The feet that tread thy hallowed courts  
from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy Body fed  
with thy new life replenish.

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee  
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the  
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy  
Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of  
thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very  
members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the  
blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,  
through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly  
beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy  
grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do  
all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the*

*Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
Amen.*

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

### **Hymn 583      O holy city, seen of John**

1 O holy city, seen of John,  
Where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,  
Within those four-square walls shall come  
No night, nor need, nor pain,  
And where the tears are wiped from eyes  
That shall not weep again.

2 O shame to us who rest content  
While lust and greed for gain  
In street and shop and tenement  
Wring gold from human pain,  
And bitter lips in blind despair  
Cry, "Christ has died in vain."

3 Give us, O God, the strength to build  
The city that hath stood  
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,  
Whose crown is servanthood,  
And where the sun that shineth is  
God's grace for human good.

4 Already in the mind of God  
That city riseth fair:  
Lo, how its splendor challenges  
The souls that greatly dare:  
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life  
And build its glory there.

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

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

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**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Homestead,  
and the Rev. Raymond Ursin (ELCA)

**Flowers Placed on the Altar to the Greater Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of My Aunt  
Jane Larison  
From Pam Hysong

In Loving Memory of  
Harry Mainhart  
Perpetual Flowers

**Next Week's Readings**

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

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