

Communion Anthem
Be thou faithful unto death *from* St. Paul Felix Mendelssohn

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give to thee a crown of life.
Be not afraid, my help is nigh.

Words from St. Paul (oratorio) Revelation 2:10 and Isaiah 41:13; words and music © Public Domain

Communion Hymns *sung by all*
Our Father, by whose Name (*Rhosymedre*) Hymnal 587
Where charity and love prevail (*Cheshire*) Hymnal 581

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (*when applicable*)
Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
Congregation **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand
Prayer for Mission *said by all* BCP 365
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

Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
Glorious things of thee are spoken (*Austria*) Hymnal 522

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young

Music Notes
Soloist – Christian Bolante *Cellist* – Josh Mayrand
This morning’s opening hymn is a classic hymn of praise. “Take my life, and let it be” and “Where charity and love prevail” reflect the theme from the reading from Romans of presenting ourselves as “a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God”. “Our Father, by whose Name” reflects the theme of the Collect of the day, and, finally, the closing hymn reflects the themes from the Gospel of building the church on a firm foundation and Peter’s declaration of Jesus as the Messiah, and the offertory anthem directly quotes the Gospel: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Children’s Chapel

A Children’s Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are on break for the summer, except for Christianity Today which meets at 11 a.m. in Grace House.

GIVING INFORMATION

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Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

Lectors

Randy Gordon, Emily Magevney, Helen Willoughby

Acolytes

Lucy Perkins, Virginia Beard, Sam Boozer, Jane Magevney, Ford Mageveny

Chalice Bearers

Nancy Burrows, John Burrows, Drew Haramis, Cindy Selock

Ushers

Will Tutwiler, Mike Davidson, Randy Gordon, Andrew Taylor, Frank Scheu **Verger** Ted Miller

Altar Guild

Drew Haramis, Anne Gorman, Celeste Heller, Barbara Irving, Adrienne Kent, Bunny Manning, Stephanie Milne, Katherine Smithwick, Carol Worsham

Flower Guild

Jane Lockwood, Jane Ashley Racine

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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Vision
St. Mark’s is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God’s world. (Ps 46:4-5)
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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Mission
To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God’s Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.

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A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an “S” (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.
Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude – Prelude on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Word of God

Please stand
Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
When morning guilds the skies (*Laudes Domini*) Hymnal 427

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant 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.**

Gloria *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 280
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.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson – Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 138 simplified Anglican chant sung by all chant: J. W. Meachen

- 1 I will give thanks to you O LORD with my whole / heart; * before the gods I will sing your / praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your / Name, * because of your love and / faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your / Name * and your word above all / things.
- 4 When I called you / answered me; * you increased my strength with/in me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you O / LORD, * when they have heard the words of your / mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the / LORD, * that great is the glory of the / LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high he cares for the / lowly; * he perceives the haughty from a/far.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble you keep me / safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall / save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for / me; * O LORD your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your / hands.

Second Lesson – Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is

your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn sung by all

Take my life, and let it be (Hollingside) Hymnal 707

Holy Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner

Please stand

Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form VI BCP 392

Confession BCP 393

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Tu es Petrus Gabriel Fauré

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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Please stand

Offertory Hymn – The Doxology sung by all Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues...

Sanctus sung by all musical setting: Hymnal S 125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord’s Prayer said by all BCP 364

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.

Fraction Anthem sung by all musical setting: Hymnal S 154

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

Please be seated

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.