

Communion Anthem
At the River arr. Aaron Copeland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Words and tune by Robert Lowry, arrangement © Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

Communion Hymns *sung by all*
Blessed Jesus, at thy word (*Liebster Jesu*) Hymnal 440
Father, we thank thee who has planted (*Rendez à Dieu*) Hymnal 302

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*
Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (*Gott sei Dank*) Hymnal 530

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude

Music Notes

A warm welcome and thank you to today's guest organist, Alexcei Romanenko.
Soloist – Noah Miller-Imotan
We open the service with the classic hymn of praise, “Immortal, invisible”. “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”, “Father, we thank thee”, and “Spread, O spread” reflect the message of today’s Gospel about the spread of the God’s word, as does the sequence hymn, “Almighty God, your word is cast”, which has specific connections to our diocese: the music was written by Roy Johnson, former music director of St. John’s in Tallahassee, and he named the tune after one of the streets surrounding St. John’s: Call Street.
Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from One License lic. #A-732869 and CCLI lic. #20201141.

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

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →



PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan QR code →



Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.
Lectors Jesse Webb, Mary Shaffer Sealey, Helen Willoughby
Acolytes Lucy Perkins, William Rachels, Gray Chunn, Ann Palmer Chunn, Jane Magevney, Charles Thoele
Chalice Bearers Kelly Anderson, Kelli Chunn, Stephanie Baker, Gary Willetts **LEV** Carol and Jim Rountree
Ushers Fred Kent, Christopher Commander, Matt Miller, Phil Rachels **Verger** Downing Nightingale
Altar Guild Julie Shapiro, Heather Bryant, Kirsten Hofheimer, Barbara Stevenson, Courtney Wilder, Mary Lee Willetts, Brooks Whittaker
Flower Guild Cynthia Athey, Betsy Booth, Russell Glasheen

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in thanksgiving for my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren by Susan Doherty.

*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.



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.



St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

The Word of God

Please stand
Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
Immortal, invisible, God only wise (*St. Denio*) Hymnal 423

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson – Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 65:9-14 simplified Anglican chant sung by all chant: J. W. Meachen

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very / plenteous; *
the river of God is full of / water.
10 You prepare the / grain, *
for so you provide for the / earth.
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the / ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its / increase.
12 You crown the year with your / goodness, *
and your paths overflow with / plenty.
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for / grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with / joy.
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with / grain; *
let them shout for joy and / sing.

Second Lesson – Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you,

though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn sung by all

Almighty God, your word is cast (Call Street) Hymnal 588

Holy Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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. Billy Cerveny

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

Bread of the world Richard Shephard

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead: Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed. Words by Reginald Heber © Public Domain; music © St. James Press

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.