

Communion Anthem – Heart of worship

Communion Hymns *sung by all*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you – Allelu alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God – Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you – Allelu alleluia

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O God you are my God and I will ever praise you
O God you are my God and I will ever praise you
I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways
And step by step you’ll lead me and I will follow you all of my days – *repeat*

Ending

I will follow you all of my days and I will follow you all of my days
And step by step you’ll lead me and I will follow you all of my days

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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 366
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession – God of justice *sung by all*

God of justice Savior to all, came to rescue the weak and the poor
Chose to serve and not be served
Jesus you have called us, freely we’ve received now, freely we will give

Chorus

We must go, live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken, we must go
Stepping forward, keep us from just singing, move us into action, we must go
To act justly every day, loving mercy in every way, walking humbly before you God
You have shown us what you require, freely we’ve received now, freely we will give
Chorus then Bridge then Chorus

Bridge *(three times)* Fill us up and send us out;
Fill us up and send us out; fill us up and send us out Lord

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Dismissal

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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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PLEDGE

To make a
2027 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 Derick Brundick, Harvey Granger, Helen Willoughby
Acolytes Walker Richards, Lula Kate Richards, Leyli Amoli, Ella Suri Amoli, Reddoch Athey, Clay Wilhelm
Chalice Bearers Drew Haramis, Downing Nightingale, Paula Phelan, Mistee Richards
Ushers Will Tutwiler, William Boozer, Andrew Taylor, Fred Irving
Verger Frank Scheu **LEV** Sherrie Webb
Altar Guild Drew Haramis, Anne Gorman, Celeste Heller, Barbara Irving, Adrienne Kent, Bunny Manning, Stephanie Milne, Katherine Smithwick, Carol Worsham
Flower Guild Libby Bernard, Gay Nightingale, Stuart Stokes

Music Notes

The theme from today’s psalm, singing the Lord a new song and worshipping him, is reflected in “Blessed be your name”, “10,000 reasons”, “Heart of worship”, “Step by step”, and “God of Justice”. The idea that we “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”, also from the psalm, is a theme in “Better is one day”. Finally, the idea from today’s reading from Thessalonians that we should imitate the Lord is a theme in “Abba Father” when it says “mold us and fashion us into the image of Jesus, your Son”.

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

and in thanksgiving for my family by James Holyer.

*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.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude – Abba, Father

The Word of God

Please stand

Hymn in Procession – Blessed be your name *sung by all*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow – Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name when I’m found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness – Blessed be your name
Pre-Chorus Ev’ry blessing you pour out I’ll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say
Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name when the sun’s shining down on me
When the world’s all as it should be – Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there’s pain in the offering – blessed be your name *Pre-Chorus and Chorus*

Bridge You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be your name

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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.**

Hymn of Praise *sung by all*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.
He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 96:1-9 read responsively by half verse

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our

message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn – 10,000 Reasons sung by all

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name

- 1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes Chorus
- 2 You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find Chorus
- 3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore Chorus then ending

Ending Worship your holy name, Lord I'll worship your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name

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Holy Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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. Charlie Holt

Please stand

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form IV

BCP 388

Confession

BCP 360

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem – Better is one day

Please stand

Offertory Hymn sung by all

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord; (repeat)
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

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Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 – men start; women sing the echo in parentheses

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world. Lord have mercy (3 times) on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace (3 times). Amen.

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.

Healing Prayer Ministry is offered in the Chapel. After receiving communion, come to the chapel where prayer ministers will remain through the end of the service.