

Communion Anthem – Song of the vineyard Thomas Keesecker

I will sing for my beloved my love song about his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard high upon a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice red vines. He built a watchtower in the midst of it and then hewed out a winepress. The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are the plant he cherished. Glory to the... Words Isaiah 5:1-2, 7; music © Augsburg Fortress

Communion Hymns sung by all
Let thy blood in mercy poured (Jesus, meine Zuversicht) Hymnal 313
Jesus all my gladness (Jesu, meine Freude) Hymnal 701

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 sung by all
O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deus tuorum militum) Hymnal 448

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – Rigaudon André Campra

Music Notes

Trumpet – Dr. Randall Tinnin Timpani – Whitney Morgan
Today’s opening and closing hymns reflect the idea in today’s Gospel reading that Jesus is “the stone that the builders rejected” but “has become the cornerstone”. The first communion hymn, in addition to being generally about Christ’s body and blood and the Eucharist, also reflects the parable in this same Gospel reading in which the son sent to restore the vineyard loses his life. The first two verses of the sequence hymn, “Fight the good fight”, quote today’s reading from Philippians, and the second communion hymn relates to this reading as well. Finally, the imagery of the vineyard is a theme used in today’s Gospel reading, psalm, and the reading from Isaiah, which Jesus’s parable is probably intentionally alluding to since the people he was teaching would have been familiar with it. The offertory anthem, “The Song of the Vineyard”, directly quotes this part of Isaiah.

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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 Katie Kidd, Linda Crofton, Marcela Beard
Acolytes Maggie Kidd, Emily Kidd, Virginia Beard, Kinley Nelson, Briard Nelson
Chalice Bearers Stephanie Baker, Linda Crofton, Karen Culler, Katie Kidd
Ushers Bill Andrews, Charlie Berg, Mike Davenport, Taylor Sealey, Andrew Taylor
Verger Tim Sleeth LEV Margaret and Eric Cavin
Altar Guild Julie Shapiro, Heather Bryant, Kirsten Hoffheimer, 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 family and friends and in loving memory of Elise Knight Richards Hallowes and William Cannon Hallowes by Martha Hallowes.

*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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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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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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude – Suite in D André Campra

The Word of God

Please stand
Hymn in Procession sung by all
Hail, thou once-despised Jesus! (In Babilone) Hymnal 495

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 Hymnal S 236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson – Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 80:7-14 Anglican chant sung by the choir chant: Henry Stonex
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Lesson – Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn sung by all

Fight the good fight (Pentecost) Hymnal 552

Holy Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 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 – With a voice of singing Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

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Please stand

Offertory Hymn – The Doxology sung by2all 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 A BCP 361

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 128

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.

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 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.