

Communion Anthem
A rose touched by the sun’s warm rays
Jean Berger

A rose touched by the sun’s warm rays all its petals gently doth unfold; so you, when touched by God’s great mercy, let joy and gladness win your soul.

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Communion Hymns *sung by all*
Forgive our sins as we forgive *(Detroit)* Hymnal 674
Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing *(Alles ist an Gottes Segen)* Hymnal 334

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*
All my hope on God is founded *(Michael)* Hymnal 665

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – Grande Valse brillante Frédéric Chopin

Music Notes
Violin – Corina Weinmair Soloist – Gianna Gomez
The themes of mercy and forgiveness and the Lord’s provision from today’s psalm and the readings from Genesis and Matthew are central to all five hymns as well as the communion anthem, while the joyfulness in praising God expressed at the end of today’s reading from Romans, when it says, “every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God” is central to “Praise to the Lord”, “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”, and the communion anthem. Our closing hymn is also a nod to our remembrance in our prayers today of the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, as it says, “...though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God’s power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower”.

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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

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

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

Laura Ropp, Marcela Beard, Phil Rachels

Acolytes

Langston Bryan, Dabney Baker, Virginia Beard, Charles Thoele, William Rachels

Chalice Bearers

Linda Crofton, Amy Morales, Downing Nightingale, Liam O’Brien

Ushers

Fred Kent, Russell Beard, Matt Miller, Phil Rachels

Verger

Lee Haramis, Jr. LEV Margaret and Eric Cavin

Altar Guild

Barbara Pickett, Katie Athey, Debbie Fannin, Patti Frykberg, Valerie Goodwin, Judy Lanier, Anne Lee, Ann Scheu

Flower Guild

Betsy Booth, Hope Eller, Jane Ashley Racine

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

and, on this 25th anniversary weekend, in loving memory of those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

*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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude – Elegie Jules Massenet

The Word of God

Please stand
Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *(Lobe den Herren)* Hymnal 390

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 – Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 103:8-13 simplified Anglican chant sung by all chant: J. W. Meachen

8 The Lord is full of compassion and / mercy, *

slow to anger and of great / kindness.

9 He will not always ac/cuse us, *

nor will he keep his anger for / ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins, *

nor rewarded us according to our / wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the / earth, *

so is his mercy great upon those who / fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the / west, *

so far has he removed our / sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his / children, *

so does the Lord care for those who / fear him.

Second Lesson – Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and

lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn sung by all

O bless the Lord, my soul! (St. Thomas-Williams) Hymnal 411

Holy Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Domine Deus from Gloria Antonio Vivaldi

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

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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 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.