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## WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*St. Mark's is a welcoming community of dedicated believers in Christ who support and strengthen one another through worship, fellowship, study of the Word, and serving others.*

St. Mark's has adjusted many worship practices to follow COVID-19 safety protocols over the past years. We are constantly adapting our procedures and we urge worshipers to participate at whatever level makes them most comfortable. *If you are visiting, we are glad you are here.* We welcome all who gather to worship each week, either in-person or on-line. Our Sunday service at 10:15 may be seen on our Facebook or YouTube channel and is linked through our website, [www.saintmarksepiscopal.com](http://www.saintmarksepiscopal.com). The password to the church wifi as a guest is *timetoprayer*.

### *About the Service*

The service has two parts: the liturgy of the word, when Holy Scripture is read and celebrated, followed by liturgy of the table, when we celebrate Jesus's life, death, and resurrection with the Eucharist, (communion).

### *About Communion*

All are welcome at the altar to receive communion or a blessing. Bread only is sufficient for the Eucharist to be valid. You may receive the bread and wine from common vessels or individual containers at the altar rail. Come forward to the altar as ushers release the pews and return to the pew to consume the bread and wine, if taken from the baskets. If a blessing is desired, place your arms across your chest. Place empty containers in receptacles at the exits. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Notify an usher if you would like a priest to bring communion to the pew.

### *Enhancing Your Experience*

*Limited mobility seating* is available in front of the pulpit on the left side of the sanctuary. An elevator, entered through the garden doors at the rear of the church, allows access to all three levels of the church. *Offices and classrooms* located on the second floor are accessible via stairs or elevator. Ask for assistance, if needed. *Restroom facilities* are located on the ground level; ladies' room on the right, men's room on the left. *An ADA accessible restroom* is located just off the hall to the right of the chancel.

*An AED device* is located in the hall to the right of the chancel.

### *Welcoming Families*

We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers during the 10:15 Sunday service. Grade school age children join in class upstairs for activities and lesson. The children return for communion and are always welcome to worship with their families. All are welcome to the parish hall following the 10:15 service for coffee and light refreshments.

### *On-line Giving*

For members and guests, it is simple, easy, and secure to make an on-line donation or purchase using *Realm*, our giving platform. Gifts may be one-time or recurring; funds may be dedicated to a specific purpose. Simply text the word **Lion** to **73256** and follow the prompts to complete the process, using a credit/debit card, checking or savings account.



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II  
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026—5:00PM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026—8:00AM & 10:15AM  
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetoprayer*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** (10:15)

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Whit FitzGerald, violin

**BELL**

**PROCESSIONAL** (10:15)

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymnal 376

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II** *All standing*

Book of Common Prayer 355

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** (*all*)

*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**

*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*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

**People**            ***And also with you.***

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People**            ***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS *(seated)*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

**Proper 8**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

*Reader:*            The Word of the Lord.

**People:**            ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 84:1-4,15-18** *(responsively by half-verse)*

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*

***from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.***

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*

***you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.***

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*

***I have sworn an oath to David my servant:***

4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*

***and preserve your throne for all generations. "'***

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*

***they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.***

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*

***they are jubilant in your righteousness.***

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*

***and by your favor our might is exalted.***

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \*

***the Holy One of Israel is our King.***

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those

who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN** (10:15)

*Thou Whose Almighty Word (v1, Gospel, v2)*

Hymnal 371

**THE GOSPEL** (*stand*)

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 10:40-42**

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**Rev. Alan Akridge, Rector**

*This space provided for notes and memos:*

**Matthew 10:40-42**

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*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scripture; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(sit or kneel)*

Deacon: Our God, the almighty one, counts the hairs on our head. Let us come before God in confidence, praying for all the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you this day for the value you have placed upon us by giving us Christ our Savior. Empower us to acknowledge this gift in lives of service. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you have answered our fears with love. Give to us the faith to go where others dare not, to proclaim the vastness of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are concerned with the frailty of our living. You know our addictions, our divorcings, our doubtings, our escapes. Grant us the wholeness we seek. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, for giving relief to those who suffer, for the sick, especially Cheri, Sandy, Marion, Elizabeth, Joice, Nancy, Melinda, Louise, Maxwell, Marsha, Barbara and Dan, Jeff, Linda, Eric, Ronald, De, and Sara, and for the lonely, for the hungry, for victims of political oppression, that mercy and compassion may transform their sorrow into joy. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you aid those who work for justice and peace by giving them courage, vision, and strength. Enlist all people in the struggle for human dignity. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

Leader We thank you, O God, that you favor the poor, the meek, the oppressed, the homeless, and the hungry. Make your compassion contagious that the rich might share with the poor, the strong befriend the weak. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you, O God, that you know the dangers that lurk among us. We pray for those whom you have called to guard and protect your entire creation, those who work the land, who police the streets, who defend the nations. Strengthen them for their difficult tasks. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** *hear our prayer.*

Deacon: We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are always more willing to listen than we are to pray. Hear the petitions of this assembly; hear the prayers spoken in our hearts, for we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

*The Deacon or Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Minister and People:**

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you. (people greet one another)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** *(those with birthdays or anniversaries coming up are invited to the altar rail)*  
**God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they celebrate another year on their journey. Grant that they may grow in wisdom, grace, and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served in individual containers and from the paten and common chalice. If receiving from individual containers, return to the pew to consume the bread and wine and place containers in recycling containers at the exits. To receive a blessing, place your arms across your chest. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates positioned at the front pews. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.*

**THE OFFERTORY** (10:15) *During the Offertory at the Celebrant's bidding, the elements and prayer chest will be brought to the altar for blessing.*

*Children's Prayer*

Whit FitzGerald

(5:00 & 8:00) *spoken*

***All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.***

(10:15) *sung*

***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. Amen***

## THE 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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S129

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

*Celebrant (people, sitting or kneeling)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***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** (*say or sing*)

S154

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

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people may remain in the pews until the ushers release the pews; come forward to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion in the pew. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS** (10:15)

*He Leadeth Me*

BoL 26

*Deep River*

violin

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

BoL 25

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**People**

*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.*

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN** (10:15)

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

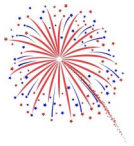
**People**

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Guest musician.** We welcome the return of violinist Whit FitzGerald to our worship service. Whit is the talented son of John and Joanne FitzGerald which means he is the brother-in-law of Harrison Akridge (Grace's brother). Whit is a very recent graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland with a degree in violin performance. He is an alumni of the Newfoundland Symphony and is on his way to SMU as a Teaching Assistant. Whit has been accepted into SMU's professional development program in violin performance. Whit will be at St. Mark's often until he leaves for Texas. Thank you for sharing your talents with us Whit.



**At the organ console today** is Cathy Drury. Cathy is not a guest but one of our own choir members, who not only sings but also plays the organ. She pinch-hits for James for time to time as she does today. Thank you Cathy.



**The Fourth of July.** The Independence Day celebration falls on Saturday this upcoming week, and in case you are wondering, there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the usual time on Saturday at 5:00.

**BIRTHDAYS**

June 28 Jean Patelidas  
 June 29 Brad Youngner  
 July 1 Jeff Marks, Rebecca Segrest  
 July 2 Mary Turner  
 July 4 Jim Youngner

**ANNIVERSARIES**

We have no anniversaries this week.  
 If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

**Immediate prayer**

Marion Nelson  
 Elizabeth Newton  
 Joice Grow  
 Nancy Ehringer  
 Melinda Schneider Roehl  
 Louise Atwood

Maxwell Smith  
 Marsha Boyette  
 Barbara & Dan Johnston  
 Cheri Taylor Brewer  
 Sandy Fowler  
 Jeff Pace  
 Linda Rooney

Eric Croft  
 Ronald Chappell  
 Sara  
 De Williamson

**Continuing prayer**

Will Whatley  
 Nancy MacKenzie  
 Frank Matthews  
 Dot Barone  
 Beverly Dembowczyk

Matthew Dowe  
 Jewell Rogers  
 Carole Nolan  
 Wendy Stubbs  
 Jo Strickland  
 Ronn ben Aaman

Glenn Kersey  
 Jean Patelidas  
 Katherine Adams  
 Tim Meredith  
 Robert Rowell  
 Betty June Henderson

**In-person Attendance**

June 18-21, 2026				
Thurs.	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total
10	14	37	113	164

**Financial Update as of 6/24/2026**

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$ 249,106	\$ 295,521
General Donations	\$ 48,818	\$ 56,550

## June 28-July 5, 2026

Sunday	8:00am 10:15am 11:30am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel Holy Eucharist with Choir Mixon Hour/parish hall
Monday	9:30am 10:00am 6:30pm	Staff Meeting Music School/sanctuary and chapel NA/Mixon Hall
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm 5.00pm	Sears Worship Service @ Sears Healing Service/chapel Bad Girls/Mixon Hall Serenity Seekers/Mixon Hall
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	5:00pm 8:00pm	<b>Spoken Eucharist/Chapel</b> AA/Mixon Hall
Sunday	8:00am 10:30am 11:30am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel Holy Eucharist with choir Mixon Hour



*Celebrate  
Safely*