



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. 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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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026—5:00PM
SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026—8:00AM & 10:15AM
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetoprayer*

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal 657

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.***

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

Proper 9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 145:8-15 (*responsively by half-verse*)

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *

and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *

and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)

Blessed Jesus At Thy Word (v1, Gospel, v2)

Hymnal 440

THE GOSPEL (stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to

reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 11:16-19, 25-30

THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

BCP 358

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: Come to prayer, all who labor and are heavy laden, and God will give us rest. Come to praise, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the revelation of your gift of abundant life and for the rest coming to those who put their trust in you. For such life and rest,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you for entrusting us with the message of grace, that we might speak a reconciling word to our age. For such mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you for leading us into the ways of peace and for transforming weapons of war into tools of charity. For such peacemaking,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you for those who tend to our sick, especially Cheri, Sandy, Marion, Joice, Nancy, Melinda, Louise, Maxwell, Marsha, Barbara and Dan, Jeff, Linda, Eric, Ronald, De, Evie, and Sara, visit the lonely, comfort the dying, confront the addicted, or minister to any in need. For such attention to human anguish,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you for the people of faith who surround us and for the family and friends, teachers and clergy who assist our growth in grace. For such companions through life,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you for the gifts of creation and for wholesome times of recreation. For such time of harmony,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Leader: We thank you for sustaining all who are oppressed, all who suffer for reasons of conscience, all who are passionate for justice. For such signs of the coming kingdom,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSIOIN 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.*

(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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS (10:15)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

BoL 103

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

BoL 82

There is a Balm

Hymnal 676

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)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymnal 594

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE (10:15)

***Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Bryon and Angel Ford in loving memory of Bob and Mary Ford***

Tiny Library in need. Wee readers have really enjoyed our Tiny Library, sponsored by Live Oak Fiber. (see photo) The shelves are practically bare. Please bring children's books—new or used—to help restock the shelves. During the summer there are many lazy hours to fill and books from our library can help nourish a life-long friendship with reading enjoyment and learning.



Looking for fun and excitement at church? An outlet to meet new friends?

Of course you are! The Altar Guild and Mixon Hour both have room for Sunday helpers.

A commitment to the Altar Guild is one Sunday per month for the 8:00 OR 10:15 service. Pick your service. Duties include clearing the altar from the early service or setting the altar for the second service. As our grandmothers said, “Many hands make light work.” Ask a friend to form a team.

And if you are one of the many people who enjoy sipping coffee and chatting with fellow Lions and guests each Sunday, consider joining the crew who makes it all possible. The church provides the food and it simply needs someone to serve it. More teams = less work.

Interested? For Altar Guild contact Emily Bazzel, 678-612-2724; for Mixon Hour, contact Judy Allcott, 770-596-4994 or Phyllis Fox, 912-242-6875.



Be a St. Marks worker bee

BIRTHDAYS

July 5 George Cheesbro
 July 6 Beth DiGiovanni
 Margaret Woodruff
 July 9 Rita Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

July 10 Ray & Snooky Kelly
 Jay & Cherie Duggan

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

Immediate prayer

Marion Nelson
 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
 Evie Barnard

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 25-28, 2026

Thurs.	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total
16	26	35	95	172

Financial Update as of 6/30/2026

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$ 259,337	\$ 305,712
General Donations	\$ 52,613	\$ 58,500

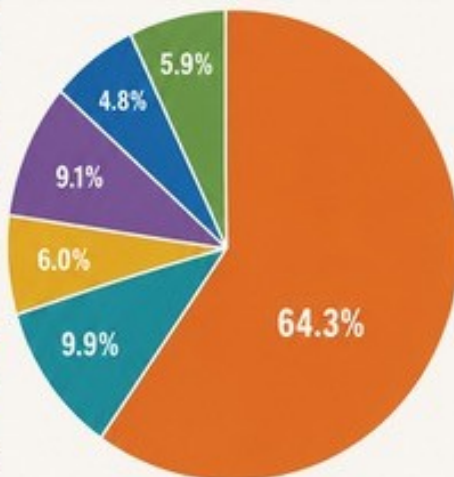
WHERE DOES YOUR GIFT TO ST. MARK'S GO?*



Good question. The St. Mark's budget is not a secret, but few are (understandably) curious enough to take a deep dive into the numbers. But we want you to know how your contributions are spent.

FOR EVERY \$100 YOU GIVE, HERE'S HOW IT'S CURRENTLY ALLOCATED:

	Administration	\$5.90
	Buildings & Grounds	\$4.80
	Diocesan Pledge	\$9.10
	Staff Salaries/Benefits & Contractors	\$64.30
	Utilities	\$6.00
	Worship/Outreach/Religious Education	\$9.90



Spending on the first five categories is pretty inflexible. On the plus side, those expenses barely rise when revenues rise. **Worship, Outreach, and Religious Education** are where St. Mark's really fulfills its mission. But historically, **Worship, Outreach, and Religious Education** get whatever is left when everything else has been covered.



HERE'S THE INTERESTING PART:
If giving to St. Mark's increased 10%,



If you believe a 100% increase in impact is worth a 10% increase in giving, please prayerfully consider your part in making it happen.

-Mark DiGiovanni

On Behalf of Finance & Stewardship Committees, & Vestry



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The figures given do not include Hello Good Buy or St. Mark's Day School. Both contribute greatly to the community, but both generate incomes to offset their expenses.

July 5-12, 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	CAMP ST MARK @ EPWORTH Staff Meeting Music School/sanctuary and chapel NA/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	1:00pm	Cursillo Reunion
Wednesday	2:30pm 3:45pm 8:00pm	Music Enrichment/Mixon Hall Handbells/Mixon Hall AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm 5:00pm	Healing Service/chapel Bad Girls/Mixon Hall Pastoral Care Team/Mixon Hall Serenity Seekers/Mixon Hall
Friday		Church Office Closed
Saturday	5:00pm 8:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel AA/Mixon Hall
Sunday	8:00am 10:30am 11:30am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel Holy Eucharist with choir Mixon Hour

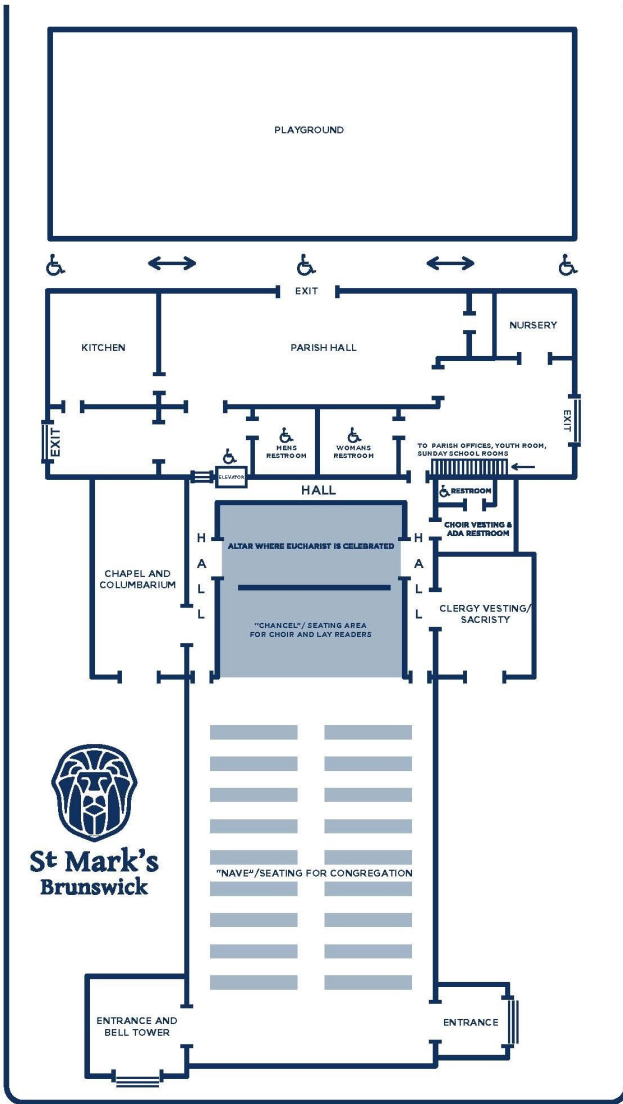
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NORWICH STREET



GLOUCESTER STREET



SERVICE TIMES

- Thursday** 11:00 a.m.
Healing Service
- Saturday** 5:00 p.m.
Spoken Holy Eucharist
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m.
Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist w/ Choir

OFFICE HOURS

- Monday-Thursday**
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Closed Friday**



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