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ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST & FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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The Reverend Patricia Catalano

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

Masks are optional at St. Mark's and you may continue to wear them during the service.

Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples on whose traditional territory we are located, specifically the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We make this acknowledgement mindful of the traumatic events and the ongoing forces of systemic racism and oppression that forced native peoples from their lands. We continue our commitment to learning, growing, and finding a new way forward together for meaningful, mutual healing.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE From The Church's One Foundation: Suite on Aurelia arr. Robert Hobby

I. Introduction & Chorale

(b. 1962)

- II. Intermezzo
- III. Adagio

OPENING HYMN 525 The church's one foundation, vv. 1-2, 4-5

Aurelia





OPENING SENTENCES

Today, the Spirit calls us! Let us hear, and let us act.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us. Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

The Message

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

"And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."

He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Jesus.



The sermon will be delivered after the service during sermon seminar.

CHILDREN'S REFLECTION

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I believe in God above,

I believe in Jesus' love.

I believe His Spirit too, comes to tell me what to do.

I believe that I can be loving and kind, and true. Amen

CONFESSION

The leader passes out stones to each child.

Let us now hold our stones to our hearts. The stones help us remember the things we have done wrong and the things we have left undone. Please repeat after me:

God, when we hurt others, we hurt you.

God, when we hurt others, we hurt you

Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do.

Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do.

We are sorry, God, please forgive us.

We are sorry, God, please forgive us.

Help us to love one another.

Help us to love one another.

The children come forward and place their stones in the basin.

No matter what, God loves us and forgives us. As this holy water washes these stones, God washes away our wrongs. We are forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, we gather in prayer to glorify you and serve each other.

A brief silence is observed as we center our attention on God's presence.

Hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.

That we all may be one.

Grant that all who gather in your name may truly and humbly serve you, That your love may be revealed in our words and deeds.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world. Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community. Help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families. Grant that love may grow in our hearts.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble. Through your presence may they find strength.

We remember those who have died.

Into your loving hands we commend them.

Let us pray for those in our lives and for others.

All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with "This is my prayer" to which all will respond "Amen."

Together, let us pray:

God our hope, you enliven our thanksgivings and animate our petitions. Keep us from being content with things as they are, and imbue in us a deep well of compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you! And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING & WELCOME

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an <u>online</u> <u>gift</u>, or learn about the <u>other ways to give</u>, by visiting the St. Mark's website, <u>stmarks.net</u>, and choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.



Gifts to St. Marks can also be made by texting "stmarks20003" to 73256, or by visiting the QR code.

Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SOLO O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Words by Charles Wesley Music by Carl G. Gläser, arr. Richard Walters

Jeff Kempskie, soloist

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, To spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n By saints below and saints above the church in earth and heav'n.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is here.

We praise God together.

Let us say thank you to God

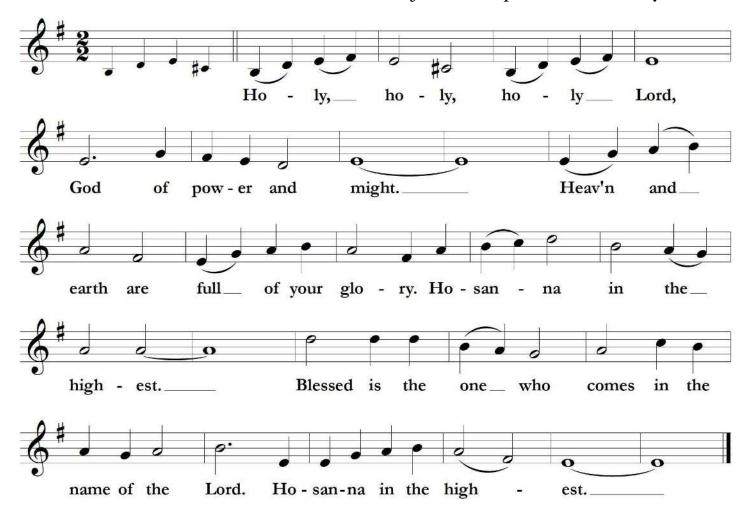
who has done so much for us.

God, you made us and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but we have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so with thanks we praise you.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.



We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said. "Do this, and know that I am with you."

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you."

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you and say:

We praise you. We thank you. We bless you. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

THE FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us, and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all.

Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe, All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

You will be offered bread by a celebrant, and invited to drink from the common cup. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LEVAS 191 His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life:

We thank you, for all the blessings of this table: for the life-giving story, the living bread and the wine of new creation. Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal, to share the Good News to neighbors and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ. Amen.





THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit! Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE A Grand Recessional

Jacob B. Weber (b. 1988)

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Sermon Seminar at 10:00 am

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

- 1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
- 2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
- 3. Can I make it short?
- 4. Will I later regret having said it?
- 5. Has anyone else said it?

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

If you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles, we'd love to talk to you! For more information, contact our Associate Rector Christopher Phillips, Christopher@stmarks.net

Preacher The Reverend Thom Sinclair

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Bread & Wine Kenn Allen & Maureen Shea

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	Rosemary Harold, V	Yestry Counsel	

Diocesan Delegates

Maureen Shea (2026), Tom Getman (2025), and Mary Neznek (2024)

The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on Zoom on these dates. Contact <u>Michele</u> for the link if you want to join us: Tuesday 7pm on 8/25 and 9/26

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Albans School for Boys
The National Cathedral School for Girls
Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School
Washington Episcopal School
The Bishop John T. Walker School

Anglican Communion

Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Molly Bonnell
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Mac McLaughlin • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson
Sylvia Peterson • Joan Pierotti • James and Wanda Pittman • Eleanor Whitman
Joel Wilson • Rita Wolfinger • Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest • Noah Landen

In order to keep the prayer list updated, we begin anew semi-annually.

If you would like to request to add a name, please email the

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Welcome Guests!



We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, and office directory.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today. Go in peace and return often!

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I attended:	9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sermon Seminar 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)	On August 27, 2023
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	BECOMING A MEMBER	
	Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Al	ltar Guild, etc.)
	Baptism (child, adult)	
	Getting married at St. Mark's	
	Music (choir, lessons)	
	Children/youth classes & programs	
	Adult classes	
	Senior programs/activities	
	Outreach/community service	
	Environmental issues	
	Yoga classes	
	Dance classes	
	St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)	
Would you like to	be contacted by a clergyperson? Yes No	

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