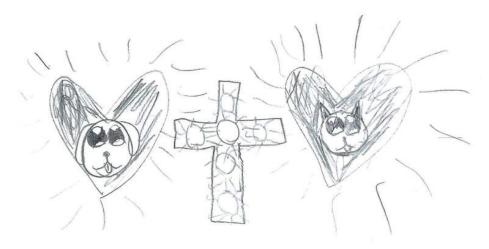
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ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST & FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

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To view the **Parish Calendar online**, go to our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

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

Restrooms are available in the foyer, with additional facilities located downstairs.

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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 acknowledgment 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 for meaningful, mutual healing.

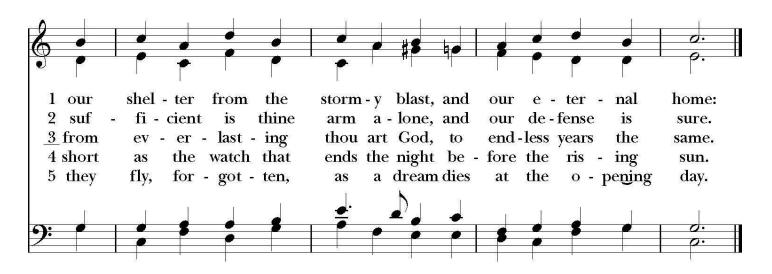
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Schmucke Dich, O Liebe Seele

Georg Kauffmann

St. Anne **OPENING HYMN** 680 O God, our help in ages past God, our help in our hope for a - ges past, years to come, of thy throne the sha-dow thy saints have dwelt se cure; Be fore the hills inor-der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, thou-sand in thy sight like eve - ning a - ges are gone; 5 Time, like roll-ing stream, bears all an ev - er our years



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

OPENING SENTENCES

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

THE COLLECT

Written by Stephanie Deutsch & Read by Ruby Ranney

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Dear God,

Thank you for the way Jesus uses stories to help us understand what he wants us to do. Stories help us to hear your voice. We don't want to be like the Pharisee who thinks he is so special and better than everyone else. Help us to hear your voice and to be more like the tax collector who knew he sometimes made mistakes and didn't think he was better than other people.

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 14:7-10, 20-22

International Children's Bible Read by Caleb Collins

We know that we suffer because of our mistakes. Lord, do something to help us for the good of your name. We have left you many times. We have missed the mark. God, you are the Hope of your people. You have saved your people in times of trouble. But now you are like a stranger in the land. You are like a traveler who only stays one night. You seem like a man who has been attacked by surprise. You seem like a warrior who is not able to save anyone. But you are among us, Lord. And we are called by your name. So don't leave us without help!

This is what the Lord says about the people of Judah: "They really love to wander from me. They don't stop themselves from leaving me. So now I, the Lord, will not accept them. I will now remember the evil they do."

Lord, we admit that we have made mistakes. We admit that our ancestors did evil things. We have sinned against you. For your sake, do not hate us. Do not take away the honor from your glorious throne. Remember your agreement with us. Do not break it. Do foreign idols have the power to bring rain? Does the sky itself have the power to send down showers of rain? No, it is you, Lord our God. You are our only hope. You are the one who made all these things.

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

MUSIC Överallt finns du Gud (You are everywhere, God)

Linda Sandström

Youth Choir; Judith Rautenberg, director

Överallt finns du Gud You are everywhere, God.

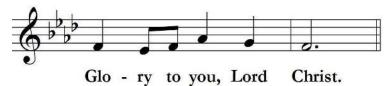
Du bär mig när jag är ledsen,
Ger mod när jag är rädd,
Give me courage when I am afraid,
Du ger bade styrka och tröst.
Överallt finns du Gud.
You carry me when I am sad,
Give me courage when I am afraid,
You give both strength and comfort.
You are everywhere, God.

Du vet när jag gjort nåt dumt, Gud, You know when I've done something stupid, God, Och borde säga förlåt, And should say sorry,

Då hörs I mitt hjärta din röst. Then your voice is heard in my head,

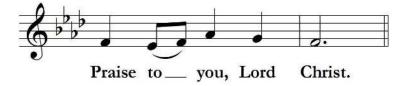
Överallt finns du Gud. You are everywhere, God.

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.



Jesus told this story to some people who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers—or even like this tax collector. I follow all your rules, just like you want me to. That's why I'm so special." But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but put his hand on his heart and said, "God, you know I make mistakes. Help me. Please help me." I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. The Gospel of the Lord.

The Gospel of Jesus.



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

CHILDREN'S REFLECTION

Lisa Ramish

CHILDREN'S CREED

Let us pray.

I have faith in God: Our creator who made everything in the world out of love. I have faith in Jesus: God on earth, who lived among us and showed God's love to everyone.

I have faith in the Holy Spirit: God at work in the world today, who helps us show God's love to each other.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of the People: written and read by the Crusey/Ory Family

For our friends, and our family, and our church community, **Hear our prayer**

For our elected and appointed leaders, locally and nationally **God**, have mercy.

For all those who come to our country from elsewhere, and for the healthy and safety of those impacted by ICE with a loved one or who may be held in detention centers **God, hear our prayer**

For members of law enforcement and the military, and for everyone that interacts with them

God, have mercy.

For those that are housing insecure, and those without regular meals, God, hear our prayer

For those in wars throughout the world, from Gaza to Ukraine to Sudan, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Central African Republic God, please help people see each other as humans

For peace, and love to reach us all **God, help us.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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

Let us pray together saying:

Lord, please help us help ourselves. Give us courage to be our best selves every day, even when it is hard or uncomfortable. Help us to be generous and kind, and to put others first, the same way that Jesus did.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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 online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark's website, stmarks.net, 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

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (Psalm 50:14)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Fear not, O land

Edward Elgar

Chancel Choir

Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice For the Lord will do great things

Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: For the pastures of the wilderness do spring, For the tree beareth her fruit, The figtree and the vine do yield their strength.

Be glad, then be glad, ye children of Zion And rejoice in the Lord your God The floors shall be full of wheat. And ye shall eat in plenty, And praise the Name of the Lord your God, That hath dealt wondrously with you. Amen

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 424 For the fruit of all creation, vv. 1 & 3 East Acklam 1 For the fruit of all a - tion, thanks be cre to 2 In the just re ward of la - bor, God's will be Spi - rit, 3 For the har - vests of the thanks be to God. For his gifts to ev ery na tion, done. help neigh - bor, In the give our we God. For the good all in her - it, we O thanks be God. For the plow - ing, to sow - ing, reap - ing, will our world-wide car - ing God's be done. In task ofthanks be God. For the won - ders as - tound us, to that lent growth while are sleep - ing, needs si we fu ture in de - spair - ing, for the hun - gry and in the har - vests con-found for the truths that all that still us, most of God. earth's safe - keep thanks be ing, to

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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We praise God together.

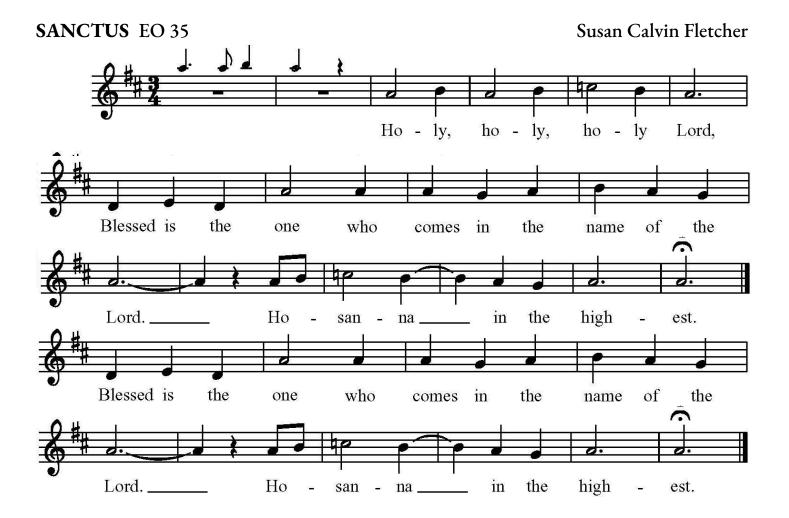
Let us say thank you to God who has done so much for us.

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 Creator, 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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM







THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us, and this bread and wine as God's food for all. Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe or do not 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 put out your hands to help guide the cup to your lips, and drink.

If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

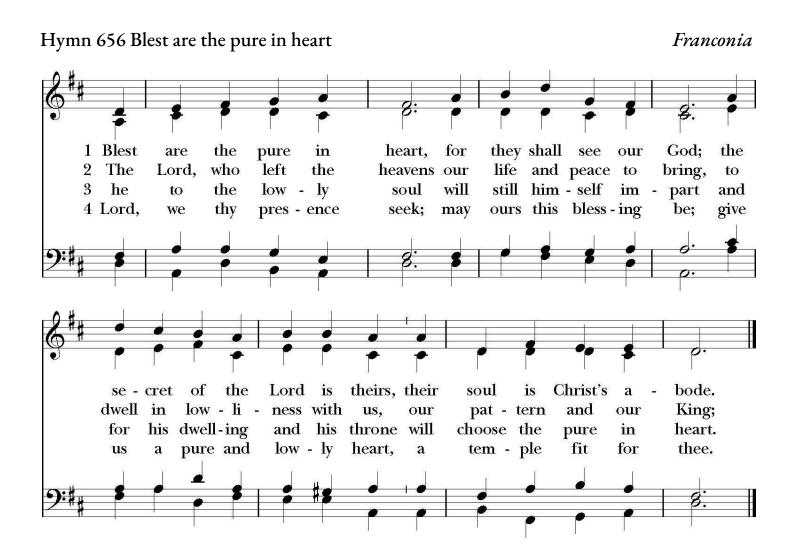
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sanctus, from Missa Puerorum, Op. 62

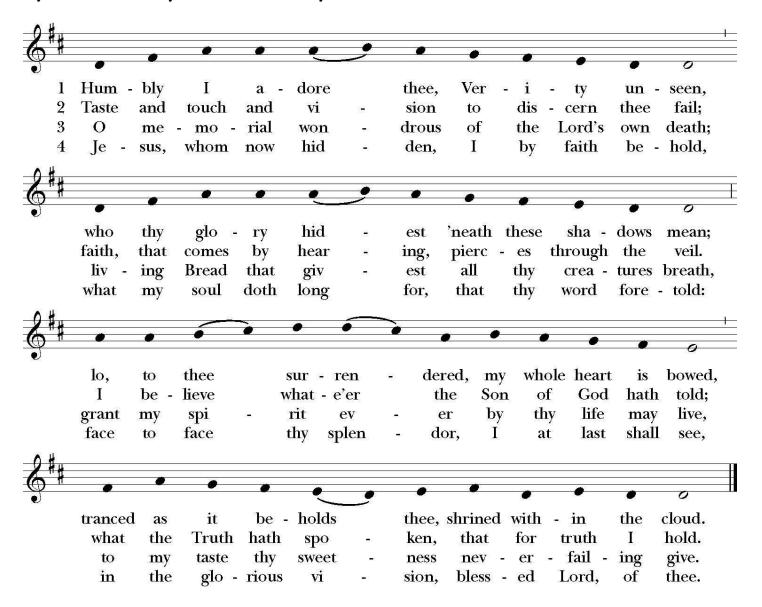
Josef Rheinberger

Youth Choir; Judith Rautenberg, director

Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.



Hymn 314 Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

O God, you have called your people to your table, not only so that we may be nurtured but also so that we may nurture your creation. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that the Holy Spirit is leading us and your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Brother. Amen.



THE BLESSING

Go out of our church knowing that you are loved by us, by your friends, by your teachers and by God. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon us now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth caring for the world as God cares for us. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Hornpipe (Water Music)

GF Handel

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Sermon Seminar at 10:00 am

Announcements	Please limit announcements to one minute or less.
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The Sermon The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

- 1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?

 4. Will I later regret having said it?
- 2. Is it meaningful? Will others care? 5. Has anyone else said it?
- 3. Can I make it short?

Worship Participants

We'd love to talk to you if you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles! For more information, contact our Associate Rector Caitlin Frazier, <u>Caitlin@stmarks.net</u>

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

All Saints' Day (November 1)
Diocesan Cathedral Confirmation Service (November 4)
Pray for those who are to be confirmed, received, and reaffirmed.

Anglican Communion

The Church in Whales

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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. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service.

To complete this form online, or sign up for our weekly newsletter, use this QR code:



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	Becoming a member
	Service and Social Justice
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	Baptism/Confirmation (child, adult)
	Music (choir, lessons)
	Children/youth classes & programs including Sunday School
	Affinity groups (20s/30s, Men's Group, Women's Group)
	Getting married at St. Mark's
	Meditation Center
	Yoga classes
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	St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)
Anything else you	would like to share?

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