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The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost: October 4, 2020, Rite 2 Year A

St. Mark's is a community of believers who express our love for God
by welcoming everyone, serving our community,
and celebrating our Episcopal worship.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms—regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

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The season after Pentecost is referred to as "ordinary time," because we turn now to a host of short stories intended to aid us understand how we are to live as a people formed by God's story. For six months we will explore the implications of Good Friday and Easter and strive to live into our baptisms, to be faithful bearers of God's good-news, the story of God's redemptive entering into our human lives and history, and of our vocation to live so that all others well know what God has made true for them also.

— John Westerhoff

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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| (1) The Liturgy of the Word | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite | - The Offertory |
| - The Lessons & Sermon | - The Eucharistic Prayer |
| - The Creed | - The Lord's Prayer |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread |
| - The Peace | - Holy Communion |
| | - The Post-Communion Prayer |
| | - Blessing and Dismissal |

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

The Baptismal Font



Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider: *Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.

Collect for Purity

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lessons

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Charlie Boisky

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

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The Lectern



The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

Charlie Boisky

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from Philippians

Philippians 3:4b-14

Kate Williams

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 546
Sing Verses 1 & 3

Awake, my soul

Siroë
Rob McTier



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.



The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. J. David Niemeyer

The Nicene Creed

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 Scriptures;
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.

Prayers of the People

Phoebe Davis

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for the ministries of St. Mark's; for all the baptized in their daily life and work; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our bishops, for the congregations, clergy, and staff of Christchurch School, Christchurch; St. Francis, Manakin-Sabot; and Emmanuel, Alexandria; for all laity, bishops, priests, and deacons.

All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers; for partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy. We pray for the strength and safety of first responders, care personnel, and for the well being of those who continue to serve the needs of the community.

All: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Lisette, Jerry, Joan, Sam and his family, Betty, Kate, the Heady/Downey family, McKenna, Margaret, Gray, David, Phyllis, Julette, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Brian, Mary, Eric, Katie, Ann, Iris, Mark, Molly, Carl, Donnell, Nick, Teresa, the Cook family, the Dudding family, Karina, the Chandler-Dovis family, Joyce and her family, Stefan, Joan, Michelle, Andrew, the Hagerty family, Matthew, Nancy, Donna, Kimberley, Justine, Kim, Bob and Chris, Larry, Mary and Lonny, Virginia, the Phipps family, Nancy, Sean, Gordon, Andy, Jacob, Claudia, Beach, Griffen, Katie, and Donna. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those ill with COVID-19.

All: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all the departed eternal rest, especially the victims of the pandemic, the fires of the West Coast, and hurricanes.

All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We offer our prayers for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Barbara, Mike, Linda, Reg, Ross, Carter, and Ed, and those celebrating anniversaries, especially Margaret and Carlos, and Linda and Glenn.

(Silence)

Concluding Collect

Presider: Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept

All: Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,

while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually

while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,

united in our diversity,

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,

Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Absolution

Presider: May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

The Blessing of the Animals

Presider: Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **AMEN.**

The Blessing

Presider: The Lord bless you and keep you.

All: AMEN.

Presider: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

All: AMEN.

Presider: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: AMEN.



The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve the Risen Lord and each other.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: Lisette Johnson, Jerry Long, Joan Wood, Sam Francis and family, Betty Leviner, Kate Bishop-Pevsner, the Heady/Downey family, McKenna Brown, Margaret Franklin, Gray Morris, David Lenz, Phyllis Iverson, Julette Iverson, Diane Hoover, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, Bill Piercy, and Doris Enroughty.

Our extended family and friends: Brian Hanshaw, Mary, Eric, Katie, Ann, Iris Toombs, Mark Wichorek, Molly Fisher, Carl, Donnell, Nick, Teresa Nichols, the Cook family, the Dudding family, Karina, the Chandler-Dovis family, Joyce Eberly and family, Stefan Osdene, Joan, Michelle, Andrew, the Hagerty family, Matthew Owen, Nancy Kelly, Donna, Kimberley Bess, Justine, Kim, Bob and Chris Sherman, Larry Townley, Mary and Lonny Townley, Virginia Blume, the Phipps family, Nancy Carter Crump, Sean Ward, Gordon, Andy, Jacob Cole, Claudia, Beach, Griffen, Katie Morris, and Donna Raubenstine.

For those who have died: especially the victims of the pandemic, the fires of the West Coast, and hurricanes.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Errol Somay, Kayla Evans, Graham Johnson, and Barbara Dawson.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Margaret Bradley and Carlos Savory, and Linda and Glenn Strickland.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the congregations, clergy, and staff of Christchurch School, Christchurch; St. Francis, Manakin-Sabot; and Emmanuel, Alexandria,

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers; for partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy. We pray for the strength and safety of first responders, care personnel, and those with COVID-19, and for the well being of those who continue to serve the needs of the community.

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All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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