



St Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

love is our tradition

The Sixteenth Sunday

After Pentecost

September 13th, 2026 Rite 2 Year A

Thank you for joining us in worship.

We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have

And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

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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At Pentecost, God's promised Spirit enters into the church and empowers it to know and do God's will. Now the people of faith can be a sign and witness to what God has done in Christ, namely, established God's reign of justice and peace. On this holy day we are made aware of our vocation to be a community of faith in which God's reconciling power is made present, conscious and active in our lives, that we might be the body of Christ, God's reconciling presence in the world to the end that all people are restored to unity with God and each other in Christ.

—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 |

Land Acknowledgement

"We recognize and remember the First Nations, the native people who were removed from this portion of God's creation by force. These nations/tribes in Virginia include the Powhatan, the Chickahominy, the Monocan, the Arrohatock, the Nottoway, and other nations/tribes whose contributions we've lost. We recognize and remember enslaved Native Americans, and enslaved Africans and their descendants, separated from their families by force, and who lived under horrific conditions to help build this country. May we always remember that the earth does not belong to us but is a gift from God. May God's grace and wisdom lead us from our past mistakes to become instruments of justice and peace for all people."

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- The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia
- The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia
- The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Duke Street

setting by Charles Callahan

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brother James's Air

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

Opening Acclamation

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

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

Gloria in excelsis

Arnatt

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-migh - ty
God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo -
- ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



The Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the holy scriptures are read. These include lessons from the Hebrew scriptures (such as histories, psalms, prophetic writings, and wisdom literature) and the epistles (letters) from the New Testament. It is a visible expression of the significance of holy scripture to the life of the church. The Gospel lessons are read from the center aisle, in the midst of the congregation with special reverence, as these contain the life and teachings of Jesus. And just as Jesus, lived and dwelt amongst humanity, we place his words at the center of the congregation's life.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 50:15-21

Kate Williams

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**



Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins
 and heals all your in-firmities;
 He redeems your life from the grave
 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

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He satisfies you with good things,
 and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
 The Lord executes righteousness
 and judgment for all who are op-pressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
 and his works to the children of Israel.

REFRAIN

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
 He will not always ac-cuse us,
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

REFRAIN

A Reading from Romans

Romans 14:1-12

Harold Wright

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.



The Pulpit

While the gospel is read in the midst of the congregation, the sermon is spoken from the pulpit, suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture.

The canopy was designed to reflect the preacher's voice at a time when there was no other way to amplify the message to the congregation.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Monica and Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the Church. The font occupies a prominent position in the nave, reminding us of our own adult baptismal commitments or vows that were made on our behalf as infants. A long-standing tradition is to touch the water and make the sign of the cross on ourselves as a way to remember our own baptismal vows.

(Please stand as you are able)

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.**

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Prayers of the People

Beth Wentworth

Intercessor: In Peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public, private, and religious schools. For students, teachers, and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers. For all preschools and daycare centers and for children in home schools.

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world,

All: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper stewardship of God's creation.

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, Gayle, and Mark our Bishops; for the congregations and clergy of St. James, Leesburg; Trinity, Fredericksburg, and St. Martin de Porres, Alexandria.

All: For all who serve in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: Jennifer, Nancy, Edward, Becky, Fonetta, Emily, Samantha, Jerry, Margie, Jane and Stuart, Haig and Anne, Bobbie, Jo, Betty, Lisette, Mike and Margaret, Phyllis, Marsha, Bill, Margaret, Gretchen and family, Matthew, Christy, Alex, Bruce, Mary, German, Susan, Yvonne and the Catton Family, Colleen, Jane, David, Jeffrey, Heather, Dave, Rebecca, Henry, Natoma, Eleanor and family, Tom, Paul, Maria, Judy, Phyllis, Wendy, Val, Dawn, Curtis, Kandace, Janice, John, Terri, Everette, Jennifer, Mary, Robert, Sally, Andrew and Gretchen, Ron, Pam, the Dummitt family, Elizabeth and David, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy, Kristy, Randi, Marion, and Hollis.

Silence

Please add your own petitions either aloud or silently.

Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, remembering especially Amy, Ivy, and Kenneth, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King.

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

All: Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

**All: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

The Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community

Blessing of the Backpacks and Brief Cases

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray

Presider: Gracious God, we bring to you today, the students and laborers of this congregation. They stand here ready to receive your blessing as they commit themselves to study and work in the year ahead. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless them and keep them.

And too, we ask your blessing upon these backpacks, briefcases, and other tools of our work. They will hold within them the signs of our labors and best efforts to be done to your glory. May those carrying them be reminded of your love and the love of this congregation that surrounds them every day. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who in his life has taught us all how to live and work for the bringing forth of your Kingdom. **AMEN.**



The Altar & Holy Table

This unique piece of furniture is both an altar, upon which we present gifts of bread, wine, donations, praise, and thanksgivings to God as a sacrificial offerings; and, it a table around which we gather to celebrate God's love for us, by drawing us together as the body of Christ when we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. When we receive Holy Communion we seek a union with God and our neighbor that strengthens us to take God's love out into the world.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



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Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Offertory

Ubi Caritas

Music: Ola Gjeilo

Text: Traditional Latin Antiphon

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.*

(Translation: "Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him. Let us fear and love the living God.")

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

Appointing of Healing Prayer Ministers

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth as ministers of healing prayer, that those with whom you pray may know the presence of Christ, and be strengthened for the ministry before them. **AMEN.**



The Communion Vessels

The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square, white linen cloth called a “corporal” (Latin word for “body”). The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning thanksgiving), is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. Once we receive communion, we ourselves, then become the vessels that take the outward and visible sign of God’s love and grace into the world.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
 — in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na — in the high - est.

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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,
forever and ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

— Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

— Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: *You are welcome to share in Communion.*

Holy Communion: Come forward as the ushers direct you.

When you arrive at the front you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer.

You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice,
or take a sip of wine from the chalice.

If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you require gluten free bread, please let the priest know when you come forward.

If you have any mobility concerns alert the usher. Clergy will bring communion to you.

Prayers for Healing are available prior to, or after receiving communion.

A minister will be available near the side entry doors. In this healing space, confidentiality is honored for all shared prayer requests. Disclosures of potential harm to yourself or others, or suspected abuse, require reporting to the proper authorities to ensure safety and well-being for all.

Should you desire further counseling, you may set up an appointment
with our clergy who can assist you in finding support.

Communion Hymn

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Text: based on 1 Corinthians 13 and 1 John 4

Tune: O Waly Waly

Sung by the Gathering Choir

The Gathering Choir sings occasionally throughout the church year; folks with choir experience from the congregation join the Chancel Choir around the piano for a special side-by-side anthem. If you are interested in participating, please contact Amos via the church office.

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.



The Ambry

Located in the narthex, the St. Mary Chapel houses the ambry - a cupboard used to keep consecrated communion wafers for home or hospital visits. The light that burns nearby indicates the presence of Christ in the reserved sacrament.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. AMEN.

The Blessing

Hymn 680

O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

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.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Emperor's Fanfare

A. Soler

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: Jennifer McCauley, Nancy Lyons, Edward Moyer, Becky Lee, Fonetta Collett, Emily Townley, Samantha Ridley, Jerry Truman, Margie Costas, Jane and Stuart Settle, Haig and Anne Kambourian, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Mike and Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Marsha Iverson, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Margaret Tipple, Gretchen and family, Matthew, Christy Fielder, Alex Schaub, Bruce Schaub, Mary Booton, German Bailon, Susan Richardson, Yvonne and the Catton Family, Colleen Abbenhause, Jane Martin, David Williams, Jeffrey Pace, Heather, Dave Chester, Rebecca Brown, Henry, Natoma, Eleanor Velez and family, Tom Johnson, Paul, Maria, Judy Hardman, Phyllis, Wendy Christiana, Val Lipari, Dawn Bitler, Curtis, Kandace, Janice Wise, John O'Shea, Terri Humel, Everette Beach, Jennifer Downey, Mary McLenigan, Robert McLenigan, Sally Kye, Andrew and Gretchen Curtain, Ron, Pam, the Dummitt family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those who have died:

Those celebrating birthdays: remembering especially Amy Strite, Ivy Burnes, and Kenneth Decker.

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of St. James, Leesburg; Trinity, Fredericksburg, and St. Martin de Porres, Alexandria.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public, private, and religious schools. For students, teachers, and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers. For all preschools and daycare centers and for children in home schools.

Names on the extended family and friends prayer list will remain for three months unless longer is requested. Please contact the office with any changes.

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THE VESTRY

2026:

Becky Adams, **Pastoral Care Team Liaison**

Gaye Frugard, **Outreach Team Liaison**

Kate Williams, Jr. Warden, **Worship Team Liaison**

2027:

Ivy Burnes, Sr. Warden, **Finance Team Liaison**

Kevin Cutro, **Stewardship/Education & Formation Team Liaison**

Ralph Stanley, **Property Team Liaison**

2028:

Jennifer McCauley, **Justice and Advocacy Team Liaison**

Frosty Owen, **Parish Life Team Liaison**

Nora Thompson, **Evangelism Team Liaison**

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Beth Wentworth

Wes Kaufman

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Director of Lay Ministry and Formation, Malinda Collier

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Rob McTier, **Worship**

Karen Franklin, **Pastoral Care**

Open, **Education & Formation**

Fred Crowley, **Parish Life**

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Ed Street, **Outreach**

Suzanne Long, **Evangelism**

Penny Adams, **Justice and Advocacy**

Shared Ministry:

Suzanne Long, Interim, **Finance**

Wes Kaufman & Dee Whitlow, **Audit**

Elizabeth Kyser & Isabel Tucker, **Stewardship**

Brent Graves, **Property**

Michael Solberg, **Personnel**

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

September 13 — September 19

<u>SUN(13)</u>	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	12:15 PM	Welcome Back Sunday
<u>TUES(15)</u>	5:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
<u>WEDS(16)</u>	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Curmudgeon's Lunch
	8:00 PM	12-Step

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

September 13 — September 19

<u>SUN(20)</u>	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	12:15 PM	Outreach Meeting
<u>WEDS(23)</u>	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	8:00 PM	12-Step
<u>SAT(26)</u>	9:00 AM	Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	St. Francis Fun & Learning Day



Morning Prayer Monday-Friday at 8am via Zoom
Compline Sunday-Thursday 8pm via Zoom

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Serving This Sunday, September 13**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett**Verger:** Paul Shane**First Reading:** Kate Williams**Second Reading:** Harold Wright**Intercessor:** Beth Wentworth**Chalicers:** Mike Maruca, Paul Shane**Acolytes:** Grace McDuff, Thomas McDuff**Crucifer:** Paul Shane**Gospel Bearer:** Mike Maruca**Vestry Speaker:** Jennifer McCauley**Ushers:** Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,
Mary Clark, Steve Clark**Greeters:** Beth Wentworth, Fred Crowley**Nursery:** Cassandra Price**Altar Guild:** Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel,
Jackie Bitler, Jessica Dawson**Altar Flowers:** Sanford Eberly**Coffee Hour:** Parish Life**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Elizabeth Kyser**Serving Next Sunday, September 20****Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett**Preacher:** The Rev. Fredrico Garza**Verger:** Mike Evranian**First Reading:** Penny Adams**Second Reading:** Reeves Boschen**Intercessor:** Becky Adams**Chalicers:** Annette Spanel, Mike Evranian**Acolytes:** TBD**Crucifer:** Mike Evranian**Gospel Bearer:** Annette Spanel**Vestry Speaker:** Kate Williams**Ushers:** David Herman, Kristin Herman,
Fred Crowley, George Summers**Greeters:** Frosty Owen, Cathy Smith**Nursery:** Cassandra Price**Altar Guild:** Liz Smith, Gayle Johnston,
Amy Strite, Carter Strite, Fred Wayne**Altar Flowers:** Laura Hicks**Coffee Hour:** Pennington, Mock, Neal, Williams**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson

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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