



ST. MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30a

Rite II

August 16, 2026

*Welcome! If you are new and would like to stay connected,
Please fill out a contact card and hand it to a clergy person or drop in the collection plate.
Our worship begins in respectful silence to allow us to center ourselves and prepare to meet with God.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Forlana

Gerald Finzi

Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymnal 410

Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his 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

Hymnal S-280

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

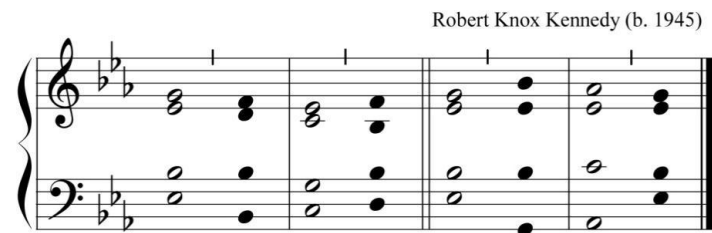
A reading from the Book of Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and

all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 (All Sing in Unison)



◆ Oh, how good and pleasant it **is**,
when brethren live together in **unity**!

◆ It is like fine oil upon the **head**
that runs down upon the **beard**,
Upon the beard of **Aaron**,
and runs down upon the collar of his **robe**.

◆ It is like the dew of **Hermon**
that falls upon the hills of **Zion**.
For there the LORD has ordained the **blessing**:
life for ever-**more**.

◆ *First Half of Chant*

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymnal 408

The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Lisa B. Hamilton

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 Form IV

BCP 388

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Joseph, Tom, Emily, Rick, Jordan, Donna, Sue, Gail, and Michelle. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Kathleen Strammer, Bill Gula and Nancy Utz, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Welcome and Announcements

The offering plate will be passed and brought forward at the Offertory. Offerings and pledge cards may be placed in plates before the service. Donations may also be given electronically, mailed, or brought to the church office.



To give to St. Mark's
please scan the QR code.
We thank you for
your generosity.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

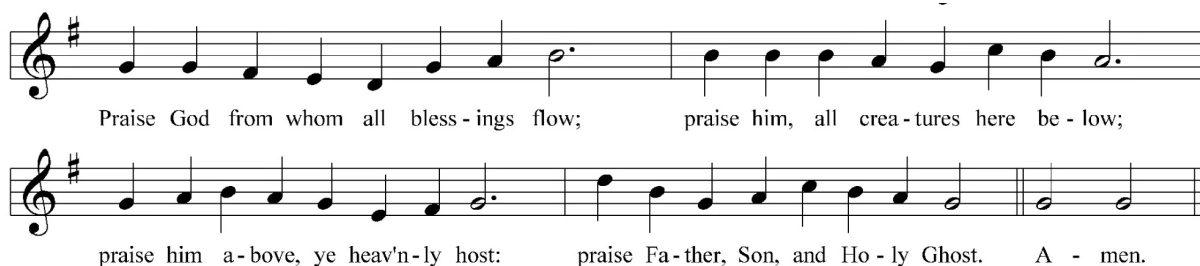
Over My Head

arr. Adam & Matt Podd

*Over my head I hear music in the air. There must be a joy somewhere.
Over my head I hear singing everywhere. There must be a joy somewhere.
Over my head I see freedom in the air. There must be a joy somewhere.
Over my head I hear music in the air. There must be a joy somewhere.*
—Traditional Spiritual

The Doxology Standing if able, all sing.

Old Hundredth



The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

**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,

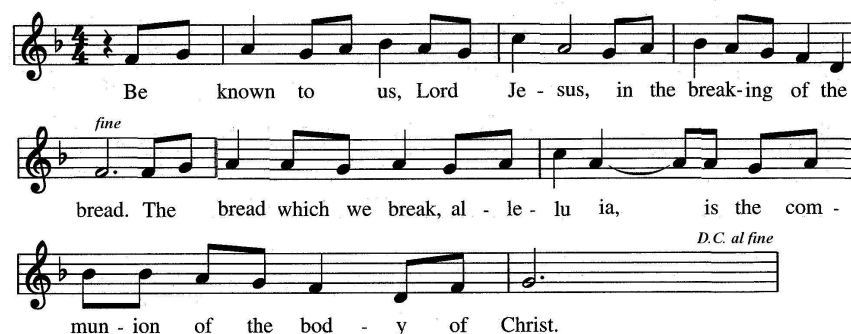
**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem



Administration of the Sacrament

All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. To receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you desire to have communion brought to you, please notify an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If a Eucharistic Visitor is scheduled to take communion, then s/he will receive their communion kit before the Post Communion Prayer.

Communion Hymns

*Together We Serve
The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

TFWS 2175

TFWS 2241

Post Communion Anthem

God of the Sparrow

Craig Courtney

God of the sparrow, sing through us songs of deliverance, songs of peace.

Helpless we seek You, God our joy, quiet our troubles bid them cease.

God of the sparrow, God of hope, tenderly guide us, be our song. God of affliction, pain and hurt,

Comfort Your children, make us strong. God of the sparrow, care for us, speak in our

Sorrow, Lord of grief. Sing us Your music, lift our hearts, pour out your mercy, send relief.

God, like the sparrow, we abide in Your protection, love and grace.

Just as the sparrow in Your care, may Your love keep us all our days. Amen.

-Jonathan Cook

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal 470

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Kirken Den Er Et

Gordon Young

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Prayers of the parish family are asked for those on our Prayer List:

Joseph, Tom, Emily, Rick, Jordan, Donna, Sue, Gail, Kathleen, Michelle

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Prayers are asked on behalf of those who have died:

Bill Gula, Nancy Utz

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lisa B. Hamilton, Associate Rector

Assisting: The Rev. Keith Backhaus, Deacon

Special thanks to our lay ministers serving this morning:

Music: Peter A. Madpak, Organist & Choirmaster, and St. Mark's Choir

Ushers: Bob Richards, Carol Jones

Readers: Jim Park, Jo Richards

Crucifer: Susan Stewart

Chalice Bearers: Susan Stewart, Pat Bull

Greeters: Ghyll & Bruce Theurer

Prayers of the People: Lisa Richardson

Altar Guild: Polly Altizer, Debbie Miller

Special thanks to our Coffee Hour hosts:

Daughters of the King

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND WITH ST. MARK'S

Anytime: Our Eucharistic Visitors are available to bring you or a loved one communion at home. Contact Pastoral Care to arrange a visit at pastoralcare@stmarksvenice.org or by phoning the church office at 941-488-7714.

BIRTHDAYS

8/16 Sue Fehniger

8/17 The Rev. Calvin Davis, Susan Carter

8/18 Emily Smith

8/19 Ted Williams, Cindy Belford, Ghyll Theurer

8/20 Bill Bolton, Larry Belford

8/21 Richard Kenefic

ANNIVERSARIES

8/19 Mary-Lloyd & Paul Burroughs, Joan & Michael Henck

Sunday, 8/16

- 8:00a **Eucharist Rite I**, Sanctuary
- 9:30a **Eucharist Rite II**, Sanctuary
- 9:30a **Children's Chapel**, Meet in the Narthex before service

Tuesday, 8/18

- 9:00a **St. Mark's Men's Fellowship**, Conference Room
- 10:30a **Grief Group**, Library
- 5:00p **Community Dinner**, Gray Hall

Wednesday, 8/19

- 9:30a **Eucharist with Healing**, Sanctuary
- 10:30a **Weekly Bible Study**, Picture Room
- 11:00a **Wired Word** via Zoom; contact the church office for the Zoom link.
- 6:00p **Youth Group**, Youth Room

Thursday, 8/20

- 10:00a **Drop-In Tech Training**, Gray Hall
- 4:00p **Contemplative Prayer**, Library

Friday, 8/21

- 9:00a **Open Studio Art Class**, Gray Hall

Saturday, 8/22

- 4:30p **Eucharist**, Sanctuary

Looking Ahead

- Aug 27 **Vestry & Staff Meeting**, 5:00p
- Sep 1 **Grief Group**, 10:30a
- Sep 1 **Community Dinner**, 5:00p
- Sep 6 **Monthly Breakfast**
- Sep 7 **Office Closed for Labor Day**
- Sep 9 **Choir Rehearsal Resumes**, 7:30p
- Sep 10 **Community Builders**, 10:30a
- Sep 12 **NALA**, 10:00a
- Sep 13 **Oktoberfest Themed Coffee Hour**
- Sep 15 **Grief Group**, 10:30a
- Sep 15 **Community Dinner**, 5:00p
- Sep 17 **Drop-In Tech Training**, 10:00a