

Please be seated

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Anthem

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

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Communion Hymns sung by all

When Christ was lifted from the earth (St. Botolph) Hymnal 603

New every morning is your love (Kedron) Hymnal 10

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (when applicable)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

Congregation **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand

Prayer for Mission said by all BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession sung by all

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven (Lauda anima) Hymnal 410

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – Suite in C: March-Air-Minuet Jeremiah Clarke

Music Notes

Trumpet – Dr. Randall Tinnin Timpani – Whitney Morgan

The opening and sequence hymns as well as the second communion hymn all reflect themes from today’s reading from Luke, while the first communion hymn reflects themes from today’s reading from Philemon and the communion anthem reflects themes from today’s psalm.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Children’s Chapel

A Children’s Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms


A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

GIVING INFORMATION

Offerings can be placed in the plate or you can give by text or online. Text SMJAX to 53555 or scan the QR code →



Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

8:45 a.m. service

Lectors	Brooks Whittaker, Elaine Kearns, Agnes Danciger
Acolytes	Langston Bryan, Luke Dearing, Jack Dearing, William Rachels
Chalice Bearers	Nancy Burrows, John Burrows, Anne Lee, Jesse Webb
Verger	Downing Nightingale LEV Margaret and Eric Cavin
Ushers	Fred Kent, Christopher Commander, Matt Miller, Phil Rachels

11:00 a.m. Service


Lectors	Christine Burkett, Mamie Burkett
Acolytes	Teddy Wingard, H Burkett, Mamie Burkett, Jane Magevney
Chalice Bearers	Amy Morales, Barbara Stevenson
Ushers	Rob Frazier, Jeff Collins, William Magevney, Frank Scheu
Verger	Ted Miller

Altar Guild	Julie Shapiro, Heather Bryant, Darden Grant, Barbara Stevenson, Courtney Wilder, Mary Lee Willetts, Brooks Whittaker
Flower Guild	Martye Groble, Loren Groble

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in loving memory of Mandy Harby Miller by her family.

*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.




St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Vision

St. Mark’s is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God’s world. (Ps 46:4-5)

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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God’s Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.



St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an “S” (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

September 7, 2025 - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude – Suite in G: Prelude-Almand-Courant-Minuet Henry Purcell

The Word of God

Please stand

Hymn in Procession sung by all

Not here for high and holy things (Morning Song) **verses 1, 4-6** Hymnal 9

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Hymn of Praise sung by all Hymnal S 236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

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Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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
First Lesson – Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Psalm – 139:1-5, 12-17 *Anglican chant sung by the choir* *chant:* C. Hubert H. Parry
1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
14 My body was not hidden from you, *
 while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
 how great is the sum of them!
17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Lesson – Philemon 1-12
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Please stand
Sequence Hymn *sung by all*
Day by day (*Sumner*) Hymnal 654

Holy Gospel – Luke 14:25-33
Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”
Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.

Sermon – 8:45 - The Rev. Charlie Holt; 11:00 - The Rev. Billy Cervený

Please stand
Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form IV BCP 388

Confession BCP 360

Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem – Old 100th Psalm Tune arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice: him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make: we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? the Lord our God is good: his mercy is for ever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.
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Please stand
Offertory Hymn The Doxology *sung by all* Hymnal 380, verse 3
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.**
The Celebrant continues...

Sanctus *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 128
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.
After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord’s Prayer *said by all* BCP 364
 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.

Fraction Anthem *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 161
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.