

Communion Hymns *sung by all*
Hold me close
They say your love is amazing
But tell me how can it be that you'd love someone like me
Some people say you were crazy
But I know that's not true I'd do anything for you
Chorus So hold me close don't let go
My heart is here for you to hold Jesus hold me close
How can you watch over me
With that tear in your eye from when you died for me
It took me so long to see
It's that same tear in your eye that set all of us free *Chorus*
Hold me close by P. J. Jone © P. J. Jones
Morning has broken *(Bunessan)* Hymnal 8

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 – You never let go *sung by all*
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know you are near
Pre-Chorus And I will fear no evil for my God is with me
And if my God is with me whom then shall I fear whom then shall I fear
Chorus Oh no you never let go through the calm and through the storm
Oh no you never let go in every high and every low
Oh no you never let go Lord you never let go of me
(You keep on running and you never let go, singing...)
And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes
We'll live to know you here on the earth *Pre-Chorus; Chorus*
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Dismissal BCP 366

Music Notes

“Word of God speak” fits perfectly with the Collect of the Day, which asks that God grant us understanding of holy Scripture. “Refiner’s fire” reflects themes from all three readings, and we have a musical setting of today’s canticle, “The First Song of Isaiah”. Jesus’s reference to the end times and his words, “by your endurance you will gain your souls”, in the Gospel are reflected in “Forever” and “You never let go”.
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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 put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →

PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan 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

Martye Groble, Agnes Danciger, Laine Gandy

Acolytes

Lucy Perkins, Evelyn Dunton, William Rachels

Chalice Bearers

Bill Fannin, Anne Gorman, Anne Lee, Payson Tilden

Ushers

Fred Kent, Brooks Dame, Matt Miller, Phil Rachels

Verger

Ted Miller

11:00 a.m. service

Lectors

William Cassidy, Courtney McCormick, Lee Haramis, Jr.

Acolytes

Helen Eyrick, Mary Carol Eyrick, Hunter Long, Sunny Scheu

Chalice Bearers

Christine Burkett, Drew Haramis, Amy Morales, Alex Cain

Ushers

Gary Willetts, Mike Davenport, Taylor Sealey, Mark Wilhelm

Verger

Paula Phelan **LEV** Carol and Jim Rountree

Altar Guild

Drew Haramis, Anne Gorman, Celeste Heller, Frances Hutto, Barbara Irving, Adrienne Kent, Bunny Manning, Stephanie Milne, Katherine Smithwick, Carol Worsham

Flower Guild

Ashley Daw, Keith Daw

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GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**
and in loving memory of Helen Adams by her children.
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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.

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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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist - Rite II
November 16, 2025 - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude – Open the eyes of my heart
The Word of God
Please stand
Hymn in Procession – Forever *sung by all*
Give thanks to the Lord our God and King his love endures forever
For he is good he is above all things his love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm his love endures forever
For the life that’s been reborn his love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Chorus Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever, forever
From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on his love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise *Chorus*
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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*
Sing to the King who is coming to reign, glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation his empire shall bring and joy to the nations when Jesus is King
Come let us sing a song a song declaring that we belong to Jesus he is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise sing now with voices raised to Jesus sing to the King
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Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated
First Lesson – Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

Canticle – First Song of Isaiah – Isaiah 12:2-6 *sung by all*
Chorus
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord
and call upon his Name; *Chorus*
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
And this is known in all the world. *Chorus*
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Chorus*

Second Lesson – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For

even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Please stand
Sequence Hymn – Refiner’s fire *sung by all*

Purify my heart; let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart; let me be as gold, pure gold

Chorus Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire is to be holy, set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy, set apart for you my Master ready to do your will

Purify my heart; cleanse me from within and make me holy
Purify my heart; cleanse me from my sin deep within *Chorus*

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Holy Gospel – Luke 21:5-19
Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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 – The Rev. Charlie Holt

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 – Word of God speak Bart Milard and Pete Kipley
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Please stand
Offertory Hymn *sung by all*
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.
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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 – men start; women sing the echo in parentheses*
Holy, holy, Lord, (*Holy, holy, Lord*) God of power and might (*God of power and might*)
Heaven and earth are full (*Heaven and earth are full*) of your glory (*of your glory*)
Hosanna (*Hosanna*) Hosanna (*Hosanna*) in the highest (*in the highest*)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna (*Hosanna*) Hosanna (*Hosanna*) in the highest (*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*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world. Lord have mercy (*3 times*) on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace (*3 times*). Amen.

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 – Kindness Tomlin, Reeves and Giglio
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