The First Sunday After Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2021
10:30 a.m.
(In-Person and Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
134 N. Division Avenue
Grand Rapids MI 49503
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Welcome to St. Mark’s

Welcome to historic St. Mark’s, a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest book at either entrance to the Sanctuary and/or fill-out a Visitor’s Welcome Card.

Masks and Sanitizing: Please, adhere to wearing a mask at all times that covers your nose and mouth. If you use a restroom, please wash your hands with warm soap and water and sanitize before returning for worship.

Holy Communion and Worship offered in person: Please note that there is always a risk for public worship and receiving communion during this time of pandemic and participation is optional. If you wish to receive a Blessing from our clergy you may cross your hands over your chest for a Blessing without being touched.

Weekly Worship at St. Mark’s: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Eucharist at 12:00 p.m.; Tuesday Noon day prayer; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live.

Sundays at St. Mark’s: For the foreseeable future after Easter, 10:30 a.m.

The Breakfast Café, a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at meganth@stmarksgr.org.

Children at St. Mark’s: St. Mark’s provides many children’s activities and opportunities and welcomes you to contact our Director of Children’s Formation, Laura Kozminski at laurak@stmarksgr.org for more information.

Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark’s and St. Andrew’s Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have weekly formation gatherings during the school year and service and social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministries, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adults: We offer the Education for Ministry seminar during the academic year as well as an Inquirers’ Class for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one’s faith and seasonal Wednesday night forums. We also offer a Saturday book study for adults. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details.

A Note about Cell Phones: We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the hallway ramp.

Parking on Sundays: Street Parking is available on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the Church. Parking is available in the Parish lot, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on the corner of Division and Lyon (access from Lyon) and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or at the Front Desk of the Parish House. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.
The Gathering of the People

Prelude — Trinity Hymn

Lector I - Welcome

Gathering Hymn Blue Hymnal 362 – Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! *(Standing as able)*

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Through the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye they glory may not see
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Presider I Greeting

*Presider I*: † Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

*People*: And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.

*People*: 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.
Collect of the Day

Presider II: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider II: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture (Seated as able.) Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Lector I: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29– (Antiphon intoned by the cantor and repeated by all)

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name.

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; *  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.  

Antiphon

The Christian Scripture

Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn 371 – Thou, whose almighty word

1 Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Heal to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Now to all humankind
Let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove
Speed forth they flight!
Move on the water’s face
Bearing the gifts of grace,
And, in earth’s darkest place,
Let there be light!
4 Holy and blessed three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might;  
Boundless as ocean tide,  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world, far and wide,  
Let there be light!

The Gospel  
John 3:1-17

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People: Glory to you, O Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily (Seated as able.)  
The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato

The Nicene Creed (Please note the language for the Spirit.)

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 a 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, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit 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 (all Standing as able.)

Lector I: On this Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Trinity of God in the Church and in our lives and ask God to hear our prayers.

Lector II: In peace, we pray to you, O God.
Silence

Lector I: We pray in thanksgiving for the gifts God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector II: We pray for our President and all elected officials.
For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector I: We pray for those in need of food, clothing, shelter or medical attention and we pray for our fragile earth.
For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector II: We pray for peace and an end to bullying, intolerance, violence, terrorism and war.
For all who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble.
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector I: We pray for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion throughout the world.
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector II: We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; all Clergy and all those who serve God and God’s people especially here at Sr. Mark’s.
For those who minister in the Name of God;  
For all who serve God in God’s Church.

Lector I: We pray for God’s blessing on all those who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week  
Hear us, O God;  
For your mercy is great.

Lector II: We pray for all those on our Parish Prayer Lists, the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and those with special concerns. We pray for the health and well-being of the sick and all those for whom we have promised to pray. (Silence to add additional prayers either silently or aloud.)  
We will exalt you, O God;  
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lector I: We pray for those who have died. May they and all the departed rest in peace. Please, add additional names silently or aloud. (Silence)  
O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
Who put their trust in you.

Lector II: We pray for forgiveness and reconciliation, as we confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin

Presider I: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider I and People:  
Have mercy upon 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 of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Presider I: † Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider I: May the peace of Christ be always with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Presider I: Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Announcements
Memorial Day Prayer followed by Hymn 716 vs. 1 and 2

1. God bless our native land;
   firm may she ever stand
   through storm and night:
   when the wild tempests rave,
   ruler of wind and wave,
   do thou our country save
   by thy great might.

2. For her our prayers shall rise
   to God, above the skies;
   on him we wait;
   thou who art ever nigh,
   guarding with watchful eye,
   to thee aloud we cry,
   God save the state!

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory – Please, offer your gifts by placing them in one of the offering plates as you process to receive Communion or when leaving the Service. Thank you.

Preparation of the Gifts – God, the Sculptor of the Mountains
   Riley Wells, countertenor

Sarum Plainsong

Doxology (Standing as able)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, O heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II (EOW)
Presider: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider continues:
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever.

The Lord’s Prayer

Please pray the Lord’s Prayer in whichever language you prefer.

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.

(Spanish)
Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; Venga a nosotros tu reino, Hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo, Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día, Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, No nos deyes caer en la tentación Y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament
Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Presider: The Holy Eucharist has not been touched by human hands. Please follow the ushers to receive the Eucharist, return to your pew to consume it and dispose of the envelope upon leaving the church. Please, follow the guide of the Ushers. All are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

**Instruction for Receiving Holy Communion and Following the Guide of the Ushers**

All who seek a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Parent(s), please feel free to make a decision for your child even if not baptized. Please, follow the lead of the Ushers to receive the Sacrament sealed in the cups provided. The Sacrament was not touched by human hands. Those seated in the inner pews of the main aisle will be invited to process first followed by those seated in the outer pews. The pattern will be from back to front for the inner pews and front to back for the outer pews. Those seated in the transepts will also be guided by the Ushers. If you prefer to have a blessing, please, come forward and cross your hands over your chest.

**Post-Communion Prayer (Standing as able)**

Presider: Let us pray.

People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

**Blessing for the Feast of the Holy Trinity**

Presider II: May God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love, defend us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Hymn of Sending Forth 379 – God is love, let Heaven adore him**

1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth’s foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation;
God is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love; and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow’s iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.
3 God is Love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God’s eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O’er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love forever
O’er the universe must reign.

Dismissal

Postlude – Galliard

Save the Dates

Recognition of Graduates  June 6, 10:30 a.m.
Ada Park Service  June 27, 5:00 p.m.
Ada Park Service  August 22, 5:00 p.m.
Sustaining St. Mark’s Ministry in 2021

The total budget for 2021 is $654,938, which requires an estimated $12,595 income per week. The total pledged amount for 2021 is $477,146.

Last week, we received $9,301 in pledges and offerings. That amount included pledges paid by mail, online through Give Plus, PayPal, and regular giving.

Weekly:
- Total Weekly Contributions Needed: $12,595
- Total Contributions Received this past week: $9,301
- Difference: $3,294 (Shortfall)

Year to Date (YTD):
- Total Contributions Needed YTD: $264,495
- Total Contributions & Pledges Received YTD: $279,007
- Total Operating Expenses YTD: $253,006
- Current YTD: $26,001

Thank you for maintaining your pledge and giving whether pledged or not.
Pam Stevenson, St. Mark's Finance Manager

Announcements in Detail: Please, see eNews in your emails and on the Parish website at www.stmarksgr.org for information on Spring Wednesdays for Adults, Journeys in Faith for Inquirers, the J. Chester Johnson event on June 3 and many other opportunities for engagement, learning and service.

Journeys in Faith: An Adult Formation Series: Please, consider this opportunity to learn more about the Episcopal Tradition. The link on Facebook and eNews offers an explanation and information on the eight-part series over several months. The main resource is available to purchase or on loan from St. Mark’s. Copies can be signed out at the welcome desk. If you have a question, please, feel free to ask Fr. Christian.

Join us on June 3 for a zoom presentation with Author Chester Johnson to discuss his book Damaged Heritage. Anne Hiskes will have books available for purchase at the welcome desk before and after the 10:30 a.m. Service. Please see the eNews for more information and the zoom link.
Prayer requests:
Chuck Bocskay
Marcia Coolsen
Elly Davies
Anne Deckard
Caleb DeYoung
Susan Dickerson
Ally (Freeman)
Barb Kartes
Barb Kent
Roger Leech Jr.
Alissa Monsalvo
Bill Nasser
Andrea Nowak
John Oatley
Aila Olivia
The Polanski Family
Jeanne Reale
John Richie
Naoma Richie
David Richie
Mary Slew
Heidi Stoneman
Phillip Thomas
Tom West
Christiane Westhelle and Family
Helena and Ken Westrate
Tucker and Michele York

Our home bound parishioners:
Irene Haizman
Shari Takus
Margarett Tanase
Jean Zylstra
Sue Allen
Gertrude DeAguire
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Arlene Griffin
Larry Manglitz
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara
Shirley VanDerBos
Mary Rollins
Roma Warmington

Those in the Military Service
LTC Timothy Brower Sr, USA
Cpl Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF
1/Sgt Deidre Piechocki, USA

Prayer for Discernment
Bea Rocco