



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Eucharist
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
September 20, 2020

St. Mark's Church since 1848

Service Participants: The People of God, The Rev. Susan York, The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Dr. Gregory Crowell, Rex Miller, Kate Dykema and Alexander Wilson (Trumpet)

Prelude: Grave-Adagio

Tomaso Albinoni

Alexander Wilson, trumpet

Gathering Hymn: Holy, Holy Holy *Stanzas 1 and 4*

Nicaea

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!

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!

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato

Greeting

Presider: †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.**

Presider: Together, let us offer praise to God.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

**You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Hebrew Scripture

Jonah: 3:10-4:11

A reading from the Prophet Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more

than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm Let us meditate on part of Psalm 145 as it is sung by the cantor.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Christian Scripture

Philippians: 1:21-30

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege

not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Gospel Hymn: Lord of all faithfulness

Slane

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

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

During this Season of Pentecost, we ask God to hear our prayers.

For St. Mark's, the Vestry, all those in Parish leadership, and all that we do to offer ourselves and all we have to bring about the reign of God in our world.

We pray: *O God, hear us.*

For the President, the Governor and the Mayor. For a fair and just voting and electoral process. For the unemployed and under employed. For an end to racism, gun violence and war.

We pray: *O God, hear us.*

For Archbishop Justin, Presiding Bishop Michael, The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Dana, his wife and family, and all who give of themselves for the sake of the Gospel.

We pray: *O God, hear us.*

For the sick, especially remembering those on our Parish Prayer List found in today's bulletin, those suffering due to the Corona Virus and all those for whom we have promised to pray.

(Pause to add additional prayers either silently or aloud)

We pray: *O God, hear us.*

For those who have died. Today, we especially remember Pat Hoxie, mother of Sandie Snellink, and Burr McGrath, father of Shawn Miller. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(Pause to add additional prayers either silently or aloud)*

We pray: *O God, hear us.*

For what else or whom else shall we pray this day?

(Pause to add additional prayers either silently or aloud)

O God, hear these prayers which we have offered aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts. In the Name of Jesus, we pray: *O God, hear us.*

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you and always.

And also with you.

Announcements

Invitation to Giving

Please, know that your monetary gift is very important to our ministry at St. Mark's.

Contributions can be made online at www.stmarksgr.org or by mail. May God bless you for your generosity!

The Offertory - Allegro-Albinoni

Alexander Wilson, trumpet

The Holy Communion

The Invitation

Presider: Sisters and brothers, the table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presider: God be with you

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another, To be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

All: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of these gifts, and in all creation. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Presider: Therefore, we raise our voices, forever praising you and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, 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 God. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children will be free.

On the night before he died, your Son, Jesus, took bread; he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this sacrifice of praise. † Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine and upon us, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Please, pray whichever version of The Lord's Prayer you prefer as it is prayed aloud in Spanish.

Padre nuestro, que estas 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.

Traditional

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.

Contemporary

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin 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.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Presider: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Communion

Christ whose table was open to all is now present in this bread and in this wine.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger offers himself to us.

The Directive from the Bishops of Michigan indicates that we are able to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist but not the consecrated wine. Therefore we 'fast' from the consecrated bread and wine due to COVID virus risks and open ourselves to a spiritual communion until that time when we can receive the Eucharist as a community of faith gathered around the 'Table of the Lord.' The Consecrated Bread and Wine will not be shared but will be returned to the earth which is the practice of the Church, when not consumed or placed on reserve in the Tabernacle.

Let us pray:

O Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things and long for you in our hearts. Through we will fast from receiving you in these elements of the Eucharist at this time until we gather again as a community around the Table of the Lord, come spiritually into our hearts. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

The Consecrated Bread and Wine will not be shared until we can share them together as a community of faith.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together:

**Living God, in this Sacrament, we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of the God †who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with us now and forever we pray.
Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth: Rise up o saints of God

Festal Song

Rise up, O saints of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of Christlike love
And end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
Led onward by the Son of Man,
Rise up, O saints of God!

The Sending Forth **Sue at Center of Chancel**

Let us go forth to love and serve God and all God's people. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Allegro-Albinoni

Alexander Wilson, trumpet

Thank you for being with us today. Please, see the Parish's website at www.stmarksgr.org for information on Parish life and activities, links to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel, the Calendar and the latest newsletter, eNews, for messages and announcements of the Parish. Join us again next week and for other Services offered Monday through Thursday each week on Facebook. May God bless you on your journey of faith. Thanks, again, for being with us. May God bless you!

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The St. Mark's Prayer List

Prayers are requested:

Alexa
Lynn & Tony Burk
The Casines-Abreu family
Marge Dickinson
Roger Faber
Art Freeman
Kari Ingersoll
Ty Karsen
Barb Kent
Tom Klein
Cathy Mahoney
Len Mahoney

Sarah McIntire & Kate Goebbert
Alissa Monsalvo
Bill Nasser
John Oatley
Aila Olivia
John Ritchey
Jesse Roby
Elise Rossell
Mary Slew
Tom Soehl
Heidi Stoneman
Tom West
Helena and Ken Westrate

Our inbound and semi-inbound parishioners:

Irene Haizman
Jane Jawahir
Earle Slenker
Shari Takus
Margarett Tanase
Jean Zylstra
Sue Allen
Gertrude DeAguire
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Arlene Griffin
Larry Manglitz
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara
Shirley VanDerBos

Those in Military Service

LTC Timothy Brower Sr. USA
LCpl Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
Maj Todd Murray, USAF
1/Sgt Deidre Piechocki, USA

Prayer for Discernment

Bea Rocco

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