

Welcome to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

Alive in Christ, Serving Together, Growing in Love

We at St. Mark's endeavor to create an environment of encounter with the living Lord where hearts and minds may be renewed by engaging a personal relationship with Jesus. We do this through courageously proclaiming His Gospel through Word and Sacrament, practicing works of mercy, fighting injustice, and serving our surrounding community in its daily needs.

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Proper 9

7 July 2024

HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:15 a.m.

The Very Rev. Robert Douglas, Rector
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Thank You for Worshiping with Us this Morning

If you are a guest today, we have a gift for you, a handmade set of prayer beads and bookmark..

You can request instructions on how to use prayer beads by scanning this QR code or by texting "PRAYER" to 1-844-584-9160.



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*
Fred Lane, guest organist

arr. Robert J. Hughes

The Word of God

The Processional Hymn 719

Materna

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

The Celebrant continues

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 in excelsis

Hymnal, S 280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People And also with you
Celebrant Let us pray

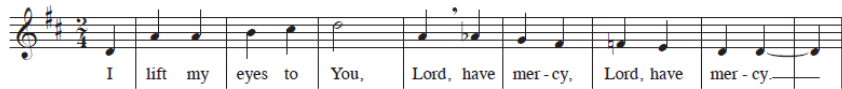
O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel [2:1-5]

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

Antiphon (Choir & Congregation) The Antiphon is sung, first by the Choir, then by the Congregation



- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, *Antiphon*
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. *Antiphon*

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [12:2-10]

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 637

Lyons

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark [6:1-13]

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Infants and Younger Children

Parents and Godparents

I present Dallas to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

After the candidates have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant for Baptism; the Celebrant says

Dallas, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over him, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Dallas, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Altar is prepared for Communion. Please note that the ministry of St. Mark's is funded exclusively through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We deeply appreciate your generosity this morning. If you would like to make a gift, you can access our secure donation page using this QR code, or text "GIVE" to 1-844-584-9160 to receive the link via text.



The Doxology Hymn 43 *Verse 4 only*

The Eighth Tune

Eucharistic Prayer A *Standing*

BCP, 361

Sanctus

Hymnal, S 125

Memorial Acclamation

Hymnal, S 133

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, S 119

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal, S 154

Agnus Dei

Hymnal, S 161

The Communion Hymn 343

St. Agnes

The Post-Communion Hymn 535

Paderborn

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

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.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 718

National Hymn

The Dismissal *The People respond saying "Thanks be to God."*

Postlude *National Anthem*

setting by Charles Callahan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Stephen, Carol, Jack, America, David, Julie, Bob, Josh, Mickey, Denise, Jeff, Rosemarie, Sue, Chris, Vincent, Anita, Jane, Tracie, Richard, Doug, Janet, Carlos, Juan Carlos, Carol, Lou, Attlee, Elsie, Gabe, Jim, Lynn, Kim, Megan, Beverly, Lloyd, Sharon, Charlie, John, Gordon, Francene, Stephen, Barbara, Carla, Denise, Mareynah, Anthony, June, Enil, Joe, Susan, Marysue, Juliet. (Please help us update our prayer list; call the church office, 962-3089, with names to be added or removed).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Diocese of Southwest Florida, The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, for our Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina and Western Louisiana; for Resurrection Episcopal, Largo; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, and All Saints', Tarpon Springs.

SERVING TODAY

Vergers: Doug Rhea

Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Silverman, Rick Maguire, Ed Spinks

Acolyte: Marie Dorman

Readers: Yvonne Fraser, Susan Maguire

Usher: Joanie Ellerbe

Greeters: Bibi Duke, Candy Brandt

Sound: Julian Young

Altar: Marie Dorman, Petra Consolo, Becky Jenkins

Flowers: Becky Jenkins, Suzanne Adderley



CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM THIS MORNING AT 10:15 AM

Dallas Darrell Baker

Let us receive him into the Household of God