



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10 2025

Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

Welcome to St. Mark's.

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.
Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold***

PRELUDE *Prelude in G BWV 550 i*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 601

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

GLORY TO GOD

Common Praise, no. 686

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader: Steve Hinchliffe

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader Thanks be to God.

PSALM

50:1-8, 23-24

*The congregation reads the verses in **bold** type*

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

**He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.**

“Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”

**Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.**

Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

**Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving
honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show
the salvation of God.”**

HYMN 454

Revive Thy Work, O Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour

the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **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 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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Steve Hinchliffe

Leader Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying,
“Lord, hear our prayer.”
Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may
become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our
Saviour.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for Susan our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they
may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority:
that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly
and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you
will be their help and defence.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those preparing for baptism: that they may be strengthened in the
faith.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from
earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to
you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful
witnesses.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully
accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

All Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 466

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 we give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who on this first day of the week
 overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection
 opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 In our unending joy
 we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven
 as we raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

Common Praise, no. 689

All remain standing or kneel

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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.

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, 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, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

*THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ.
People **We, being many, are one body,**
 for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God,
People **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

Common Praise, no. 690

THE COMMUNION

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

Gluten free wafers are available

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Adagio* from *Choral No. 3*

César Franck (1822-1890)

After communion, all stand for

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 467

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

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J. S. Bach

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