



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30 2026

Morning Prayer and Sermon 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 *Le Prie-Dieu*

George Oldroyd (1886-1956)

ENTRANCE HYMN 371

To God Be the Glory

The Officiant begins the service saying

THE SENTENCES

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done.
- *Psalm 105:1*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;
neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before
us.
- *Daniel 9:9,10*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- *Philippians 1:2*

The Officiant continues with

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone stands and pronounces

THE ABSOLUTION

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

All remain kneeling

THE INVITATORY and PSALTER

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

All stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All remain standing and join in saying

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

All sit

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

**He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Reader: Penny-Lynn Cookson

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Thanks be to God.

All stand

AT THE TE DEUM—HYMN

printed on page 9 of the service sheet

All sit

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Reader: Penny-Lynn Cookson

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!

You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Thanks be to God.

All stand

AT THE JUBILATE DEO——HYMN

printed on page 10 of the service sheet

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All kneel or sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And evermore mightily defend us.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT of the DAY

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A COLLECT for PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A COLLECT for GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,
Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE GRACE

The grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

WORDS of WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 347

The God of Abraham Praise

THE SERMON

The Rector

When the Officiant reaches the altar, all kneel or sit

THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, **who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

May the Lord of his great mercy bless you, and in the plenitude of his love pour upon you the riches of his grace, keep you in his holy fear, prepare you for a happy eternity, and receive you at last into eternal glory; and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you this day and remain with you always.
Amen.

RETIRING HYMN 469

Sing Praises Old and New

VOLUNTARY *Fugue on 'Ein' Feste Burg' ("A Mighty Fortress")*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please join us for refreshments on the lawn

*We're delighted to welcome back our guest organist, Douglas Jamieson.
He is Director of Choral Music Emeritus at Royal St George's College in Toronto*

AT THE TE DEUM—HYMN



Ho - ly God we praise thy Name, Lord of all we
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
Lo, the a - pos - to - lic train join, thy sa - cred
Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Christ, thou art our glor - ious King, Son of God en -
Thou didst take the sting from death, Son of God, as
As our judge thou wilt ap - pear. Sa - viour, who hast

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bow be - fore thee; all on earth thy scep - tre claim,
bove are rai - sing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
Name to hal - low; pro - phets swell the loud re - frain,
Three we name thee, while in ess - ence on - ly One,
throned in splen-dour; but de - liv - er - ance to bring
Sa - viour giv - en; on the cross thy dy - ing breath
died to win us. Help thy ser - vants draw - ing near.

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all in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee; in - fin - ite thy
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais-ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and, from morn till
un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee; then, a - dor - ing,
thou all hon - ours didst sur - ren - der, and east of a
open - ed wide the realm of hea - ven. In the glo - ry
Lord, re - new our hearts with - in us. Grant that with thy

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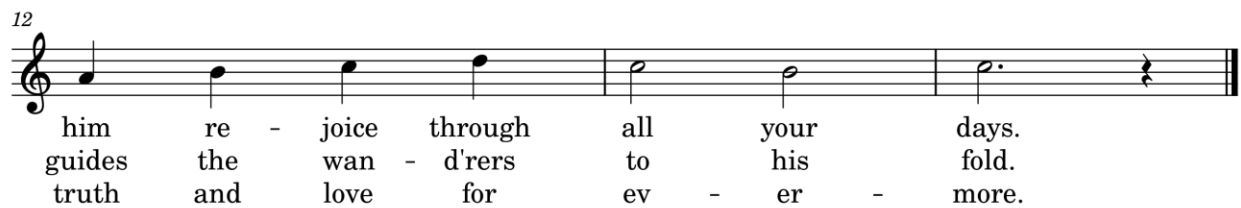
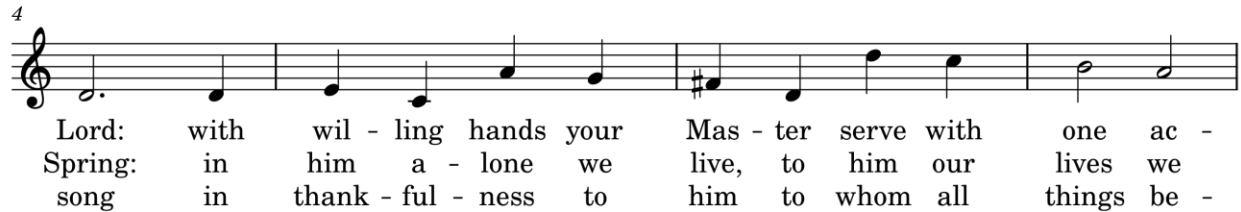
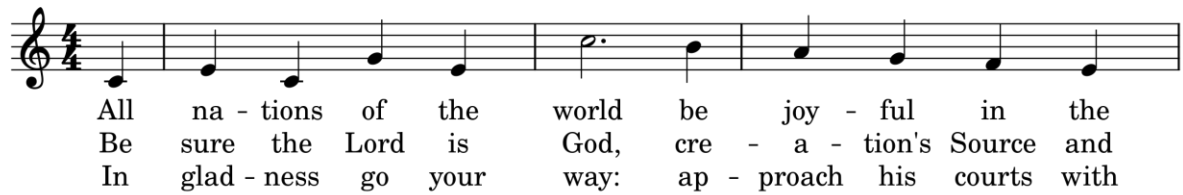
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
sweet ac - cord; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
vir - gin born hum - bly on the bless - ed morn.
of that land thou art set at God's right hand.
saints we may dwell in ev - er - last - ing day.

Words: Para. Of *Te Deum*; sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900)

Sts. 5-7, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Grosser Gott*, melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686,
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

AT THE JUBILATE DEO—HYMN



Words: Para. Of *Jubilate Deo* Edwin Le Grice (1911-1992)
Music: *Darwall 148* melody and bass John Darwell (1731-1789)
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

A note from the Rector

Today, our service follows a form that has (almost) disappeared from the Anglican liturgical vocabulary: Morning Prayer and Sermon. Though we're accustomed to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, only two generations ago, Morning Prayer was the normative service in most Anglican parishes.

The regular celebration of Holy Eucharist on Sundays is as it should be. But sometimes a change is salutary, which is why on the last Sunday of June, July, and August I've decided to replace Holy Eucharist with Morning Prayer and Sermon. This service's cadence and language will be familiar to many of us, and may even be an occasion for nostalgia. I certainly hope it will be an occasion for prayer, meditation, and thanksgiving.

The greatest glories of Anglican liturgy are found in the daily offices—Morning and Evening Prayer which, when sung, are called 'Mattins' and 'Evensong' respectively. Both of these are the work of Thomas Cranmer, the composer of the first *Book of Common Prayer* of 1549, who fused together several of the ancient offices sung by monks in the pre-Reformation medieval Church. The service is essentially a sequence of psalms, readings, canticles (*Te Deum Laudamus* and *Jubilate Deo*) and prayers.

Since the choir is on its well-deserved summer break, the office this morning is said (rather than sung) with two hymns replacing the canticles *Te Deum* and *Jubilate*. In time we may become familiar with the traditional chants that we can sing the office—with or without the choir present!

On a personal note, I was nurtured in the Anglican tradition through services like this one, particularly at the grand and historic Trinity Church in Boston, Massachusetts. Those services cast an indelible dye on my senses as a vast choir made its way through a packed church to their stalls at the front as the entire assembly sang a grand hymn—to say nothing of the lights in the church dimming as the sermon began, with a spotlight on the preacher!

So my hope and prayer is that this morning's liturgy will not only recall times past, but may point us all to Jesus Christ without whom the beauty of this worship—for all of its glory—would be nothing.

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