



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 21, 2024

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***

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PRELUDE    Allegro from *Sonata Solemnis*    František Musil (1852-1908)

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**HYMN 430**    *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

*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*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

*All sit*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

*Reader: Jane DeMunnich*

Now when the king was settled in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me."

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

**HYMN RESPONSE 101** (*remain seated*)

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

*Reader:* Jane DeMunnich

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 361 (stanza 1)**

***Surely It Is God Who Saves Me***

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

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

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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his

oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

**HYMN 361 (stanza 2)**

*Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Susan MacLaren

*All stand*

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:* Bob Cross

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*People* Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **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**

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* O God,  
 accept our praise and thanksgiving.  
 Help us in all we do  
 to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;  
 through Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 you are the source of light and life for all your creation,  
 you made us in your own image,  
 and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
 Therefore we praise you,  
 joining 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*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Canone from *Sonata Solemnis*

František Musil

*After communion, all stand for*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* O God,  
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,  
may our lives be a continual offering,  
holy and acceptable in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish,  
strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*Gospeller* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 438**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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