



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 5 2026

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 *Sonata No. 3 (Andante and Largo)*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 624

*O Thou Who Camest from Above*

*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,  
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of your children  
we do also for him.  
Give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE READING

Romans 7:15-25a

*Reader:* Penny-Lynn Cookson

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Thanks be to God.

*All stand*

HYMN

Words: Marnie P Ferguson (1850-1832)

Music: Blessed Quietness W S Marshall, arr. James M Kirk (1854-1945)



Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er since the Com - for - ter has  
Bring-ing life\_andhealth and glad ness all a-round this heav'n - ly  
Like the rain\_that falls from hea - ven like the sun - light from the  
See, a fruit - ful field is grow ing bless-ed fruit of right-eous  
What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion where we al - ways see His



come; He a- bides\_ with us for - ev - er makes the trust - ing heart His  
Guest ban-ished un - be - lief and sad-ness changed our wea - ri-ness to  
sky, so the Ho - ly Ghost is giv - en com - ing on us from on  
ness and the streams of life are flow ing in the lone - ly wil - der  
face! What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion what a qui - et res - ting



home. Bless-ed qui-et-ness, ho-ly qui-et-ness what as - sur-ance in my soul! On the  
rest.  
high.  
ness.  
place.



storm-y sea he speakspace to me how the bil-lows cease to roll.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend

of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*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:* Penny-Lynn Cookson

*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. Lord, in your mercy

*People* **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.

*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**

**HYMN 561**

*Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us*



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. Please make your need known*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Toccata per l'Elevatione*

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

*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* May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you this day and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 508

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

VOLUNTARY *Chaconne*

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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