



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13 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***

PRELUDE *Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à Père* (from *L'Ascension*)
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN – printed on page 13 of the service sheet

Lift High the Cross

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 call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

Reader: Steve Hinchliffe

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader Thanks be to God.

*Cantor first, then all sing the refrain.
The Choir sings the verses, and the congregation joins in singing the refrain*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me his holy name.
Bless the Lord o my soul and never forget all his benefits.

Refrain

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

Refrain

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins, nor pay us according to our faults.

Refrain

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

Reader: Steve Hinchliffe

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader Thanks be to God.

All stand

HYMN 614

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

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

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

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Gospeller 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

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| <i>Leader</i> | With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.” |
| <i>Leader</i> | For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Lord, have mercy. |
| <i>Leader</i> | For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Lord, have mercy. |
| <i>Leader</i> | For Susan our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Lord, have mercy. |

Leader For Charles our King, Mark our Prime Minister, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this town of Niagara on the Lake, for every community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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 – printed on page 14 of the service sheet

The Old Rugged Cross

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. 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;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people

who have served you in every age,
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. Please make your need known

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Vincent d'Indy (1851-1931)

O Sainte Croix, toi notre unique espérance, en ces temps de persécution, donne-nous ta grâce immortelle, et garde-nous des pièges et des ruses du Méchant.

O Trinité, fontaine salubre, l'univers célèbre ta majesté. De ta croix chantons la victoire ; par elle, donne-nous la vie éternelle, et le saint Amour.

O Holy Cross, our only hope, in these times of persecution, grant us your immortal grace and protect us from the snares and wiles of the Evil One.

O Trinity, life-giving fount, the universe celebrates your majesty. Let us sing of the victory of your Cross; through it, grant us eternal life and holy Love.

-Venantius Fortunatus (c.540-600)

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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 386

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

VOLUNTARY *Actions de grâce (Te Deum)*

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Mary Jane Davidson from Joe Patchett

HYMN

Music: *Crucifer* Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

Text: George William Kitchen (1827-1912)



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, the hosts of
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears on the
 O Lord, once lif - ted on the glor - ious tree, as thou hast
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise to the

God in con - q'ring ranks com - bine.
 brow the seal of him who died.
 pro - mised, draw the world to thee.
 Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

HYMN

Music: *Old Rugged Cross* George Bennard (1873-1960)

Text: George Bennard



On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the__
 O that old rug-ged cross so des-pised by the world has a
 In the old rug-ged cross stained with blood so div - ine, a__
 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its__



em - blem of suf - fering and shame;__ And I love that old cross where the
 won-drous at - trac - tion for me;__ for the dear Lamb of God left His
 won - drous beau - ty I see;__ for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re-proach glad - ly bear;__ Then he'll call me someday to my



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.__ So I'll
 glo - ry a - bove to__ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.__
 suf - fered and died to__ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.__
 home far a - way, where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.__



cher-ish the old rug-ged cross,__ till my tro-phies at last I lay down;__ I will



cling to the old rug-ged cross__ and exchange it some day for a crown._



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