



**St. Mark's Anglican Church**

***Holy Cross Day***

**September 14 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***

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PRELUDE    *Voluntary on the Hundredth Psalm Tune*    Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

#### **HYMN 386**

***When I Survey the Wondrous 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,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
was lifted high upon the cross  
that he might draw the whole world to himself,  
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,  
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

*Reader:* Wendy Steel

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

98:1-6

*The congregation reads the verses in bold type*

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm \***  
**has he won for himself the victory.**

The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to**  
**the house of Israel, \***  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the**  
**victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the LORD with the harp, \***  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

**HYMN 537**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**GOSPEL**

John 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*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:* Larry Bourk

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray to the Father through his Son, who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.
<i>Leader</i>	Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory. By the Saviour's cross and passion,
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, save us and help us.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Through the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments, draw your people close to you. By the Saviour's cross and passion,
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, save us and help us.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Help us to witness to the faith we have received by our words and in our deeds, and daily conform us more and more to Christ, that we may glory in his cross. By the Saviour's cross and passion,
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, save us and help us.</b>

*Leader* Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross. By the Saviour's cross and passion,

*People* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Leader* Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation. By the Saviour's cross and passion,

*People* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Leader* Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship and, according to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection. By the Saviour's cross and passion,

*People* **Lord, save us and help us.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*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

Music: *Tantum Ergo*, melody from S. Webbe's *Motets or Antiphons* 1792

Text: Venantius Fortunatus (c.540-600) trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)



Faith - ful Cross a - bove all o - ther one and on - ly  
Bend thy boughs O Tree of Glo - ry thy re - lax - ing  
Thou a - lone wast coun - ted wor - thy this world's ran - som  
To the Trin - i - ty be glo - ry ev - er - last - ing



no - ble tree. None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
sin - ews bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gour  
to up - hold; for a ship-wrecked race pre - par - ing  
as is meet. E - qual to the Fa - ther, e - qual


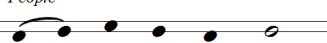

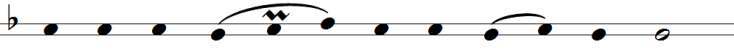



none in fruit\_ thy\_ peer may be; Swee - test wood and  
that thy birth\_ be - stowed, sus - pend, and the King of  
Har - bour like\_ the\_ Ark of old; with the sa - cred  
to the Son, the\_ Pa - ra - clete; Tri - nal U - ni -



swee - test i - ron swee test\_weight is hung on thee.  
hea - ven'ly beau - ty on\_ thy\_ bo - som gent - ly tend.  
blood a - noin - ted from the\_ smit - ten Lamb that rolled.  
ty whose prai - ses all\_ cre - a - ted things re - peat.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
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;  
 we give you thanks and praise  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who for our salvation became obedient unto death.  
 The tree of defeat became the tree of victory:  
 where life was lost, life has been restored.  
 Therefore with angels and archangels  
 and all the heavenly chorus,  
 we cry out 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*

*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* Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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

Music: *Guiting Power*, John Barnard (b. 1948)

Text: Michael Saward (1932-2015)



Christ tri - um-phant, ev - er reign-ing, Sa - viour, Mas-ter King.  
 Word in - car - nate, truth re-veal - ing, Son of God on earth!  
 Suf-fring ser - vant scorned, ill trea - ted, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!  
 Priest - ly king, en-throned for ev - er high in heav'n a - bove!  
 So, our hearts and voi - ces rais - ing through the a - ges long,



Lord of heav'n, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:  
 Pow'r and ma - jes - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:  
 Death is through the cross de - fea - ted, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:  
 Sin and death and hell shall ne - ver sti - fle hymns of love:  
 cease-less - ly u - pon you ga - zing, this shall be our song:



Yours the glo-ry and the crown, the high re-nown, the e - ter - nal name.

VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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