



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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***

PRELUDE *Suite du deuxieme ton*

L. N. Clérambault (1676-1749)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 187 (omit stanzas 2 & 3)

As Royal Banners Are Unfurled

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,
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.

All sit

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

Reader: Jamie Mainprize

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease without dread of disaster."

Reader Thanks be to God.

PSALM

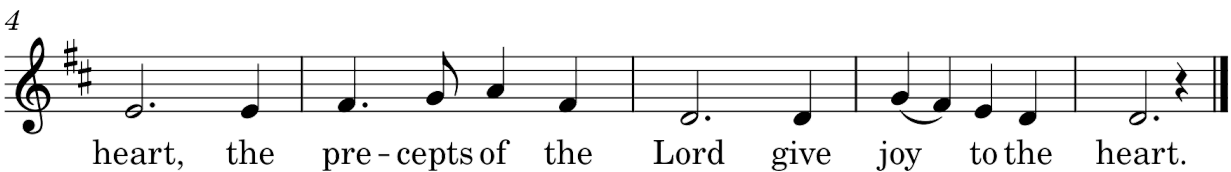
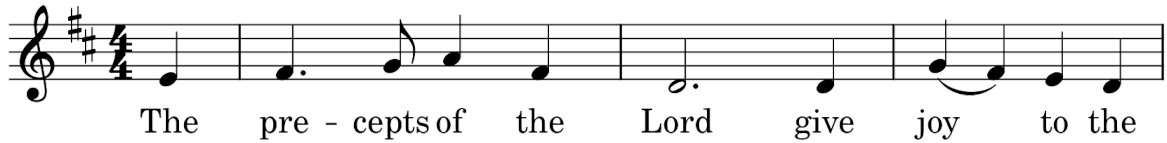
19:8, 10, 12-14

Text: The Revised Grail Psalms, ICEL

Music: Tony Alonso

Cantor first, then all sing the refrain.

The Choir sings the verses, and the congregation joins in singing the refrain



The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are steadfast,

They give wisdom to the simple.

Refrain

The fear of the Lord is pure, abiding forever

The judgements of the Lord are true,

They are, all of them, just.

Refrain

So in them your servant finds instruction,

Great reward it is in their keeping.

But who can detect their own errors?

From hidden faults acquit me.

Refrain

From presumptuous restrain your servant;

May it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

Refrain

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Reader: Jamie Mainprize

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue

is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader Thanks be to God.

HYMN 466

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, 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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

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: Wendy Steel

Leader God of every nation, healer of the world: your saving power extends beyond barriers and borders; you gather those from east and west, north and south, to join the heavenly feast. Hear us, as we pray for healing in this and every land. Help us as we work to foster unity and rebuild trust.

People God of every nation, healer of the world:
Hear us, we pray.

Leader We pray for healing around the globe. Bridge the divides that persist between kingdoms and nations. End the wars that cause destruction and grief. Give us harmony and peace.

People God of every nation, healer of the world:
Hear us, we pray.

Leader We pray for healing within our Church. Settle the conflicts and disputes that arise among us. Strengthen our efforts to welcome everyone. Teach us to serve others and not ourselves.

People God of every nation, healer of the world:
Hear us, we pray.

Leader We pray for the healing of Creation. Still the frightening trembles of our shaking earth. Restore our fragile ecosystems: bring dryness where there are floods; bring rain where there is drought. Persuade us, as individuals and as a society, to change our habits for good.

People God of every nation, healer of the world:
Hear us, we pray.

Leader We pray for the healing of those who suffer, including Jan Manning. We pray as well for those who have died. May the poor have what they need; may the sick and dying be raised up; and may every tear be wiped away.

People God of every nation, healer of the world:
Hear us, we pray.

Leader We thank you for all the healing ways in which joy and happiness have come into our lives. Kindle hope in us when we become discouraged. Inspire us to plant seeds of love, with faith in you and in all the future holds. God of every nation, healer of the world:

People **Hear us, we pray.**

Celebrant God of every nation, healer of the world, you help us find our voice that we might find our faith: we praise you for the Gentile woman who answered back the Son of God; release us from the crowds which command our silence and free our tongues to demand from you the healing of the earth; through Jesus Christ, the opener of the gate.

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 537

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows four lines of musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. Each line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is labeled 'Celebrant' and the second line is labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: '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 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

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Tantum ergo sacramentum Veneremur cernui, et antiquum Documentum novo cedat ritui. Præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui. Genitori genitoque laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio! Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio! Amen.

Therefore, so great a Sacrament Let us venerate with heads bowed, and let the old practice give way to the new rite; Let faith provide a supplement for the failure of the senses. To the Begetter and the Begotten be praise and jubilation, Hail, honour, virtue also, and blessing too: To the One proceeding from both let there be equal praise. Amen.

After communion, all stand for

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.
People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

HYMN 386

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

VOLUNTARY *Fugue*

Imant Raminsh (b. 1943)

**The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mary Jane Davidson from Joe Patchett**



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