

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday after Ascension
May 12, 2024
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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Welcome to St. Mark's!

... a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.

Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday— 9 a.m. to noon.

Weather Policy: St. Mark's will post closures to WZZM 13, WOOD TV8, Facebook and our website by 7:00 a.m. or as soon as possible. The decision on afternoon and evening activities will be made separately, posted by noon.

Reserved Spaces for Those in Need: Note, there are three designated spaces for those in need, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please, leave those spaces available and the adjoining pews for family members.

Safety: The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Please, pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. An announcement will be made in case of an emergency. Children will be ushered out of the building to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are able, please, consider not parking in the Parish Lot to reserve access for those less mobile. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the Kendall Lot across the street when the gate is up, the upper levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street, and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: vouchers for free parking on Sundays are available from an Usher, a Greeter or on the Resource Table in the north transept (must be used along with original parking ticket).

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. Additional rest rooms are located on the second level of the Parish House; those able to use stairs are encouraged to use upper-floor restrooms.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon from September through May. Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. All are always welcome!

Children's Ministry: Sundays, we offer children's formation during 10:30 services. This includes formation, nursery care and church school. Please contact the church office.

Youth Ministry: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adult Formation Ministry: *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at different times of the year. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year. Please, contact Doug Karsen for more information at karsendc@gmail.com.

Breakfast Café Ministry: A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at judyfw@comcast.net.

Land Acknowledgment: St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the indigenous people of the Three Fires. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds created many years ago by our forebears.

St. Mark's eNews: For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, see the weekly eNews in your email or our website.

Cell Phones: We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

St. Mark's Full-Time* and Part-Time Staff

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector*
The Rev. Susan York, Associate Rector
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon
Thon Deng, Postulant for Holy Orders

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Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar

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Ronnie Hammond, Sexton
Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate, Video
Doris Molina, Weekend Sexton
Jamie Interrial, Security Representative
Eric Gable, Webmaster

The Gathering of the People

Prelude — See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

James Niblock

Welcome

Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal 214: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Llanfair

Salutation for the Easter Season

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Presider: Let us pray:

People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Presider II: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading (*You may sit.*)

Acts 1:1-11

Lector I: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

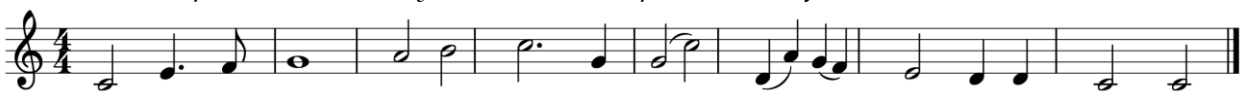
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Let us pray the psalm responsively by half verse.

At 10:30 a.m., the Antiphon is intoned by the choir and repeated thereafter.



God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

Antiphon

He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Antiphon

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

Antiphon

God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

Antiphon

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector II: A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn – Blue Hymnal 215: See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

In Babilone

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily (*You may sit.*)

Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector

The Nicene Creed

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People (*You may stand.*)

Lector I: As we celebrate this Season of Easter, we ask God to hear our prayers with our response:
O God, hear us. During the periods of silence, I invite you to add additional prayers either silently or aloud.

O God: We pray in thanksgiving for all those gathered here today. We pray for St. Mark's and our many ministries. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons: Michael, Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Craig, ELCA Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod; St. Elizabeth's of Higgins Lake and its Priest-in-Charge, Mary Shortt; Grace Church of Ludington and its Rector, Mick Shriver; William Fleener, Jr., Chancellor of the Eastern and Western Dioceses. We remember the Anglican Church of Burundi. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For the President, Congress, our Governor, our Mayor and for all in authority, that they may be people of justice, integrity and truth. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For the good earth which God has entrusted to us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed, the homeless, refugees and for all who seek a better way of life. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Give us grace to respond to the needs of those in distress, especially those who suffer because of hatred, racism, bigotry, violence and war. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week. Bless them with joy and well-being. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For all those on our Parish Prayer List, our military personnel, the sick, all those for whom we have promised to pray and those we now name silently or aloud. *(Pause to add additional names silently or aloud).* We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(Pause to add additional names.)* We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For what else or whom else shall we pray today? *(Pause to add additional prayers.)*
We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Presider II: For all these prayers we have named aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts.
We pray: **O God, hear us.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider II: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider II: †Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit us in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider II: May the peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: And always with you.

Presider II: Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Announcements

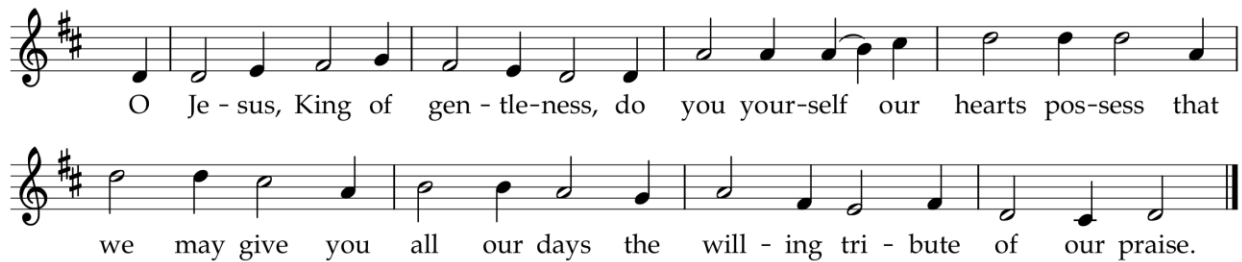
The Liturgy of the Table

Reception of Gifts

Offertory Music – God Is Gone Up

Arthur Hutchings

Presentation Hymn



O Je - sus, King of gen - tle-ness, do you your-self our hearts pos-sess that
we may give you all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I (BCP)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

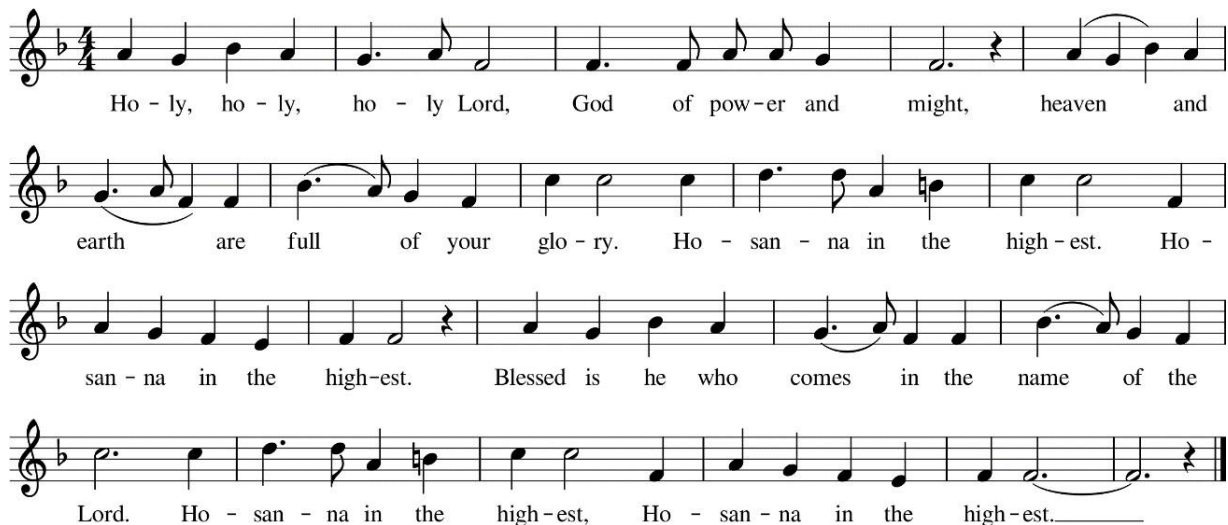
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

†Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

†Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider I: Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

(Traditional) 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Contemporary) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Spanish) Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our

Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

Instruction for Receiving Communion: *As is our tradition, all are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Following the distribution of consecrated bread, please feel free to dip your host into consecrated wine offered in a cup for intinction. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with hands crossed over your chest. Please follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left. All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.*

Healing Prayer: *When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.*

Communion Hymn – Blue Hymnal 307: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor *Bryn Calfaría*

Post-Communion Prayer *(You may stand.)*

Presider II: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Holy God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Solemn Easter Blessing

Presider I:

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of the Son, Jesus, the Christ, bestow upon us the riches of Christ's blessing. **Amen. Alleluia!**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make us holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen. Alleluia!**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance. **Amen. Alleluia!**

†And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Sending Forth – Blue Hymnal 460: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *Hyfrydol*

Sending Forth

Priest or Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude - Toccata in C Major *J.J. Froberger*

Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship.

The St. Mark's Prayer List

Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names may be removed after one month unless requested.

The Sick and Other Needs

David Abbott
Alissa Almont
Jayne Austin
Ed Cox
Terry Dusendang
Ruth Hammond
Jaimie Interrial
Bill Isenberg
Jennifer Julius
Kathryn Marmion
Laura Maslonka
Jim, Chris McClain
Evelyn Mitchell
Doris Molina
Bill Nasser
John Oatley
Chris Reale
Monique Salinas
Marilee Wexstaff

Sue Allen
Susan Andrews
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Irene Haizman
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara
Roma Warmington
Jean Zylstra

In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
Cailen Donahue McLea, USA
Henry Dykema, USNG
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF
Col. Lt. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
Col. Todd Murray, USAF

Members of the Vestry

Dawn Buller, Sr. Warden
Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden
Brian Topolewski, Clerk
Gloria Lara, Treasurer
Jon Anderson
Ben Busman
Laura Kozminski
Emily Krueger
Penny Larsen
Dan McDonald
Carmela McIntire
Amy Richards-Duncan

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Bob Brower
Doug Busman
Nancy Dodge
Karen Hunter
Penny Larson
Shawn Miller
Heather Tafel
Darren Walhof
Jackie Yam

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Thon Deng
Cathy Stevens

Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

Place check or cash in the offering plate

Electronic giving (email pams@stmarksgr.org)

Vanco Mobile App from any mobile device:



Pay by text - text 616-205-9714 from your phone to send a payment

Mobile App Square Cash - Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgr)



Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at www.stmarksgr.org through PayPal

Remember St. Mark's in your Estate Planning (A brochure is available at the Welcome Desk.)

Gifts or transfer of stock

Parish Notes

Welcome! Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out a Welcome Card (stored inside the podium) to get a name tag, receive weekly eNews or join the St. Mark's Family in Faith as a full member.

Vestry Person of the Day: If you have questions or ideas, speak with Laura Kozminski at the Welcome Desk after the 10:30 a.m. Service. Representatives for the 8:00 a.m. Service are Dan McDonald and Brian Topolewski.

Carnations in Honor of Mother's Day will be available after the Services for anyone who would like one – whether you are someone who mothers others, in remembrance of those who have mothered you or in celebration of Mother Earth and the loving parent we have in God. For those of us experiencing grief, loss or exhaustion this Mother's Day, may we find comfort in knowing that we are not alone in those feelings, either.

Annual Diaper Drive, Today: Thank you to all who donated diapers for our community's children! As we say, it takes a village. Contact Judy Freeman or the church office if you would still like to participate.

Please Sign a Childcare Voter Card: As a member of Together West Michigan, St. Mark's supports renewing the Ready by 5 childhood education millage. Sign a card at the Welcome Desk or online. Vote on August 6th.

Graduate Recognition and Celebration! Congratulations to all those who reached an educational milestone this year (such as graduation from middle school, high school, college or a training program). Please tell Kate the graduate's name, grade level and the school(s) they attended or will attend next. You can reach Kate at officeadmin@stmarksgr.org, 616-456-1160 or on the St. Mark's Facebook page. The deadline to submit names is Wednesday, May 22nd. The recognition will be during the 10:30 a.m. Service and Social Hour on June 2nd.

Church Spotlight: Adult Formation in May, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., with light refreshments.

May 15th ***Celebrating 50 Years of Women's Ordination in the Episcopal Church***

How has the ordination of women impacted the Church today? Who were the Philadelphia Eleven? What were the challenges of women in the ministry 50 years ago, and what challenges do women Priests/Bishops/Deacons face today: what has changed?

Discussion Leaders – The Rev. Val Ambrose, The Rev. Jan Gockerman, The Rev. Sue York

May 22nd ***Bible/Faith and Science***

Is it possible for Science and Faith to exist with one another, or are they incompatible? Can we follow Science and be faithful Christians? *Discussion Leader – David Buller*

ACCESS Walk for Good Food: You may still walk on your own until May 15th. Donate by check to "Access of West Michigan" or at givelively.org. Contact Scot, s.gugle@comcast.net, or Jeff, jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Sustainable Investing: Our Creation Care Ministry invites you to a free webinar Thursday, May 16th, 7:00 p.m., with ClearView Investments. Contact Steve, steven.mark.mulder@gmail.com, for the link.

Safe Haven Training, Saturday, May 18th, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Register by May 10th. St. Mark's has expressed a heart for helping prevent and recognize domestic violence, relationship abuse and trafficking. Participants will engage in learning activities and review relevant church policies and procedures, with ongoing coaching from Safe Haven Ministries. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Staff, Vestry, other leaders encouraged to go.

Active Attacker Seminar, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m. Join us at St. Mark's for this free training with Kent County Sheriff Deputy Omar. Learn how to prepare for and respond to aggressive acts in our specific church spaces. Ushers, greeters and all curious or concerned parishioners are invited to attend.

Church Master Calendar: There is now a printed master calendar for the month, in the front desk area near the lower level stairs. As before, please call the church office or email officeadmin@st.marksgr.org to schedule.

Prayers for Jaimie Interrial: Jaimie is back up and about after a recent surgery. Thank you for the prayers and well wishes sent to him! In his typical fashion, he was back here midweek, getting a parishioner's address to gift *them* flowers. He will go back to leading our weekend security team in a week or two as his energy returns.