

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST PROPER 23 YEAR B
OCTOBER 13, 2024 10:00AM
Kairos Sunday: The “Epistle” of James**

Prelude “Pastorella: III”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 408 “Sing praise to God who reigns above” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People ***Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,

People ***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.***

Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God..

Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

People ***We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.***

Deacon We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

People ***Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.***

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People ***Amen.***

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.

Gloria S280 *Powell* (Blue 1982 Hymnal)

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.***

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

***Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;***

***you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Together let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made

my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-15

Deus, Deus meus

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The Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Churches

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 707 "Take my life, and let it be"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Deacon God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

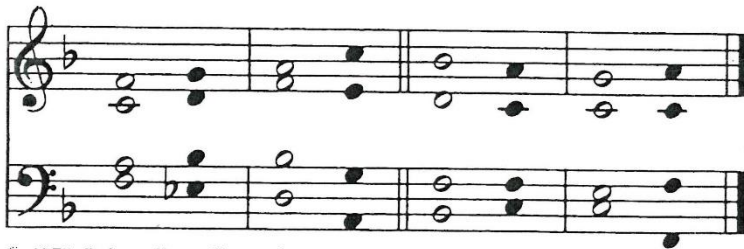
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

The Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard

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1 My God, my God, why have you for-**saken me?***
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my di-**stress?**

3 Yet you are the **Holy One,***
enthroned upon the praises of **Israel.**

5 They cried out to you and were de-**livered;***
they trusted in you and were not put to **shame.**

7 All who see me laugh me to **scorn;***
they curl their lips and wag their heads, **saying,**

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the **womb,***
and kept me safe upon my mother's **breast.**

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is **near,***
and there is none to **help.**

13 They open wide their jaws at **me,***
like a ravening and a roaring **lion.**

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not **answer;***
by night as well, but I find no **rest.**

4 Our forefathers put their trust in **you;***
they trusted, and you de-**livered them.**

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no **man,***
scorned by all and despised by the **people.**

8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him de-**liver him;***
let him rescue him, if he de-**lights in him."**

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was **born;***
you were my God when I was still in my mother's **womb.**

12 Many young bulls en-**circle me;***
strong bulls of Bashan sur-**round me.**

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of **joint;***
my heart within my breast is melting **wax.**

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my **mouth;***
and you have laid me in the dust of the **grave.**

this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

The Homily

The Rev. Michael Dunnington

Affirmation of Faith

Presider We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

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

Leader For all in every trouble and need, let us offer our prayers to God, who challenges our comforts and complacencies yet through whom all things are possible; praying, Lord, in your mercy, ***“Hear our prayer.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may approach the throne of your grace with boldness, and gratefully receive your mercy;

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect, for Deon our Bishop, for Michael, Teresa, Jerre, and Mandi our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of The Journey Episcopal Church in Fulton;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the Capilla Santa Clara de Asis in Toa Alta;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We give thanks on their birthdays with Donald Frank, Gerrie Robards, David Greenwalt and Laura Simon. We pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, for refugees who have fled their homes in fear, and for mercy, justice and peace in the world, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Middle East, and Sudan; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our city and those who live in it, for the victims of injustice and violence, and those who live in fear of violence; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you grant your peace and healing to all who live in the grip of illness and addiction, fear and physical danger, or critical life circumstance; the hungry, homeless,

and oppressed; and for all those in distress, praying especially for the victims of recent hurricanes;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

To the Creator of earth, sea, and sky, we pray that you kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and that you pour your blessings upon all who work for the good of the planet; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, especially John Watts and for those who grieve, that they may be consoled with the faith that love never dies; we pray, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

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. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem “Day By Day”

Martin How (1931-2022)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,

Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Words by Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

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Eucharistic Prayer C

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 thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds.

Presider God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Presider At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Presider and People

Holy, Holy S129 *Powell* (*Blue 1982 Hymnal*)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

Presider On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People ***We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.***

Presider Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Presider Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Presider God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Abba of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises,

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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.

Fraction Anthem S154 “Alleluia, Christ our Passover” Hurd Blue 1982 Hymnal
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 334 “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Presider Jesus said to his disciples, “Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while”. Therefore, let us now rest in Christ’s presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept for a time.

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Together, let us pray.

People ***God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.***

The Blessing

Presider Now go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is true. Render no one evil for evil. Support the weak. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today, tomorrow, and remain with you always.

People ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn 460 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Dismissal

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude “Carillon”

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Erica White

Usher: Marilyn Wiethop

Greeter: Marti Robards

Chalice: Greg Diekemper

Livestream: Vicki Stegmann

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery

Crucifer: Scott Thompson

Godly Play: Robards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT IN TIME GALLERY

Join Episcopal City Mission in celebrating 70 years of service to youth in the juvenile justice system. This Semi-formal event is October 17, 2024.

St. Mark's has purchased a table of 10 for this event. We still have several tickets available for this event. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Melissa at the Parish Office either by email or phone. The tickets will go on a first-come first-serve basis. A donation to St. Mark's for the tickets is not required, but appreciated.

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We pray for our parish and our leadership as we search for a new rector;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Albrecht family, the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Jim Blum, Cherie Blumenkamp, Tom Bradley, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Raphael Bundage, Joan Cap, Steve Chamberlin, Janet Chance, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Carol Fischer, Carol Garbs, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Robin Harris, Allan Harvard, Anne Hennig, Rob Heritage, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Jane Kozielec, Kathy Lynch, Guy Medley, Donna Musgrave, Francis Neuner, Nina Olmsted, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Blair Schrautemeier, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kathy Tracy and family, Marilyn Wiethop, Justin and Lindsay Williams, Hulene Woody, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Jim.

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We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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The Rev. Jerre Birdsong	Deacon	Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator
The Rev. Dr. Teresa K.M. Danielely	Priest Associate	The Rev. Mandi Rice	Transitional Deacon

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECW Meeting: Get to know Mandi

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Mark's invite women of the parish to join us on Sunday, October 27 after coffee hour for fellowship and an informal gathering to get to know a little more about Deacon Mandi Rice. A light lunch will be provided. There's a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall—signing up will help us know how much lunch to make, but we'll accommodate anyone who comes regardless. For more information, contact Ellen Jeffery or Susan Goen.

Remember that all women are welcome to attend ECW events. If you are a woman and attend St. Mark's, you are automatically a member of ECW.

FEED MY PEOPLE



Food Donations for Feed-My-People are always needed. In addition to asking for food items, they are also asking for backpacks and school supplies. There is a plastic tub in the Parish Hall for any non-perishable food items. And, I will also have a plastic tub for just school supplies. Also, Feed-My-People are having their 1st Annual Golf tournament on Monday Oct. 21st. Go to <https://feed-my-people.org/events> for more information.

ISAIAH 58 Thanksgiving Collection

Again this year, Isaiah 58 Ministries is providing Thanksgiving meals to 600 families. And to help out, St. Mark's is providing the JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX. So, please, when you are doing your grocery shopping, add a few boxes of JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX and bring to St. Mark's. The bin for them is in the parish hall and marked ISAIAH 58. We will be collecting through Sunday, November 3. Thank for you helping to make the holidays brighter for our neighbors in need.

Hearts & Hands & Voices

Saturday October 19th will see the Return of Hearts & Hands & Voices to St. Mark's. This is sure to be an exciting event. We will have artists displaying their various mediums from 9am-3pm. We'll have various games in the yards, including face painters and temporary tattoos run by volunteers of St. Mark's. There will be Bop Lessons from the Bop Society of St. Louis, and following that, we have booked Sarah Jane & The Blue Notes for a Saturday Dance Night!

We need volunteers for:

- Baked goods to be dropped off Friday,
- Volunteers to work in the St. Mark's booth,

- Volunteers to help with games,
- Volunteers to help throughout the day among other things.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Office or contact Melissa in the Office. Don't forget to spread the word. Flyers are available. Check the St. Mark's Facebook page.

Missourians for Healthy Families & Fair Wages is now Prop A!

We are canvassing from the MOJWJ Office, 2725 Clifton Avenue, 63139 **EVERY** Saturday and Sunday afternoon through Election Day, Tuesday November 5 and Wednesday & Friday Canvasses starting in the afternoons for both Prop A & Am.

3. Visit <https://mojwj.org/upcoming-events/>

Endorsements! We still need organizational endorsements for Prop A! Take this to your Executive Boards, your vestries, Social Justice Committees & community organizations! Use this website: <https://mohealthyfamilies.org/endorsements/>

Help Episcopalians Advocate for Justice in Missouri

During the 2024 Missouri Legislative Session, Episcopalians in the Diocese of Missouri started using software called Voter Voice to contact legislators and, more importantly, expand our networks of Christians across Missouri advocating for the prevention of gun violence, for publicly governed public education, for healthcare for LGBTQIA people and more.

We must continue to build our advocacy network to make our voices heard as Christians advocating for justice and peace in Missouri. We must continue to strengthen relationships with our legislators and build our presence in Jefferson City during the 2025 Legislative Session. Long-term, I hope this organizing tool will be used in both Episcopal Dioceses and shared with other justice-minded Christian groups in Missouri, to better coordinate our advocacy in Jeff City. A first step for 2025 is securing funding to renew our subscription in Voter Voice software - a powerful organizing tool that we just began to learn how to use in the 2024 Legislative Session, thanks to the generosity of Episcopalians at the 2023 Diocesan Convention. If you cannot give, please share this link. Our goal is to raise \$5000.00 by Monday, October 7th. All funds will go directly to the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, not to me. <https://gofund.me/f5ee91ed>

If you search directly on Go Fund Me, the campaign is called "Help Episcopalians Advocate for Justice in Missouri." THANK YOU!

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