

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fairland Parish



Holy Eucharist - Rite II

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 14

August 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

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The People enter, maintaining physical distance.

Prelude

Celebrant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let
 the whole earth stand in awe of him. Please rise
 as our worship begins with the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God Hymnal #423

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
 then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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.*

Canticle: O all ye works of God vss. 1,5,6 Hymnal #428

1. O all ye works of God,
now come to thank him and adore;
O angels, sing and bless the Lord
and praise him evermore.
5. O, let his people bless
the Lord like righteous souls of yore:

let those of holy, humble heart
come praise him evermore.

6. So let us glorify and bless
the God we bow before,
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
and praise him evermore.

*The Cantor leads the People as they sing or say the canticle, after which the
Celebrant continues:*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O Lord our God, you kindle in our hearts a fire for justice and in our minds the flame of truth: drive far from us all fear and lack of hope, that we may welcome all your gifts and await without dread the hour of your coming, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

^{15:1} After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

15:2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

15:3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

15:4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

15:5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

15:6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

After the reading, the Reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Celebrant: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 33:12-22

The Reader and People say the psalm responsively by half verse.

The People begin after the asterisk.

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- ¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- ¹⁹ To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.

²¹ Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

²² Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

^{11:1} Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

^{11:2} Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

^{11:3} By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

^{11:8} By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

^{11:9} By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

^{11:10} For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

^{11:11} By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-and Sarah herself was barren-because he considered him faithful who had promised.

^{11:12} Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

^{11:13} All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

^{11:14} for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

^{11:15} If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

^{11:16} But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

After the reading, the Reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Celebrant: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: O what their joy and their glory must be

Hymnal # 623, vss. 1-3

1. O what their joy and their glory must be,
those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see;
crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest:
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.
2. Truly, "Jerusalem" name we that shore,
city of peace that brings joy evermore;
wish and fulfillment are not severed there,
nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
3. There, where no troubles distraction can bring,
we the sweet anthems of Zion shall sing;
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise
thy blessed people eternally raise.

The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

^{12:32} "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

12:33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

12:35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

12:36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

12:37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

12:38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

12:39 "But know this: if the goodman of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

12:40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

After the reading, the Reader says

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Your Loins Girded, Your Lights Burning¹

A prepared text of the sermon is available on the church website.

After the sermon, the LEM leads the People as they say:

The Creed²

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
human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

¹ See Luke 12:35, Authorized Version (1611).

² From the 1975 ICET translation, used in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* and in most mainline Protestant churches. Adopted by the 1st Council of Nicaea (AD 325), the creed was extensively amended by the 1st Council of Constantinople (AD 481). The Mass of the Roman Rite, the 1549, 1662, and certain later versions of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and several churches in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox traditions set "I believe..." in place of the councils' "We believe..."

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor prays. In the silence after each bidding, the People may add their own petitions.

I ask your prayers for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those on the prayer list of this parish, and those whose needs are known to you alone.

Silence

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect(s).

The Confession of Sin

The LEM or Minister appointed may then say

Let us now confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept. The People stand or kneel.

The LEM or Minister may then lead the People in saying

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 neighbors 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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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. Amen.

*An LEM or other Minister using the preceding form shall substitute "us" for "you"
and "our" for "your."*

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in silence while keeping physical distance.

Offertory Music:

The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, giver of life and light; for by water and the Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

Sanctus

Hymnal S#130

The People say or sing

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, maker of all things, judge of all who live. You made us in your image and to live in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care and bade us be faithful stewards of its bounty. But we honored not your gifts, misused your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us. You called us into your promise, delivered us from bondage, sustained us in the wild, and sent prophets to bid us repent and return.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made human in Christ Jesus, to live as one of us, and to reveal your glory. Giving himself up to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and opened for us the way of everlasting life.

On the night before he died, as he sat at table with his friends, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The LEM leads the People as they say:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

In that mystery we offer to you this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may they become for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. May we who share them live as Christ’s Body in the world and enter into the everlasting heritage of your children and the joys of your salvation; through Christ and with Christ and in

Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

LEVAS # 264

The People say or sing

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence.

The Fraction Anthem Jesus, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S#164

The People say or sing

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant continues

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

The People come to the Altar Rail for Communion in the bread only.

Communion Hymn: This is the hour of banquet and of song
Hymnal # 316

1. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.
2. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us-our Shield and Sun.
3. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

Eternal God, holy Lord, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here. Please see the insert, website, and e-letters for more information

Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

Withdrawal Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice believers Hymnal # 68

1. Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.

2. See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

3. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

The Altar Party withdraws.

The LEM says

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour and Fellowship following this service.

The Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

Musical Notes: Each Sunday beginning July 17 we have sung 3 stanzas of Hymn 428 for the “Song of Praise” following the Collect for Purity. The words to this hymn are a paraphrase of *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, A*

Song of Creation, which is also Canticle 1. This is based on “The Song of the Three Holy Children” included in the Apocrypha, and said by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when imprisoned in the fire described in Chapter 3 of the Book of Daniel. The names of the three young men were further immortalized in the book of “Guys and Dolls”, one of the finest American musicals, when Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown engage in a flirtatious exchange around Biblical topics as they start to get acquainted, and Sky recalls winning a three horse parlay on horses with those names.

St. Mark’s Announcements

1. **At-Home Covid-19 Self-Test kits** are available, free of charge, in the church office.
 - a. There are 2 kits in each box; we will provide one box per person.
 - b. Please contact Janis Smith, our Parish Administrator, if you would like a box of test kits. Contact number: 301-622-5860.

2. **Please consider hosting Coffee Hour:** volunteers are needed to host coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is located on the wall beside the coffee pot. Instructions on what a host needs to do may be found on the clipboard. We give thanks for all those who have already volunteered this year!

3. **Do you have a favorite hymn we haven’t sung for a while you would like to sing?** Or a hymn we sang this year you would like to sing again? This summer we are starting what we hope will be a new musical tradition for summer months at St. Mark’s. We will sing one of your choices at the 10:30 service. It can be one from The Hymnal 1982 or from the LEVAS supplement. Just let Don know. You can fill in the form below and place it in the offering plate, give it to him after church, or email him at donaldrhague@gmail.com. Please feel free to suggest a hymn whether you attend St. Mark’s in person, or via the livestream.

Hymn Name

Number in Hymnal 1982 or LEVAS, if known,

(If you do not know the name just list the first few words.)

Please check your e-letters and the website for the most up-to-date information.

Save the Date

- ***Sunday August 21: Pool Day, Calverton Swim Club***
 - **8:00 am: Holy Eucharist service at St. Mark's**
 - **11:00 am: Holy Eucharist in the Calverton Swim Club Pavilion**
 - **Noon: Pool and Club Time.** St. Mark's parishioners may stay as guests and use the pool, grills, playground, basketball courts, horseshoes, lounge chairs, etc. *Note: All parishioners and families are welcome, no matter which service you typically attend. There will be no 10:30 service at St. Mark's on this day.*
- ***July/August- Backpacks project:*** St. Mark's Backpack Assembly will be on Saturday, August 20th, from 3pm to 5pm, in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be provided. We plan to donate at least 70 brand new backpacks, full of new school supplies, to Galway Elementary School. We need your help on assembly day. Donations are also needed to make this all possible. In addition to backpacks, we need crayons, markers, colored pencils, #2 pencils, composition books, wide ruled notebook paper, glue

sticks, children's scissors, erasers, pencil sharpeners, student headphones and ball point pens. The school does not need 3-ring binders, and all backpacks and supplies must be new! Supplies may be dropped off in the church office, or ordered directly from Amazon.com for delivery to St. Mark's. Here's the link to the registry to place an order: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/281D6YRO7JODS/guest-view>. There are items on the list to fit every budget, and all gifts are appreciated. Outreach funds will be used to buy items that aren't donated. Backpacks will be blessed on Sunday, August 21st.

- ***Sunday, September 25: Installation of the Rector.*** The service starts at 4:00 pm. All are welcome. More information will be forthcoming.

More information on these upcoming events will be forthcoming so that you can plan accordingly.

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We hope that our service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you, and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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