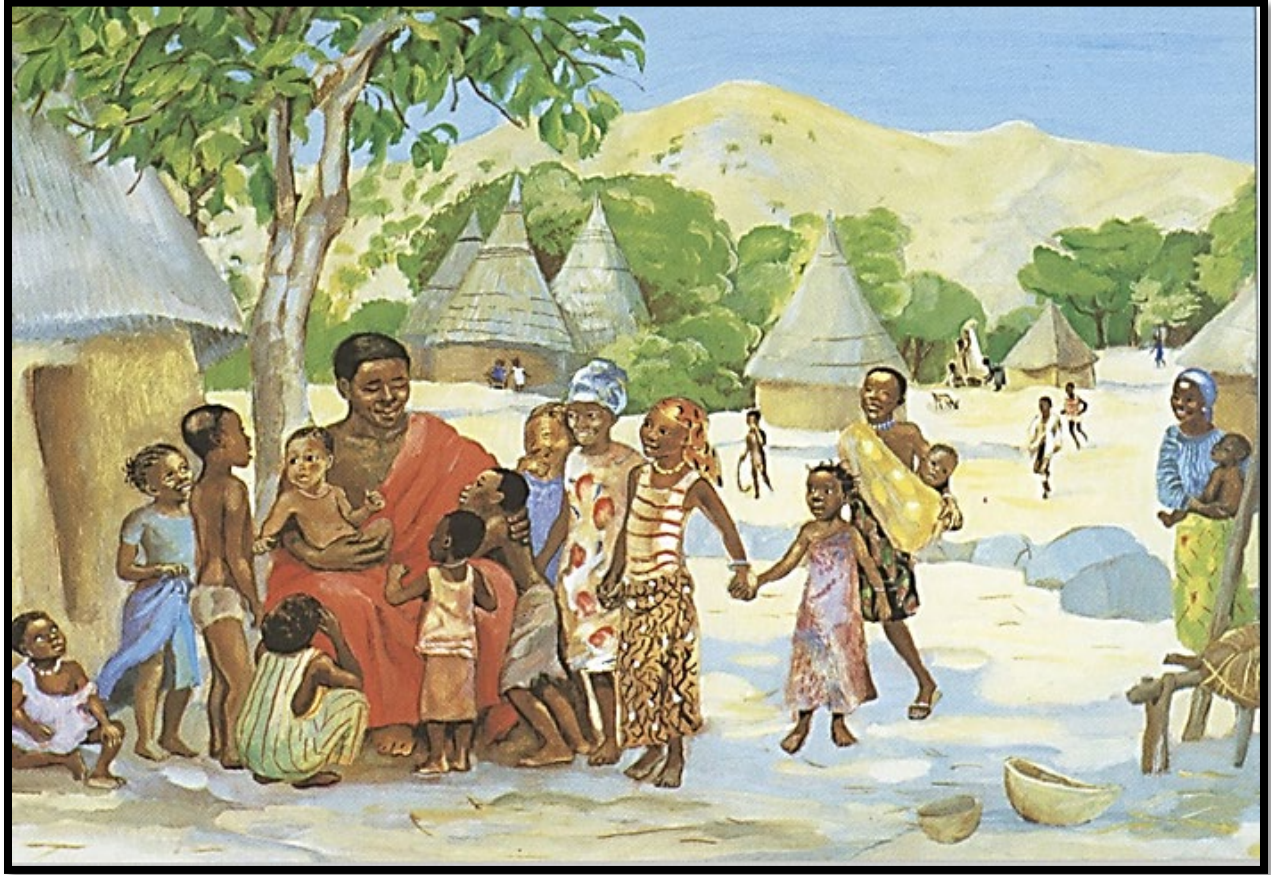


20th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 - 8:00am, October 6, 2024



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish, in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

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The People stand. The Celebrant says.

Opening Rites

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

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Morning Cantic: *Surely it is God who saves me* Hymnal 1982, #679

The Cantor and People sing or recite the Cantic.

1. Surely it is God who saves me;
trusting him, I shall not fear. For the
Lord defends and shields me and his
saving help is near. So rejoice as you
draw water from salvation's living

spring; in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.
2. Make his deeds known to the
peoples; tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great

things; all his works his might
proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in
singing; for with you has come to

dwell, in your very midst, the great
and Holy One of Israel.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The People are seated.

The First Lesson

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

2 One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²The LORD said to the accuser, "Where have you come from?" The accuser answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it." ³The LORD said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his

integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.”⁴ Then the accuser answered the LORD, “Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life.”⁵ But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.”⁶ The LORD said to the accuser, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

⁷ So the accuser went out from the presence of the LORD and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die.”¹⁰ But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: *Judica me, Domine*

Psalm 26

The Cantor will chant the Psalm, or the LEM will lead the People in reciting it.

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

² Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are humans that you are mindful of them
or mortals that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

² Some, testing him, asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵ But Jesus said to

them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon:

Courageous Discipleship – a Message from the Rector and the Bishop¹

The Nicene Creed²

As the People say the creed, a Deacon or Priest prepares the altar for the Eucharist.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

¹ The text of the Sermon may be found online via the links to this service in the weekly E-Letter.

² The People may substitute ‘I’ for ‘We’ when reciting the Nicene Creed.

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;
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 LEM says

Let us now pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

During the silence after each prayer, the People may add their own petitions.

Heavenly Father, you have called us through your Son, Jesus Christ, to guide all people to walk in your way of love. We ask that you grant us chances to share

that love, the courage to speak the truth, and faithfulness to nurture those given into our care.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

God of Grace, we give you thanks for our many blessings. All that we have we owe to you: the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Loving Creator, help us to become more prayerful, loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and less anxious over material things.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

God of mercy, help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of our resources by sharing them for your purposes.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Giver of all that is good, you call us to work together to build up, and to be, your church. Unite us in heart and mind that we may strengthen and sustain it. Inspire us to give to that end according to our ability, and to honor the gifts of others.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Blessed redeemer, guide us to serve our church, our community, and our world with all you have given us, and all that they have helped us earn.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect as follows

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Officiant then says

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say

Merciful and sustaining God,
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 cherished the beauty of creation, and we have not preserved its
bounty:

 remind us that all that lives cannot live without them.

We have misused the fruits of the earth and those who labor upon it:
 grant us the wisdom to stop doing so.

We have craved more than we need, and desired more than we ought:
 give us the courage to live with integrity.

Forgive and renew us through our Lord Jesus Christ and
 by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live
 and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Comfort

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

All things came into being through the Word, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Amen. *John 1:3-4*

With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. *Amen. Ephesians 1:8-10*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. *Amen. Colossians 1:15-16*

In Christ all things hold together. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. *Amen. Colossians 1:17b, 19*

The Peace

The People stand.

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

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another.

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you,

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The People, led by the LEM, say

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

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

The LEM leads the People as they pray

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 Celebrant continues

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The LEM may then lead the People in reciting this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

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

The People come to the Altar Rail to receive the gifts or a blessing.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM then leads the People in this prayer*

Almighty, ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

Now, may the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and of the world they made good; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you, always. *Amen.*

The LEM says

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart.

**The Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God
in memory of the victims of Hurricane Helene.**

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Reader, LEM, Intercessor and Altar Guild

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St. Mark's Mission & Vision

Mission

- ❖ To love God, love our Neighbors, and serve Christ in all persons.

Vision: St. Mark's

- ❖ Invites, welcomes, and connects people to God and one another in a thriving church community.
- ❖ Fosters opportunities for people to serve those around them.
- ❖ Promotes equity, justice, accessibility, and care for creation.

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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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