

# Twenty-Second Wednesday after Pentecost

*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, November 12, 2025 - 10:30am*



Riderwood Chapel

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*The Celebrant says:*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Please join in singing the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #365, vv.1-3

*Come, thou almighty King*

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy Name to sing, help us to praise. Father whose love unknown all things created own, build in our hearts thy throne, Ancient of Days.

establish thy righteousness, Savior and friend.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored; our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless; come, give thy word success;

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour: thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

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 for ever. 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.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant prays*

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from Haggai 1:15b-2:9

<sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

2 In the second year of King Darius, <sup>1</sup> in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: <sup>2</sup> “Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: <sup>3</sup> Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? <sup>4</sup> Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. <sup>6</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, <sup>7</sup> and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup> The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: *Cantate Domino*

*Spoken, alternating by whole verse.*

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 *With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.*
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.
- 4 *He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.*
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 *Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.*
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 *Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.*
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 *In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.*

#### A Reading from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

2 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any

way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 1982, hymn #481, vv.1,2,&4  
*Rejoice the Lord is King!*

*Refrain: Lift up your heart! lift up your voice! Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!*

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. *Refrain*

2. The Lord the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love: when he had

purged our stains, he took his seat above. *Refrain*

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. *Refrain*

The Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

*Then, 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.

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Some Sadducees

The Nicene Creed<sup>1</sup>

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.

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<sup>1</sup> The People may substitute ‘I’ for ‘We’ when reciting the Nicene Creed.

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 Intercessor says*

Let us 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.*

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering,  
and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

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

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, for wisdom, and  
for the well-being of all.

*Silence*

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

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

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

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

*Silence*

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

We pray for those who have lost their faith, or who have never known it. Pray  
that God may open their minds, and grace move their hearts, to know and to  
follow Christ's way of love.

*Silence*

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

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

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

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to  
you alone.

*Silence*

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:*

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost. Inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## The Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept. The Celebrant and People together make confession.*

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 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.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you,

*People:* And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another.*

Offertory Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #188

*Love's redeeming work is done*

1. Love's redeeming work is done,  
fought the fight, the battle won.  
Death in vain forbids him rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

2. Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?

Once he died our souls to save,  
where thy victory, O grave?

3. Soar we now where Christ has  
led, following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise,  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

*Then follows*

*THE DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ

our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you have made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name,

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-129

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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

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 keeps a period of silence.*

*The Celebrant and People then say:*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant then says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant and LEM distribute Communion to the People.*

Communion Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #317

*This is the hour of banquet and of song*

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 and People say*

Almighty and everliving 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, Father, 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.*

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries  
*Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries if any, are made here.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

*The Celebrant says*

May Almighty God, from whom all blessings flow, make you swift to love,  
hasten you to do good, and send you forth in peace.

Closing Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #397

*Now thank we all our God*

1. Now thank we all our God, with  
heart, and hands, and voices, who  
wondrous things hath done, in  
whom his world rejoices; who from  
our mother's arms hath blessed us  
on our way with countless gifts of  
love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us! with  
ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace  
to cheer us; and keep us in his grace,

and guide us when perplexed, and  
free us from all ills in this world and  
the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the  
Father now be given, the Son, and  
him who reigns with them in  
highest heaven, eternal, Triune  
God, whom earth and heaven  
adore; for thus it was, is now, and  
shall be, evermore.

*The Celebrant says*

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

*The People say*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Note: We're making progress on the Little Free Library for the St. Mark's Bus Stop.  
What **we** need now: A few folks with upper body strength to dig post holes and pour  
some quickcrete. Instruction will be provided by the library's builder and the parish

administrator. Service-Learning Hours available if applicable. Either give your name to the office or text the Strategic Team at 240-461-1647. The date is TBD in November, so there is some flexibility. Thanks in advance!

### UPCOMING EVENTS – Save the Date

Sunday, November 16, 2025: Commitment Sunday.

Wednesday, November 26, 2025: Thanksgiving Service.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025: November Vestry Meeting: 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.

Tuesday, December 9, 2025: Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting: 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.

Sunday, December 14, 2025: Guest Clergy: The Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, Assistant Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington (EDOW), will visit St. Mark's on Sunday, December 14, 2025. Please plan to join us ~ at 8am or 10:30am, to give Bishop Sutton a very warm St. Mark's welcome.

Tuesday, December 16, 2025: December Vestry Meeting: 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.

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

### 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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*Parish Office hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by appointment.  
Rector regular office hours: Tuesday, 10am - 5:30pm (2:00 pm – 9:30 pm on days when the FOC or Vestry meets), and Wednesday 12pm - 5:30pm. If you would like to speak with the Rector, please call him during his office hours at 301-622-5860, or schedule an appointment to meet with him during his office hours. If you have a pastoral emergency outside of the Rector's regular hours, please call the office, call the Wardens at 240-821-4584, or send an email to [pastoralcare@stmarks-silverspring.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stmarks-silverspring.org). We will reach out to the Rector to see if he is available. You may also request care online by completing our Pastoral Care Request Form at: <https://stmarks-silverspring.org/pastoral-care-at-st-marks/>.*

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We hope that today's 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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