

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021
Holy Eucharist – Rite II
9:00 a.m.



Welcome!

We are delighted to have you joining us for worship today! Everything you need to follow along with the service is contained in this bulletin. Face coverings are optional at our 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. The clergy and staff will wear face coverings during the service, and while engaging with children. The CDC recommends that all people, especially those who are unvaccinated, wear a mask in public indoor spaces in areas of substantial or high transmission.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of my husband, Walter Smithwick III by Cornelia Covington Smithwick.*

Organ Voluntary Prambule

Louis Vierne

Please stand

Hymn in Procession – God himself is with us (*Tysk*)

God himself is with us; let us all adore him, and with awe appear before him.
God is here within us; souls in silence fear him, humbly, fervently draw near him.
Now his own who have known God, in worship lowly, yield their spirits wholly.
Gladly, Lord, we offer thine to be forever, soul and life and each endeavor.
Help us to surrender earth's deceitful treasures, pride of life, and sinful pleasures:
thou alone shalt be known Lord of all our being, life's true way decreeing.
Thou pervades all things; let thy radiant beauty light mine eyes to see my duty.
As the tender flowers eagerly unfold them, to the sunlight calmly hold them,
so let me quietly in thy rays imbue me; let thy light shine through me.
Come, abide within me; let my soul, like Mary, be thine earthly sanctuary.
Come, in-dwelling Spirit, with transfiguring splendor; love and honor will I render.
Where I go here below, let me bow before thee, know thee and adore thee.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

musical setting: Robert Powell

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 90:12-17 *read responsively by half verse*

12 So teach us to number our days *

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Second 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn – O for a closer walk with God (*Caithness*)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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Holy Gospel – Mark 10:17-31

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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 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.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 2nd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel.

Sermon – The Very Rev. Frank Limehouse

Please stand

Nicene Creed *said by all*

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 worshipped 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 – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 and Absolution *please kneel or stand*

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

All **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.**

Clergy 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.**

Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem – Walk an extra mile

Jane Southwick Cool

Jesus said, "Do not take revenge." Jesus said, "Turn the other cheek." Jesus said, "Pray for those who hate you and walk an extra mile." Jesus said, "Give to those who ask." Jesus said, "Don't refuse to lend." Jesus said, "Give of all you have and walk an extra mile." Dare to do what the Lord requires of you, working toward the goal of perfection. Say, "I'll try to be what the Lord expects of me," chosen through his love to bear the name of Christian. Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Jesus said, "Perfect and complete." Jesus said, "Then you will be acting as children of our heavenly Father," striving to be true. That is required of you!"

– Text and music by Jane Southwick Cool © Choristers Guild

Offertory Hymn – The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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

musical setting: William Mathias

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

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

After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death; We proclaim his resurrection; We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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 Mark and 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *All sing three times:* **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

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

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

musical setting: Gerald Near

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. When the usher directs you, please stand and walk forward to the altar rail using the center aisle. The bread (with a drop of wine already on it) is received in the open palm as you kneel or remain standing at the rail and consumed immediately. Gluten/wine free wafers are available upon request; simply ask the clergy. If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Return to your seat using the side aisles. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Anthem – Walk in the way of the Lord

Eugene Butler

This is the way, walk in it. Let us walk in the way of the Lord. House of Jacob, walk in it. Let us walk in the light of God. People of Zion weep no more. At the sound of your voice, he, when he hears, will be gracious; he will hear your cry.

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Please stand

Prayer for Mission

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.**

Blessing

Hymn in Procession – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:

though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,

shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven thy throne:

thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:

thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

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Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Worship Participants

Acolytes – Bella Bryan, H Burkett, Maggie Kidd, Mamie Burkett

Lectors – Sara McCarty, Nic Mandolini, Susannah Collins **Verger** – Paula Phelan

Ushers – Nic Mandolini, Jeff Bryan, Jeff Smith, Frank Scheu **Flower Guild** – Caroline Summerlin, Nancy Knight

Altar Guild – Julie Shapiro, Barbara Pickett, Cathy Heffernan, Heather Bryant, Janie Boyd, Anne Ellis, Debbie Fannin

Music Notes

“God himself is with us” and “O for a closer walk” reflect the call in today’s Gospel to give up worldly things to follow Jesus. “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” fits well with the reading from Hebrews, especially when it refers to Jesus as “robed in flesh, our great High Priest.” Both choral anthems reflect the reading from Amos as well as Christ’s words in today’s Gospel reading about what must be done to inherit eternal life and how to act as children of God.

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Parish News – October 10, 2021

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

- Sunday, October 10 – 10 a.m. – Christian Formation for all ages – various locations – details below
- Sunday, October 10 – 6-8 p.m. – Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) – Youth Center – details below
- Monday, October 11 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. – MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers; 2nd/4th Mon.) – Youth Center
- Monday, October 11 – 5:30-7 p.m. – Walking the Mourners Path – Library
- Tuesday, October 12 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Community Bible Study – various locations
- Wednesday, October 13 – 11:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite I – Chapel
- Wednesday, October 13 – 5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist and Healing: Rite II – Chapel
- Friday, October 15 – 7 a.m. – Men's Bible Study – Library in person and via Zoom

Fall Christian Formation TODAY

Lion's Forum (adults) – We just wrapped up our first series, “Church: A Place to Belong”, which is now available as a podcast on the church website under “Classes” or wherever you regularly subscribe to podcasts. Join us today for a special Lion's Forum featuring the Very Rev. Frank Limehouse leading a class about Caring for the Church based on Acts 20:28. Our next series “Church: The Way to Draw Near”, featuring a book study of Hebrews, will begin on October 17.

Youth – This Fall the middle and high school students will be walking through the book of John using a new curriculum by Rooted Ministries. Youth Sunday School will take place in the Youth Center.

Children – This Fall our children will be diving into our new *Hearts Alive* Curriculum that includes lectionary-based lessons, yummy snacks and fun crafts! 3-year-olds, who are potty-trained, through 3rd graders will meet in Hope House. 4th and 5th graders will meet in Grace House.

Episcopal Youth Community TONIGHT

All Youth are welcome to meet in the Youth Center on Sunday evenings for Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)! Junior High (6th-8th grade) meets from 6-6:45 p.m.; dinner is from 6:45-7:15 p.m.; and Senior High (9th-12 grade) meets from 7:15-8 p.m. Bring a friend and join us as we continue our new teaching series, “Who is my neighbor”. Contact Nicolas Mandolini, Director of Youth Ministry, with questions or for information at (813) 447-9975.



EYC College Visit – Sunday, October 17

Attention all Senior High Students (9th-12th grade)! Come join EYC for our first college visit next Sunday, October 17, at The University of Florida. We'll leave after the 9 a.m. service and return later in the evening. In addition to touring the university, we'll experience campus ministry and join students at the Chapel of the Incarnation for a night of dinner and worship.



Upcoming Lion's Forum Series

The Lion's Forum will continue next Sunday with our new series “Church: The Way to Draw Near”. In this series we will walk together through the letter to the Hebrews and discover why God is calling us as a church body to worship him through Jesus, our great high priest and how our liturgy leads us into the nearer presence of God. We will use the Rev. Charlie Holt's book *Draw Near* as our guide through this letter; copies can be purchased for \$20 today in Leatherbury Hall or throughout the week in The Red Lion Gift Shop.

Retire old Books of Common Prayer, Hymnals, and Bibles and donate new ones!

The pandemic has provided us with an opportunity to examine our prayer books, hymnals, and Bibles, and to lovingly retire the ones that are worn out and damaged. You may be aware that Boy Scout troops around the country retire aged American flags by respectfully burning them. Because we don't want to just 'throw them away,' we will follow the Boy Scouts' example by 'retiring' our old BCPs, hymnals and Bibles in this way. If you have such books at home that you would like to include, please drop them off in the baskets at the back of the church or in the church office by All Saints' Sunday, November 7.

To help offset the cost of replacements, parishioners are invited to give a donation in honor, in thanksgiving, or in memory of loved ones, and these dedications will be placed on a book plate inside the front cover. The suggested donation for each book is \$30 or 4 books for \$100. This is a unique way to recognize the special people in your life! Dedication forms will be located at the back of the church and in the church office.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Week of October 10 – October 16

Jamie Baldwin, Bill Barnett, Chuck Boyd, Simms Brent, Nicole Bryan, John Cassidy, Judy D'Antignac, Daisy Davidson, Sue Devault, Charlie Dudley, Rowan Gehring, Walter Gilbert, Alden Gulliford, Dottie King, Judy Lanier, Anne Lee, Laurel Lee, Jack McNulty, Joe Parks, Leigh Philips, David Poole, Alison Anne Sausaman, Barbara Stevenson, Heather Surface, Lucas Thompson, Lori Trobaugh, West Tyre and Lilly Whitner

If your birthday is this week and your name is not listed or if you do not want your birthday to be listed, please contact the church office.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or need prayer, please contact the Rev. Cn. Nancy Suellau at 388-2681 or nsuellau@stmarksjacksonville.org. St. Mark's has a public prayer list, read aloud on Sundays and a confidential prayer list, shared only with clergy and the intercessory prayer team. To add a name to one of these prayer lists, contact Rev. Suellau.

A note from your clergy

If you need a receptive ear or comforting voice in this challenging environment, St. Mark's clergy are available to speak, listen and pray with you by phone. Please email any of us to schedule a time to talk or to schedule a Home Communion.

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