

Morning Prayer

Rite I



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Johnstown, PA**

July 7, 2024

Hymn 637 How firm a foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be
always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my
redeemer.

Confession of Sin

The Leader says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of
Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear
his holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others,
those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And

so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, kneeling or standing

*Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,*

*we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.*

*But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader	Lord, open our lips.
People	<i>And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.</i>

Leader and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Please be seated

The Lessons

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said,
“Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul
was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it
in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of
my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all
the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King
David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD,

and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God;
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God has established her for ever.

- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O
God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the
world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to

take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Hymn 657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.
Amen.*

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Leader *The Lord be with you.*

People *And with thy spirit.*

Leader *Let us pray.*

Leader and People

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.

Suffrages A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and infirmity: Be present

in your goodness with your servants: Bill & Doris Horner, Adam Cole, Val, Carol Fyock, Carol Adams and Family, Susan Kelly, John & Louise Mead, Catherine McCloskey, Michele Tononi, Kelly Majer, Rick McKinley, Charlotte Ditko, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Daniel Wertz, and Stacy Moskal that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servants, especially Doug Greig and Marjorie Raab; and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, thou will receive them more and more into thy joyful service, that with all who have faithfully served you in the past, they may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls,

and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makes us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit,
that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget
thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole
body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified:
Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee
for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and
ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn 671 “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 347 “Go forth for God”

Go forth for God; go forth to the world in peace;
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,
Till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;
Strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,
Help the afflicted; richly from above
His love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go forth to the world in strength;
Hold fast the good, be urgent for the right,
Render to no man evil; Christ at length
Shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God; go forth to the world in joy,
To serve Christ's brethren every day and hour,
And serving Christ, his every gift employ,
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Bill & Doris Horner, Adam Cole, Val, Carol Fyock, Carol Adams
and Family, Susan Kelly, John & Louise Mead, Catherine
McCloskey, Michele Tononi, Kelly Majer, Rick McKinley,
Charlotte Ditko, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca
Church, Daniel Wertz, Stacy Moskal.

Family and Friends Serving our Country:

Justin Erdley, Michael Custer, Dan Kell, Gary Hogman, Jason Ross, Casey Gossard, Josh Whitney, Brian Walker, Stephen Ingram, Jonathan Onufro.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Amy Whitlow, Cindy Leap, Mike Teore, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Regina Hoover, Richard Burkert, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Brooklyn Balamuta & Family, Carey Chiodo, Jim Russell, Lou Hoffer, Lillie Nesbit, Agatha Chero, and Marci Thomas.

Schedule for Readers & Greeters July 2024

Lisa Loncella has posted a list of Readers & Greeters in the July Grapevine. If you are unavailable for those dates, please contact her.

Christmas in July

Don't forget: We will be having "Christmas in July" on Sunday, July 21st.

Sunday: The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday July 7th 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday July 10th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Pet Food
7:00 pm	Compline at the Rectory

Thursday July 11th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Pet Food

Next Sunday: The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday July 14th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Saturday July 20th Saturday's Kitchen 10:00 am

(If you are able to help at Saturday's Kitchen, please contact

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Retired clergy, including the Rev. William Haslett, the Rev. Louis Hays, the Rev. Austin Hurd, the Rev. Dr. Canon Jay Geisler, and the Rev. James Simons

Altar Flowers Given To The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Doug Greig
2nd Anniversary
July 9th
From the Pet Food Pantry

In Loving Memory of
Marjorie Raab
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service***

