

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Cross Day

14 September 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn # 569 God the Omnipotent!

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria S280

BCP 355

The Collect of the Day:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 14

- 1 The foolish have said in their hearts, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The HOLY ONE looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon God?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but God is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when God restores the fortunes of the people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be

more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Th Prayers of the People Form II

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Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession

BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace

BCP 360

Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving EP A BCP 361
Sanctus S128

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem S154

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn # 684 *O for a closer walk with God*

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Hymn # 439 *What wondrous love is this?*

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time, please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. 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.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Donald Batrus, Cynthia Frank, Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Casey Dagenhardt, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, , Betty Burdge, Jennifer, Keith Hipp.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bill & Doris Horner, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

Annual Parish Meeting

Mark your calendars for September 28th when we hold our Annual Parish Meeting with Nomination of New Vestry Members. This is a very important Meeting for the Parish.

A Special “Thank You” to Maryann Marchl for her donation of \$500 to our Building Fund Campaign. Although Maryann lives in the Pittsburgh area she and her parents were members of St Mark’s for many years. She keeps in touch with us. St. Mark’s is her home.

Readers and Greeters September- October 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

Sept. 14 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
Sept. 21 st	Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell Loncella
Sept. 28 th	Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry
Oct. 5 th	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie
Oct. 12 th	Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie
Oct. 19 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
Oct. 26 th	Lisa Bell Loncella & Pam Hysong

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

Sept. 14 th	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
Sept. 21 st	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Sept. 28 th	Richard Burkert & Joann Lacko
Oct. 5 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
Oct. 12 th	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
Oct. 19 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Oct. 26 th	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden

Sunday: The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 14th 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sept. 18th 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Next Sunday: The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 21st 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14 September 2025

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Episcopal Church Women; and Education for Ministry

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

As a Loving Birthday Remembrance

For

Patricia Shaffer

September 15th

From Larry & Family

In Loving Memory of

Job Ireland

Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

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