

Morning Prayer

Rite I



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

October 26, 2025

Officiant: 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.

Hymn # 507

Praise the Spirit in Creation

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

The Officiant says to the people

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.*

Leader

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

All stand

Leader O Lord, open thou our lips.
People *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

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
Alleluia

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *O come, let us adore him.*

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.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *O come, let us adore him.*

Psalm 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
 to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
 because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
 but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
 and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
 they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
 by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
 O God of our salvation, *
 O Hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
 they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
 the roaring of their waves,
 and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
 your marvelous signs; *
 you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
 you make it very plenteous; *
 the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
 for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
 increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

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

The Lessons

The Old Testament: A Reading from the Book of Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

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 dweltest 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.

The Epistle: A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum* *Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *

so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

The Gospel: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Homily

Lisa Bell-Loncella

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 B

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
R. *Govern them and lift them up for ever.*
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. *And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.*
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. *O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.*
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. *As our trust is in thee.*
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. *Let me never be confounded.*

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest 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 dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning:

Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy 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.*

Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

Leader	<i>The Lord be with you.</i>
People	And with thy spirit.
Leader	<i>Let us pray.</i>

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.*

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 Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Donald Batrus, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Betty Burdge, Keith Hipp, Ardean Kreasko, 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.*

Father of all, we pray to you for Richard, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *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.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks*

*for all thy goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.*

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.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 680

O God, our help in ages past

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

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

Readers and Greeters October-November 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

Oct. 26 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Pam Hysong
Nov. 2 nd	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie
Nov. 9 th	Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry
Nov. 16 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
Nov. 23 rd	Donovan Pendell & Pam Hysong
Nov. 30 th	Donna Carosi & Lisa Bell-Loncella

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

Oct. 26 th	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden
Nov. 2 nd	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
Nov. 9 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
Nov. 16 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Nov. 23 rd	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden
Nov. 30 th	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

Sunday: The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday October 26th 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Next Sunday: The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday: Nov. 2nd 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

“All Saints Day”

Thursday Nov. 6th 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

October 26, 2025

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Campus Ministry, and the Rev. Dan Isadore; the Children's Ministry Team, and Jen Yoon, coordinator

Alter Flowers Given To The Greater Glory of God

In Celebration of October Birthdays
From Lisa Bell-Loncella

Next Week's Readings

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

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

