

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church



## The First Sunday After Pentecost

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### Services

Sunday	May 31, 2026	Holy Eucharist II 10:00 am
Mon-Thurs.	Office Hours	9:00-3:00

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn #368**

**Holy Father, great Creator**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Gloria***

***S280***

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

## **Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the

earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the

breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 8    *Domine, Dominus noster***

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
    how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
    your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
    to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers \*  
    the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
    the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
    you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands;\*  
    you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
    even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

### **The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **Hymn #370**

### **I bind unto myself**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

*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 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**

### **Form IV**

*Deacon or other leader*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

### **Prayer 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.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen*

### **Confession of Sin**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*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**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

**Anthem**

**Choir and Organist**

**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 Great Thanksgiving**

*The Celebrant faces the people and 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 him thanks and praise.

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

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

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 S128***

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he 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 [\_\_\_\_\_ 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. *AMEN.*

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

*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.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### ***Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover S154***

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.*

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.

### **Hymn #423**

### **Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

*After Communion the Celebrant says,*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of God's son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

## **Hymn #432**

## **O praise the Lord**

Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People Thanks be to God.*

From *The Book of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

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

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in 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. Cleanse 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.*

**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.*

**Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Catherine McCloskey, Carol Adams, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Maryann Marchl, Bethany McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Randy Maurer, Joann Cieslo, Keith Hipp.

**Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

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

***Readers and Greeters May- June 2026***

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell- Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

**Sunday Readers**

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Joann Lacko & Donna Carosi

June 14<sup>th</sup>

Doug Zawiskie & Colleen Curry

June 21<sup>st</sup> Donovan Pendell & Richard Burkert  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko

### **Sunday Greeters & Ushers**

May 31<sup>st</sup> Jane & Gerry Strittmatter  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Amy & Penn Whitlow  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Tina Grata & Joann Lacko  
June 21<sup>st</sup> Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Sam & Heidi Buchan

### **May and June Worship Schedule**

May 31<sup>rst</sup> **Trinity Sunday – Share the Feast**  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Kimberly Karashin  
Services at St. Mark’s, Johnstown

June 7<sup>th</sup> **Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Morning Prayer Rite I, Colleen Curry Leading

June 14<sup>th</sup> **Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Norman Erb-White Presiding

June 21<sup>st</sup> **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Morning Prayer Rite II, Doug Zawiskie Leading

June 28<sup>th</sup> **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Regis Smolko Presiding

**Sunday: The First Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday May 31<sup>rst</sup> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

**Next Sunday: The Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Morning Prayer Rt I  
Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Pet Pantry

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

31 May 2026

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Trinity Cathedral. Pittsburgh. The Rev. Aidan Smith, the Rev Canon Dr. May Jayne Ledgerwood, The Rev. Deacon Carter Haley, The Rev. Nicole Star and the Cathedral Chapter; and the Walk-In-Ministry at Trinity Cathedral

## **Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of  
John Roman  
Perpetual Flower  
(From March 1<sup>st</sup>)

In Loving Memory of  
Patricia Shaffer  
From Larry & Family  
(From March 15<sup>th</sup>)  
18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## **Next Week's Readings**

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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