

Morning Prayer

Rite II



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

August 2, 2026

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalm 43:3

Confession of Sin

Leader invites the People to join in the Confession.

Leader and People together, kneeling or standing.

*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*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Leader	Lord, open our lips.
People	<i>And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.*

Antiphon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come, let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Please be seated.

Psalm: 17:1-7,16

Exaudi, Domine

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O God;

give heed to my cry; *

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *

melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *

I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

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

The First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

First Canticle *The Third Song of Isaiah*

Surge, illuminare

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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 Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from

them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all,
God blessed forever. Amen.

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Second Canticle The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Homily

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.

Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory

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

Hymn 696

By gracious powers

The Doxology

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

Leader *The Lord be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Leader *Let us pray.*

Leader and People

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church;
and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect
and govern it always by your goodness; 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, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of
the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this
day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week
to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light 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 your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day; Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfillment of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *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: *Catherine Ann McCloskey, Carol Adams, Cindy Leap, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl, Joanne McKinley, William Horner and Family, Joann Cieslo*, 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 today your faithful servants who have gone before us, Terry Astleford, Bettiemae Harder, and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, you will receive them more and more into your 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.*

Hymn 404

We will extol you

The General Thanksgiving

Leader 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 our selves 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, you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised
through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now,
O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us
in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

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

From *The Book of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

Psalms from *St. Helena's Psalter* 2004

Remember Today in Your Prayers:

Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Catherine McCloskey, Joanne McKinley, William Horner and Family, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, Carol Adams, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Joann Cieslo and Flo Warfel.

Continue to Remember in Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, John Rogers, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn & Tyler McKinley and Marlene Rhin.

Our Annual Picnic Lunch

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 15th when we have our annual Pulled Pork Picnic Lunch Take Out.

All the necessary items for the Take Out Lunch have been donated. However, we are still in need of Monetary donations to purchase the Pork and Cabbage.

Sunday: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 2nd 10:00 am Morning Prayer Rt II

Thursday: August 6th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Pet Panty

Next Sunday: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 9th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt II

Friday August 14th Prep for Pulled Pork Lunch

Saturday Augusts 15th Pulled Pork Picnic

Readers and Greeters August 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

August 2 nd	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie
August 9 th	Donna Carosi & Donovan Pendell
August 16 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Richard Burkert
August 23 rd	Colleen Curry & Joann Lacko
August 30 th	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

August 2 nd	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
August 9 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
August 16 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
August 23 rd	Sam & Heidi Buchan
August 30 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow

August Worship Schedule

August 2 **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning Prayer, Lisa Bell-Loncella

August 9 **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Kim Karashin, Presiding

August 16 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning Prayer, Colleen Curry

August 23 **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Regis Smolko, Presiding

August 30 **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Kim Karashin, Presiding

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

2 August 2026

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Retired clergy, including the Rev. William Geiger, the Rev. Dr. Judith Gentle, the Rev. John Golden Jr., the Rev. Louis Hays, the Rev. Carol Henley, the Rev. Austin Hurd, Jr. and the Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Bettimae Harder
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans: 10:5, 5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

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