

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

27 September 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #339

“Deck thyself, my soul”

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria S280

BCP 355

The Collect of the Day:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me,
not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is
God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to
work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Hymn #685

“Rock of Ages”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this

authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Kim Karashin

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

Discernment Prayer:

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.

Concluding collect
Confession

BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace

Announcements

Anthem

Come, O thou Traveler unknown

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
Sanctus S125

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BCP 369

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction (spoken)
BCP 364

Agnus Dei S164

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn #332

“O God, unseen”

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn #344

“Lord dismiss us, with thy blessing”

The Dismissal

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. 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:

Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Catherine McCloskey, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, Carol Adams, Shawn McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Joann Cieslo, Sheila Berezansky, Derwood Copeland, Stephen Machik, and Joe Gaborek..

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, William Horner and Family, John Rogers, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Tyler & Bethany McKinley, Marlene Rhin, and Flo Warfel.

Blessing of the Animals & Autumn Bake Sale

Please join us Saturday, October 3rd for our Blessing of the Animals and Autumn Bake Sale.

We will also be dedicating Mark & Maggie's Headstone AT 12:00 noon.

Warm Coat Clothing Drive

We will also be collecting gently used warm coats and jackets during the month of October.

Sunday: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday September 27th 10:00 Holy Eucharist II

Annual Parish Meeting

Pot Luck Luncheon

September 27th Eighteen Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist II Rev. Kim Karashin, presiding

October 4th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer II Doug Zawiskie, presiding

October 11th
Holy Eucharist II Bishop Ketlen Solak, presiding

October 18th
Holy Eucharist I Rev. Norman Erb White, presiding

October 25th
Morning Prayer I Colleen Curry, presiding

Readers and Greeters September-October 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

September 27 th	Doug Zawiskie & Tina Grata
October 4 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi
October 11 th	Donovan Pendell & Pam Hysong
October 18 th	Joann Lacko & Richard Burkert
October 25 th	Doug Zawiskie & Tina Grata
November 1 st	Colleen Curry & Donna Carosi

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

September 27 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
October 4 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
October 11 th	Tina Grata & Richard Burkert
October 18 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
October 25 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
November 1 st	Amy & Penn Whitlow

MISSION MONTH

Don't forget that September is Mission Month at St. Mark's. Our donations will go to Heifer International.

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DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Children's Ministry Team, and Jen Yoon, Coordinator,
and Sunday School teachers and Christian educators

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
My Aunt, Jane Larison
Birthday Remembrance
From Pam Hysong

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

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