

Morning Prayer

Rite II



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

September 6, 2026

Hymn #174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

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

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 *And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

Antiphon

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: 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 for the readings

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to God a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let the people of Israel rejoice in their Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their Monarch.

3 Let them praise God's Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.

4 God takes pleasure in the people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their rulers in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all God's faithful people.
Alleluia!

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in

this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed

Magna et mirabilia

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *

for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that

one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Homily

Lisa Bell-Loncella

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 #610

Lord, whose love through humble service

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 your 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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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: *Cindy Leap, Tina Grata, Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Catherine Ann McCloskey, Louise Mead, Carol Adams, Joanne McKinley, William Horner, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Mary Ann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Joanne Cieslo, Flo Warfel, Sheila Berzansky and Derwood Copeland*, 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, Laura Sweeney and the Smith & Sweeney Family, 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 #518

Christ's is made the sure foundation

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 #541

Come Labor On

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

Psalm from *St. Helena's Psalter* 2004

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Cindy Leap, Jane & Jerry Strittmatter. Catherine Ann McCloskey, Louise Mead, Carol Adams, Joanne McKinley, William Horner, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Joane Cieslo, Flo Warfel. Sheila Berzansky and Derwood Copeland.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

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

Readers and Greeters September 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 6 th	Donna Carosi & Donovan Pendell
September 13 th	Richard Burkert & Joann Lacko
September 20 th	Colleen Curry & Pam Hysong
September 27 th	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

September 6 th	Tina Grata & Richard Burkert
September 13 th	Joann Lacko & Colleen Curry
September 20 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
September 27 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan

*** Greeters – please be prepared to count the offering following the service

September 6th Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Lisa Bell-Loncella, presiding

September 13th Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist II Canon Wes Smedley, presiding

September 20th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer II Pam Hysong, presiding

September 27th Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist II Rev. Kim Karashin, presiding

October 4th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer II Doug Zawiskie, presiding

October 11th Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist II Right Rev. Ketlen Solack, presiding

Sunday: The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Sept. 6th 10:00 am Morning Prayer Rt II

Next Sunday: The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Sept. 13th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt II

Thursday Sept. 17th 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

Saturday Sept 19th 10:00 am Saturday's Kitchen

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Retired Clergy, including the Rev. Barbara Manzo, the Rt Rev.
Dorsey McConnell, the Rev. Christine McIlvain, the Rev.
Catherine Munz, and the Very Rev. Canon John Park.

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Tom Furlong
From Ann & Family

Belated Birthday Wishes
Carol Adams August 23rd
MaryAnn Marchl August 28th
From Mary Ann Marchl

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

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