THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 14



AUGUST 9, 2020 10.00 AM

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 East Pecan Street San Antonio, Texas

WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with the St. Mark's community. Whether you are in San Antonio, a long-time member, or a visitor who is joining via streaming, we are grateful for your presence. We hope you will look at our many varied offerings. The website, www.stmarks-sa.org is regularly updated and your best source of information. Our weekly eNews and parish Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stmarkssa) also contain helpful information for you to connect with us. If you are visiting, please let us know by filling out an online visitor card.

Summer is the season of the church we call ordinary time. In these uncertain times, with so much that feels anything but ordinary, the church stands ready to offer a rhythm of prayer that can deepen our faith and point us towards our grounding as people of faith. If you have never had the time to fully immerse yourselves in these prayers, this might be the perfect time to renew your commitment to our corporate worship.

While we are worshipping in new ways, we are rediscovering the importance of our faith and the sustenance it can offer in times of suffering. We have been able to stay connected and in fact have expanded the reach of our worship through the dedication and creativity of our staff and community. We are remembering that worship at its best always points us to Jesus Christ and the life of faith and discipleship he offers to all who seek him. He promises to be present and overcome all barriers to bring life to places that seem beyond the love and grace of God.

We are grateful you have joined us today. We plan to offer Spiritual Communion on the first Sunday of the month and Morning Prayer for other Sundays. During the week, we also continue to offer Morning Prayer at 8.30am as well as Compline at 7.00pm Monday - Friday. Our bible studies are meeting regularly. Video resources are available for our children. Our youth are also gathering regularly.

Our Vestry has approved plans to resume in-person worship in the coming weeks. Details of that are forthcoming as we plan and prepare for that time. We are continuing to monitor public health indicators and will announce dates in the future when our workgroup and vestry feel it is safe to come back together. We miss being with one another and long for that time.

As we are gathered today in this unusual way for services at St. Mark's, we aim to engage in all of the important parts of our weekly worship services. One of those important worship elements is receiving the offering. Our financial gifts support what God is doing at St. Mark's to make ministry possible throughout the week including all of our virtual offerings. All of these things require financial resources. Please take a moment now to make a gift to support ministry at St. Mark's.

- Give online.
- Text your gift amount to 210-399-0072
- Mail a check to the church office at 315 E. Pecan St., San Antonio, TX 78205

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

VOLUNTARY • *Improvisation*

HYMN 388 • O worship the King, all glorious above!

Hanover



Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant 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.

JUBILATE (Psalm 100)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE PSALM

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b Mode 1



Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

Refrain

Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.

Refrain

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

Refrain

Then he called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

Refrain

They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.

Refrain

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah!

Refrain

The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON Roman 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

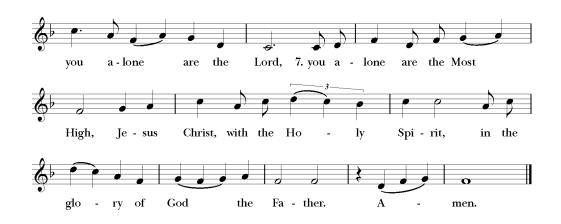
But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 20 • S 280 Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell





THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 OPPRESSED

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

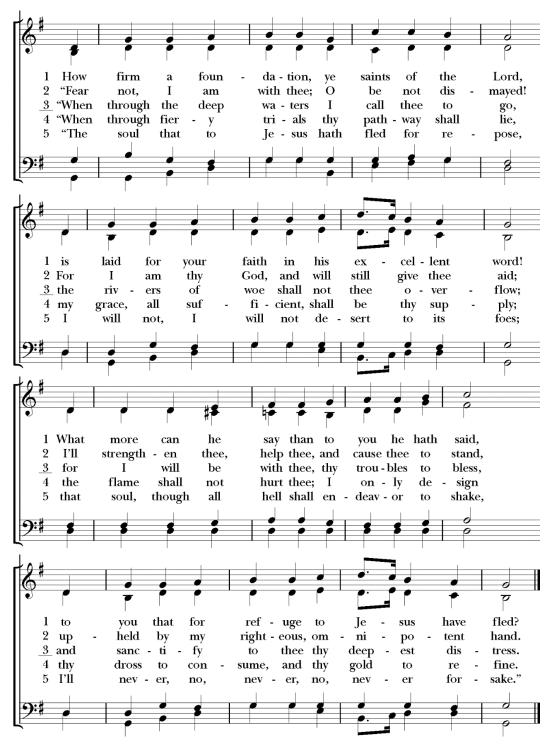
A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH NOTICES



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INTERCESSIONS

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your beloved children who suffer from illness or any kind of trouble, especially...and those with long-term concerns.... Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened by your presence, and may have confidence in your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant 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.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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PRAYER LIST (updated 8/7/20)

Immediate Needs:Corissa HealyRoyce BalzarClark Hendley

Barbie Beach Jose Gabriel Hernandez

John Brooke Cleve Howard
Aynslie Baird Brown Jerry Howard
Stella Brown Jamie Johnson
Rita Browning Frank Jones
Chris Molly Killian
Clementene Clayton Bunny Matthews
Ron Cobb Chuy Mendoza

Robert Cruhm
Dolores Cuellar
Joan Davidson
William "Bill" Dean
Vic DeForest

Citty Mendoza
Wayne Morrison
Eleanor Phelps
Ann Reeks
Cathy Robinson

Tyler Fakhoury

Tish Garceau

David Grimes

Lee Rux

Walter Schoellman

Patricia Scott

Rod Haff Gary Villani

Sharon Cotton Wood

Those with long-term concerns:

Juan Jose Davila

Janet Delicia de Carrejo

Geoffrey Fleming Ruby Garza Fernando Guerra Harry Guidry Gloria Guzman

Alice Haney

Hudson Hanselman Eleanor Johnson Jason Morris Ruth Peyton Lynda Richards Frank Sitton Patsy Warncke

Deaths:

John Burton Daniel Grun Whitney Mitchell

John Otto Art Winden

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, *Associate Rector* **Officiant:** The Rev. Matthew Wise, *Associate Rector*

Organist: Samuel Gaskin, Assistant Organist & Choirmaster

Staff Singer: Josh Contreras

Readers: Allison Hays Lane, James Dennis

Intercessor: Rosalind Alderman

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: Bryan Douglas Earle and Nila Earle, on their birthdays, by Mary and Doug Earle, and Jason Earle and Scott Foley; June Hedges, her mother, by Patricia and Reagan Houston; Byron Rife, her uncle, by Camilla Parker; Lee Dwight Wilson, her son, by Maxine Weynand; and Pauline Gillespie Gossett, his wife, by Robert F. Gossett, Jr.

Parish Notices

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer

- We are offering Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday. We hope you make plans to join us via <u>Facebook Live</u> at 8.30am. This is a more lengthy service with multiple scripture readings. Resource for Morning Prayer: <u>Mission St. Clare</u> - they also have an app for smart phones.

Compline

We are offering Compline, Monday through Friday. We hope you and your family will make plans to join us via <u>Facebook</u> <u>Live</u> at 7.00pm. This is a shorter service and would be great for families to do together! Resource for Compline: <u>BCP Online</u> on the left side, click "Daily Office", then click "An Order for Compline"

SUNDAY WORSHIP

During the summer, each Sunday at 10.00am we will gather online for worship. The first Sunday of each month will be a celebration of Holy Eucharist. The subsequent Sundays, we will offer Morning Prayer. We hope you'll make plans to join us each Sunday via Facebook Live or our website.

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM

Join us today at 11.15am for Coffee Hour! We'll gather on Zoom (Meeting ID - 895 8851 5969) for some time for fellowship and to check-in with each other.

ZOOM GATHERINGS

All in person programming has been postponed. Questions about Zoom? Email Rachel Dugger at rdugger@stmarks-sa.org.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays at 7.00am via Zoom (Meeting ID - 946-349-785, password – stmlion315).

Time Out Bible Study

Thursdays at 10.00am via Zoom (Meeting ID - 979-222-853, password – stmlion315).

Art Class

Tuesdays at 10.00am via Zoom (Meeting ID - 359-019-174, password – stmlion315).

ST. MARK'S SUMMERTIME SECOND SUNDAYS

The St. Cecilia Series presents St. Mark's Summertime Second Sundays on July 12 and August 9 at 7.00pm.

Sunday, August 9 at 7.00pm: Agarita chamber players - American composer John Harbison's November 19, 1828, which references the date of Franz Schubert's death, is a ghostly, poignant homage to the composer and his exploration of harmony and color. In this short program, Agarita pairs movements from Harbison's imaginative quartet with some of Schubert's own songs, arranged from voice and piano. The program ends with a sprawling fugue, started by Schubert and finished by Harbison; Harbison's modern harmonic language is unmistakable, but so is the profound spirit of Schubert.

#WEARETHECHURCH YARD SIGNS

Be on the lookout during the week of August 24 for a yard sign to be dropped off by a St. Mark's volunteer. We invite you to display this sign in your front yard or on your porch! #wearethechurch If you would not like to receive a yard sign, please <a href="mailto:email

STUFF THE BUS

THANK YOU for your support of students at Crockett Academy through Communities in Schools' "Stuff the Bus"! We have topped our goal of \$3,000 for school supplies, uniforms and technology, but our website will remain open for much-needed additional donations through August 31. This year, Crockett students need us more than ever. Your donations will support students as they continue distance learning, purchasing devices like Chromebooks. Last spring, many students did not have access to devices at home and some had to share a device with siblings. This made it difficult for them to complete assignments or log into virtual classrooms. Our donations can help fill technology gaps so students stay connected to their classrooms and complete their work on time. Our

donations will also be used to purchase school supplies that students need to complete their assignments at home, including scissors, highlighters, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners and composition books. Most Crockett students need help acquiring these supplies for home use. For more information or answers to questions, contact Amy Phipps. The more we can contribute, the bigger impact we can make for kids. Thank you for your support!

PATHWAYS TO HOPE

August 21-22

St. Mark's outreach partner NAMI is hosting the 5th annual Pathways to Hope conference: a free, city-wide, virtual offering that brings the faith community together with the healthcare community to discuss how San Antonio is working to improve the mental health care system, as well as pave the way to recovery for people living with a mental health condition, including their loved ones, families and caregivers.

"Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis and Health Management," a workshop by Mary Beth Fisk, CEO of The Ecumenical Center for Education, Counseling and Health, will be offered at Pathways to Hope this year.

Register online.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND DEVICES

Sunday, August 23

During the 10.00am Morning Prayer liturgy on <u>Facebook Live</u>, we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! This year, due to so many of our students learning online, we are also blessing those electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, computers, etc.). Children and youth, keep your eyes open for a special something in the mail in the coming weeks to help mark this special blessing, and make sure you join us at 10.00am on August 23 for this wonderful event during the liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 30

Grab your device and make plans to join us for Homegathering Sunday, August 30! We'll celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10.00am, in our homes, and NEW ways you can participate in the start of the new program year on Zoom following the service. More information to come! We have something exciting to share on August 30! Be on the lookout for more information!

CHORISTER AND YOUTH CHOIR SURVEY

All new and returning children and youth (Kindergarten – 12th grade) are eligible to participate in weekly Zoom meetings and rehearsals this fall. As we attempt innovative ways to meet each week, we've included a brief survey to learn about the best meeting times. If your child or youth is interested in participating in the music program this fall, please take a moment to fill out the survey. For further information about the music program at St. Mark's, please email Jon Johnson, Organist/Choirmaster (jjohnson@stmarks-sa.org).

BIBLE STUDIES

We have three bible studies that have continued throughout the summer. Anyone is welcome to join in for any and/or all of these Zoom offerings.

The Rector's Lectionary Bible Study Mondays at 7.00am

Start your week with a study of the upcoming lectionary readings. We begin with a reflection question and then read and study the upcoming gospel lesson for the next Sunday.

Zoom link (Meeting ID - 946-349-785, password - stmlion315)

Pauline Letters Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6.30pm - Beginning August 12
The Rev. Beth Knowlton will lead a bible study on one of the Pauline Letters!

Zoom link (Meeting ID - 884-4007-6632, password -

stmlion315)

Time Out Bible Study

Thursdays at 10.00am

The Rev. Ann Fraser and The Rev. Matt Wise lead a study on minor prophets.

Zoom link (Meeting ID - 979-222-853, password - stmlion315)

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

EfM classes will continue this year at St. Mark's. A unique, four-year, distance learning certificate program in theological education that uses seminar groups as its format, EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and then apply it to their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. The content of the EfM curriculum covers the various disciplines of biblical interpretation, systematic theology, church history, ethics, liturgics, and theology. Participants belong to small "communities of learning" in which the events of each person's life may be examined in the light of the materials being studied. While the course materials provide substantial academic content, the focus of the program is on life as ministry and understanding that ministry. At St. Mark's, our EfM groups meet and cover 36 modules from September through May. For more information about EfM, email The Rev. Matt Wise.