

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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We have
peace with
God
through
our
Lord
Jesus Christ.
R O M A N S 5 : 1



June 15, 2025
Holy Trinity
Rev. Melissa Buono, Officiant
Lee Yezek, Minister of Music
Usher/Reader: Ellen and Mark Tremblay

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Holy Father, great Creator (Regent Square)* (H 368)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God:
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 355)

GLORIA: S 277 *Glory to God (Hurd)* (BCP p. 356)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

¹Does not wisdom call,
 and does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights, beside the way,
 at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
 at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴“To you, O people, I call,
 and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
 the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
 at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
 when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
 or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: 8

Remain seated.

¹O LORD our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
²Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
⁶You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
⁸All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
¹⁰O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty (Nicaea)* (H 362)

All stand.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON – REV. MELISSA BUONO

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

**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 (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE ON THE ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Let us pray for our own needs and others.

Ann Oliverson, Susan and Kate, Kate and family, Jack Winter, Deanna Teal, Ben, Bob, Orvil, Margaret Bateman, Derek, Evie and family Beth, Brendan and Corine, Jennifer and Kate, Elizabeth, Jane, Lisa, Pamela, Brooke, David Andrew, Sandra, Charlotte and Bob, Ross, Angela, Lorenz, Michele Eberle, Lindy, Ted and Kathy, Andrew Ward, Christine, Pam Mark, John Gallacher, Beth, Janet Andrews, Jim and Cheryl, Marmi Sheehan, Marcia and Ralph, Shelly Wadsworth, Sabrina and family, Marion Perault, Sue Sweeney, Maria, Pat.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Betty MacNamara, Daniel Corcoran, Andy Lynch, Kathryn Ann Bergmann, Joseph Gesualdo, Rev. Michael Marrone, Brian, Peter.

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH *(said by all)*

Almightily and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven
And earth, hear our prayers for this Parish family. Strengthen
the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring
Us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Celebrant 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 (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalms 50:14

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (BCP p. 361)

THE DOXOLOGY V. 3 *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)*

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant 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.**

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: S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy

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 People stand or kneel.

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: ALLELUIA S - 154

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN: *Sing praise to our Creator (Christus, der ist mein Leben)* (H 295)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

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 (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Holy God, we praise thy Name (Grosser Gott)* (H 366)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

June 8th to June 15th

Sunday, June 8th

10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rev. William Bergmann

Wednesday, June 11th

6 p.m.: Communications Meeting. Contact Kyla for Zoom link

Thursday, June 12th

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: St. Mark's office open

4 p.m.: Service at Bridges. Contact Rev. Will for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 15th

10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rev. Melissa Buono

5 p.m.: Dinner Church, William's Hall

Are you called to serve at Worship? - Chalice bearers needed

The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to join them as chalice servers at Sunday service. The chalice carries the cross during the procession, leads the prayers of the people, and assists the priest with the sacraments. It's a great way to learn more about our liturgy and serve your community. Training will be provided and you will serve every 4-8 weeks depending on your schedule. Please contact Elaine Carroll if you are interested - elainecarroll164@yahoo.com.

A Celebration of Life service for the Rev. Michael Marrone

Will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 11:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist, 410 Washington St., Duxbury, MA. Michael served as the Rector of St. Mark's from 1977 to 1987, and he and his wife Kitty were much loved in our community. Michael went to be in the nearer presence of our Lord on April 30. If you are interested in attending the service and would like carpool please contact Paul Ackroyd or Herb Elliott.

Bridges Worship Ministry. St. Mark's next Worship service is on **Thursday, May 15**, at 3:45 p.m. This service is part of our ongoing ministry to the residents of Bridges - 108 Littleton Rd, Westford. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please speak to Will Bergmann, Eric Kintner, Paul Ackroyd, or Dorothy Gaumer.

Support the Steps to Home Walk

This May, St. Mark's is proud to support the Lowell Transitional Living Center's 14th Annual Steps to Home Walk and Ice Cream Social—an inspiring community event that raises critical funds to support individuals transitioning from homelessness to stable housing. Visit this website for more information: <https://www.classy.org/event/14th-annual-steps-to-home-walk/e666174>

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10 a.m.

Start Location: 193 Middlesex Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Walk Route: 5K through downtown Lowell

Finish Line Celebration: Ice Cream Social hosted by Dylan & Pete's Ice Cream

Last year, this event brought together more than 120 participants and raised over \$51,000. This year, LTLC hopes to raise \$55,000—and with your help, we can be part of that impact.

How You Can Help:

- Donate: Contribute to the Outreach Box in the church during the month of May.
- Join the Walk: Sign up and walk with us as part of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church team

To Register: Visit <https://www.classy.org/event/14th-annual-steps-to-home-walk/e666174>

Select “Register” → “Join a Team” → “St. Mark's Episcopal Church” → Choose the number of walkers in your group. Registration Fee: \$35 per participant.

Let's come together as a parish to support this important cause. Every step makes a difference.

~Joan and Chrissy

Summer Outreach box - Immigration Legal Defense through the Episcopal City Mission

In our continued partnership with the ECM, the outreach committee has committed to raise money for Immigrant Legal support.

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) is hearing from churches across the Commonwealth—urban and rural, affluent and working-class—all united by growing concern over Immigration and Customs

Enforcement (ICE) and the shrinking access to legal protections for immigrants, including asylum seekers and families who arrived here legally.

St. Mark's will be raising money through the outreach box, the outreach fund, and personal donations (note on your donation - Immigration Legal Defense). Proceeds will go to support <https://www.acefornewamericans.org/> in Lowell and individual parishes that ECM is helping provide legal support to immigrants. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Outreach committee.

Monthly Communications Meeting. Join us on **Wednesday, June 11, at 6 p.m.** via Zoom. Team leaders and anyone interested in supporting St. Mark's communications to the wider community are invited to join our Digital Communications Specialist, Kyla Clark, to discuss the communications plan for the month, including activities and themes we want to highlight.

St. Mark's News

Office Hours - Irina and/or Rev. Bergmann will be in the office on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an office appointment, please email secretary@st-mark.org or Rev. Bergmann at wcbgrm2n@gmail.com or call (978) 692-7849 and leave a voice message. Thank you.

The next Vestry Meeting is a Joint Vestry retreat with Trinity Chapel on Sunday, June 29, 2025 after Sunday service. Contact Scott Hilton if you would like to join.

Ongoing Ministries

St. Mark's Bible Study meets every other week on Wednesdays at a local restaurant to discuss the lectionary readings for the week. New members are welcome! If you'd like to join, e-mail Herb Elliott at herb.elliott@cheza.com, and he will add you to the email distribution and send you the readings.

Pastoral Care: Want to receive communion? Need prayers for healing? Just want to talk to a priest? Please email or call Herb Elliott at herb.elliott@cheza.com or call 978-501-8479. Herb heads up our Pastoral Care team and can have you added to the prayer list, arrange for a Pastoral Care team member to give you a call, send a card, or organize other support. Herb also has contact information for local clergy who have offered to respond to Pastoral Care needs. You can also use the "Request Pastoral Visit" button on St. Mark's website.



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