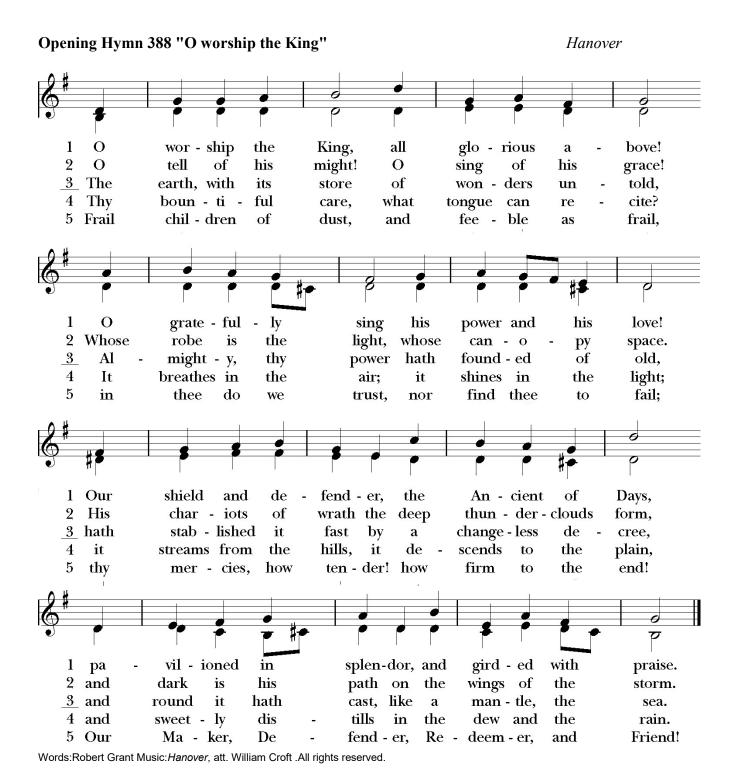
# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 9, 2020 PROPER 14



# **Confession and Absolution** NZ Prayer Book adapted

Deacon Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,

whose wrongs are pardoned.

I will confess my sins to God,

I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

People God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face.

Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

Presider God forgives you.

Forgive others; forgive yourself.

# **Opening Acclamation**

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

#### **The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### **Trisagion**

Presider: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

#### The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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.* 

#### The Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire,

but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 85:8-13 Benedixisti, Domine

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \* for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.

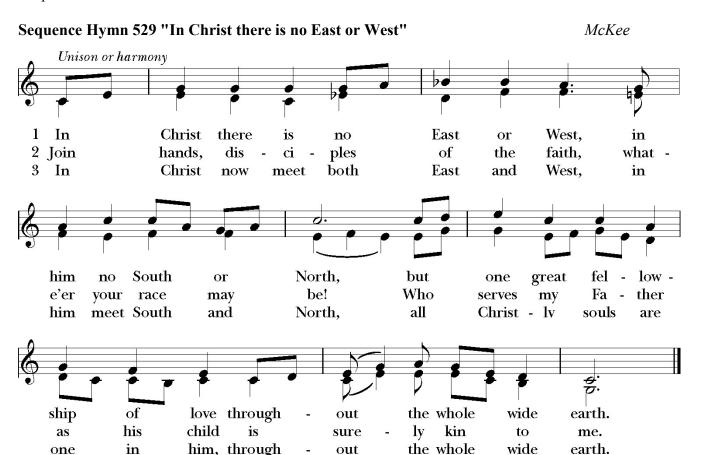
13 Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

#### The Epistle: Romans 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!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Reader

People Thanks be to God.



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The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Deacon

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

# The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: We believe in God the Creator,

infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Son of God and Son of man,

the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,

and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

the divine presence in our lives,

who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.

We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,

and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love

as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,

that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People**

Leader Let us pray to God who is the same Lord to all and is generous to all who call on the Lord's name, praying; Hear our voices, O God, "We put our trust in you."

We pray for the church throughout the world, that our faith may be widened even as we are battered by the winds and waves of the world;

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in Florissant:

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda;

In our companion Diocese of Lui, we pray for the people of Mideh parish;

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at Hope United Church of Christ:

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers, and supporters;

We give thanks on their birthdays with Otto Schoenberg IV, Marilyn Wiethop, Andrew Hvatum, and Catherine Fee and on their anniversary with Roy and Kathy Watts.

We pray, Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice and peace in the world; we pray, Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

For all who are ill with the COVID-19 virus, those who remain in isolation away from their loved ones, those who have been impacted economically, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones. For the protection of our health care providers, first responders, and all those who put their own health at risk to serve your people; Hear our voices, O God,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for our all those in danger and need: the sick, those suffering from addiction and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, immigrants and refugees, and the victims of violence and abuse;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

For those in public service and those serving in the armed forces; we pray, Hear our voices, O God,

# We put our trust in you.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, Hear our voices, O God, *We put our trust in you*.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve; we pray, Hear our voices, O God, *We put our trust in you.* 

The Presider offers this concluding collect

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *Presider and People* 

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.

#### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*Presider*: In unity with those at home as we join in worship and acknowledge our spiritual communion we all pray:

People: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### The Peace

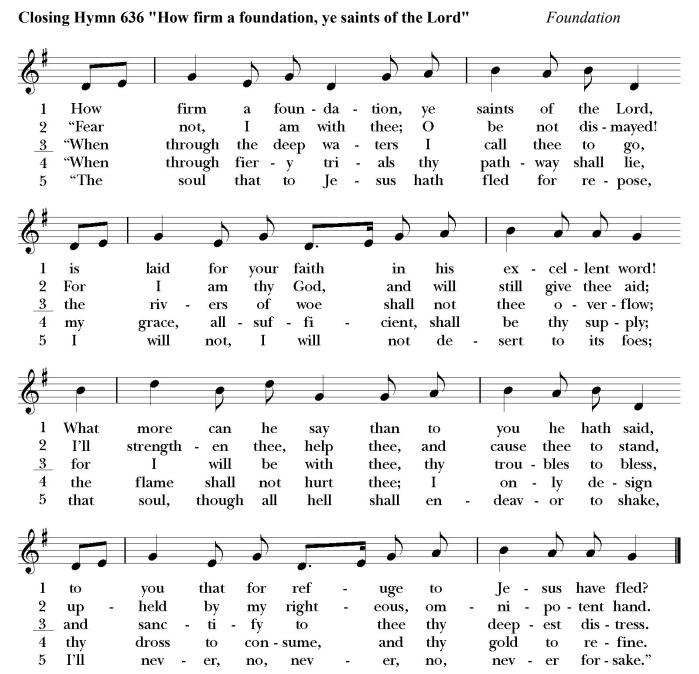
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.

#### The Blessing

Presider May the God who Creates, Liberates, and Sustains, bless you and keep you, this day and always. People Amen.



Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt. Music: Foundation, melody from The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton

#### The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

## ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lectors: Erica White, Margaret Hvatum Responses: Ellen Jeffery

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Online Giving via Tithe.ly Now Available for St. Mark's Parishioners!

As mentioned during Sunday's coffee hour and in a recent "Special Edition of the Markings", St. Mark's has chosen Tithe.ly as our online giving resource. Importantly, Tithe.ly is an *option* for St. Mark's parishioners, to make payments to the Church. Using Tithe.ly is not required and you may continue making payments as in the past. Please go to our website <a href="http://www.saintmarks-stl.org">http://www.saintmarks-stl.org</a> and click on the DONATE button to get started or see the "Markings" for instructions on how to download their app or to go to their website.

#### SEE THIS WEEK'S MARKINGS FOR:

- New Art for St. Mark's!
- NEW Reopening Plan Approved.
- Links and addresses to food ministries.
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Announcement from Susan Goen

#### Seek! Summer issue now available

A new issue of *Seek!*, the quarterly news and features publication from the Diocese of Missouri is available. Printed copies of the magazine are on their way to parishes and subscribers, but the digital version of the publication is available now at www.diocesemo.org.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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**In our local Ecumenical cycle of Prayer**, we pray for our sisters and brothers at Hope United Church of Christ;

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters.

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Jessica Bueler, Marianne and Steve Chamberlin, Laura Elder, Bob Frish, Carol Garbs, Andrea Gross, Matthew Jefferys, Scott Kaufman, Kathy & Gary Kralemann, Jenny Mullikin, Neicee Nelson, Gary & Kathy Makely, Robin Mendica, Nina Olmsted, Nancy Raedeke, Susan Raedeke, Chris Reeves, Gene Rich, Holly Schoenbeck, Harry Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Mark Sellars, Joleen Shelton, Mitchell, Tracy, Mackenzie and Jack Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Ann Vannier, Karla Voth, Lindsay Watts, Maggie White, Marilyn and David Wiethop, Jessica Winstead, Cheryl Wyatt, Penny, Carmen, Leslie, Mark, Logan, Audrey, Nicholas, Ashley, Susan, Keith, Marsha, Jen, Jessica, Ethan, Kathleen, Torri, Laurie, Gary, Lisa, Mike, Brenda, Becky, Elizabeth, Eric, and Lauren.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Brett Murray, Jon Foy, Alec Garbs, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Chris Weinrich, and Matthew.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Otto Schoenberg, IV, Marilyn Wiethop, Andrew Hvatum and Catherine Fee and on their anniversary with Roy and Kathy Watts.

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