

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST AND OPENING DAY
SEPT 19, 2021 PROPER 20 YEAR B

Prelude

Praeludium in E Minor

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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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.***

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks

wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and on this law they meditate day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, *
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Mark Kozielec

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 God calls us to a life of peacemaking and humility. Let us offer our prayers for all in every danger and need, praying, O God our strength and Redeemer, "***We put our trust in you.***"

We pray for the church throughout the world, that you may send us your wisdom from above, that our lives may be full of gentleness and understanding;

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville;

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

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at Trinity Assembly of God Church;

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

We give thanks on their birthdays with Daniel Dewan, Roy Watts, and Charlie LaBeaume and on their anniversaries with John and Catherine Fee and Andrew and Rebecca LaBeaume. We pray, O God our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For the leaders of the nations in the grips of global pandemic, and for mercy, justice and peace in the world; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For our city and those who live in it, for the victims of oppression, injustice and violence, and those who live in fear of violence; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

We pray for the sick, those impacted by the COVID-19 virus, those suffering from addiction and their families; the hungry, homeless, and those impacted by recent storms or wildfires; the victims of domestic abuse, for all those living in separation from their families, and for all those in distress;

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

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, O God our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer,

We put our trust in you.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Presider

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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem “Christ be Beside Me” *Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart,
Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.
Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me Christ ever be. Amen

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Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Presider 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 Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

On the night before his suffering and death, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Fraction Anthem

Presider Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People ***We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!***

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

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Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, fill your hearts and minds with the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

Closing Hymn 477 "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"

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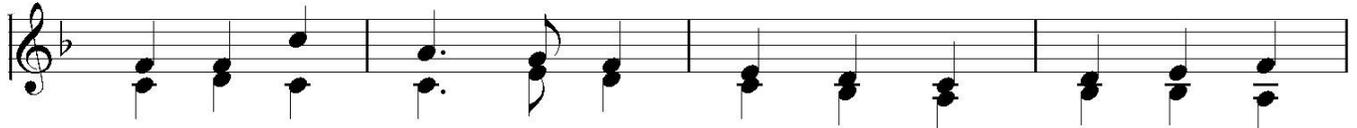
Dismissal

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

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Opening Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

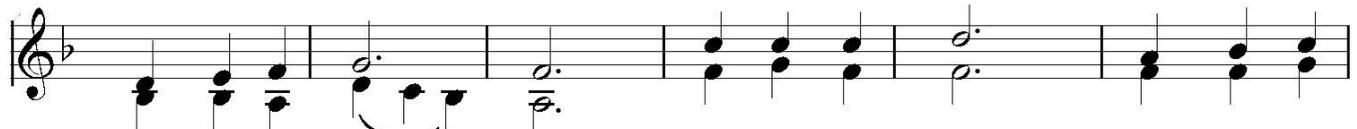
Lobe den Herren



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with



health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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Sequence Hymn 698 "Eternal Spirit of the living Christ"

Flentge



1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need



I know not how to ask or what to say;
 help me to see your pur - pose and your will—
 to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured—



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
 held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

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Anniversary Prayer

Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless *N.* and *N.*, as they begin another year together. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

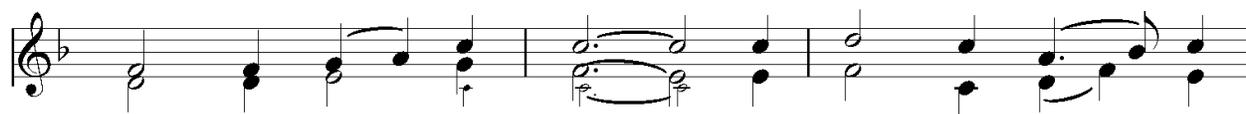
Communion Hymn 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Closing Hymn 477 "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"

Engelberg



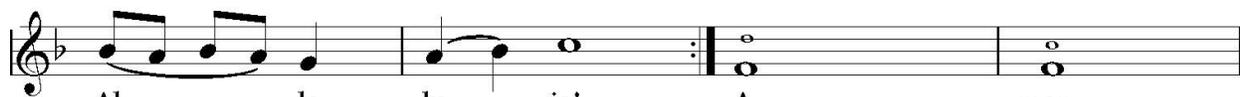
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Scott Thompson
Livestream: TBD

Usher: Matthew Cashen
Godly Play: Schoenberg

Greeter: Marti Robards

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WANTED: LIVE-STREAMERS

We need to expand our cadre of Sunday live-streamers as many of our current ones will soon be unavailable. We stream through a MEVO camera directly to our Facebook. It is relatively easy to learn, and full training is provided. We are willing to pay \$25 for the 90 minutes needed to prep and stream the 10:00 AM service. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please let me know at mark@saintmarks-stl.org

CHOIR CALL



The choir has begun its weekly rehearsals and as always, we welcome new members. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm and will sing on Sundays beginning September 12. If you would like to sing with us, please contact Barbara Raedeke at braedeke@aol.com. You are most welcome!



FEED MY PEOPLE

We are welcoming Feed My People donations again in the basket at the back of church. There are also lists of suggested donations at the back table. Any non-perishable food is welcome.

MOMENT IN TIME VIRTUAL GALA



You can now register for our 2021 Moment in Time at the location of your choice - it's VIRTUAL! THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 2021 - 6:00PM.

Register by October 1st (this event is FREE!), Sponsor the event, make a Donation, or learn more online: at <https://one.bidpal.net/ecm2021mit/welcome>

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We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Fred Appleby, Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Cynthia Brown, Elva Maria Calcedo, Marianne & Steve Chamberlin, Janet and George Chance, Molly Cochran, the Danieley Family, Mary Feldmeier, Regena Foulkes, David Goen and his wife, Carlos Gomez, Bill Hatchard, Bill Henkel and family, Stephanie Henline, Yaz Hernandez and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Fred Hohenberger, Peggy Holmes, Gary Kralemann, Ellen, the LaBeaume family and Charlie, Kelly, Barbra Macke and Beth, Crystal Mersch, Terry Muckleston, Jenny Mullikin, Neiece Nelson, Gary & Kathy Makely, Robin Mendica, Cathy Menendez, Nina Olmsted, Cynthia and her mother Helen Pierson, Maureen Polasek, Chris Reeves, Linda Ritterskamp, Shannon Robinson, Susan Rowe and family, Emma Elizabeth Roland, Becky Schroeder, Pam Sellers, the Shelton and Borowiak families, Ann Vannier, John Watts, Lindsay Watts, Margie Weaver, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Cheryl Wyatt, Jean, Frank, Bob, Judy, Jonny, David, Izzy, Robbie, Nicole, Dean and family, Betty, Clay, Judy, Yaz, Hector, Leticia, Hector Jr, Tanis, Justine, Terry, Jessica, Pat, Kim, Conner, Dorothy, Judie, Aidan, Penny, Sheeran, Linnea and her family, Carmen, Leslie, Mark, Tom, Logan, Ethan, Kathleen, Blake, Elizabeth, Eric, Sharon, Christine, Lauren, Martha, Gabe, Peggy and her husband, Marsha, Keith and Jen.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Daniel Dewan, Roy Watts, and Charlie LaBeaume and on their anniversaries with John and Catherine Fee and Andrew and Rebecca LaBeaume.

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

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