

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

*Worshipping at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 500 Richmond PI NE,
during St. Mark's building renovation project.*

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



**St. Mark's 2027 Stewardship Campaign:
"Abide in love and bear much fruit." John 15**

WELCOME

All are welcome to worship in this place. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. Upon arrival, we keep silence in the church that we all may pray quietly in preparation for worship. Please remember to silence your cell phones.



Hearing assistance devices are now available in the First Church auditorium and Fireside Room. Please ask an usher for help if you need one. To activate the loop system, please turn on your T-coil.

Children of all ages are always welcome in Worship!

- Families with small children are invited to take seats in any pew, or in the pews reserved for families up front on the left (*north*) side of the auditorium adjacent to the Fireside Room.
- Or, if you prefer, we offer care for children ages 0-3 during the service in the Fireside Room.
- Young children who wish to attend **Children's Chapel** during the service may follow the cross out of the auditorium and into the Fireside Room adjacent to the auditorium after the Gospel reading for songs, stories, and prayers relating to the day's Bible readings. Children ages 0-3 may attend with a caregiver, and youth ages 9+ are welcome to be a helper. Children and youth return at the Peace.

Please see today's announcements insert for details about today's Sunday School Classes for children, youth, and adults and other church events.

Newcomers: We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card**, available from any usher, and leave it with an usher or in St. Mark's Parish Hall after the service.





TODAY WE CONTINUE ST. MARK'S SEASON *of off-site Eucharist Services in the auditorium of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. We are grateful to the First Church staff and Board of Directors for graciously sharing their building and for working with St. Mark's to create a Sunday worship plan that works for everyone.*

Renovation of the St. Mark's Nave and other worship spaces began in late April and will last 6-8 months.

WHAT TO KNOW:

- Our Sunday service during this transition begins promptly at **9:00 am**, ending by **10:15**, with coffee hour immediately following in St. Mark's Parish Hall at **10:15** so that our host church may prepare for its service at 11:00.
- **BE SURE TO COLLECT A GREEN "GATHER" HYMNAL FROM AN USHER BEFORE FINDING YOUR SEAT.** Hymns from the blue *Hymnal* 1982 will be printed in the Order of Worship.
- Please continue to use parking in and around the St. Mark's lots. Ushers and "crossing guards" are available to guide all worshipers before and after services so that all feel welcome, safe, connected, and supported.
- Thursday morning *Contemplative Prayer*, *Holy Eucharist*, and *Bible Study* also meet at First Church (*see back cover for times.*)
- Restrooms are located just inside the foyer to the right (*south*).
- Please do not bring food or beverages into the First Church auditorium.

QUESTIONS? Contact stmarks@stmarksabq.org or call 505.262.2484 and ask for Mother Sylvia; Jennifer Lind, Administrator; or Deb Bluestone, Communications.

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TODAY'S COVER ART



was created by parishioner Esme Schwebach, a third-grader at Desert Willow Family School, in response to St. Mark's 2027

Stewardship Campaign

theme, "Abide in love and bear much fruit" (John 15). To read *"Dominion and Stewardship: Two Christian Approaches to Creation Care,"* this week's Stewardship theological reflection by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Geppert of the St. Mark's Spiritual Care Team, scan the "Theology Bite" article QR Code above.



PRELUDE

WELCOME

We welcome all children to join in the Entrance Procession, following the Children's Cross, before taking a seat with their families for the Liturgy. Children may select a candle to carry with them in procession throughout the service (at the Entrance, the Gospel, and the Closing Hymn).

**OPENING HYMN – *Now the Silence*
Green Book (Gather Hymnal) #754**

Please stand.





THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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*



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on
 us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

All:
 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 357

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:1-9

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.



When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

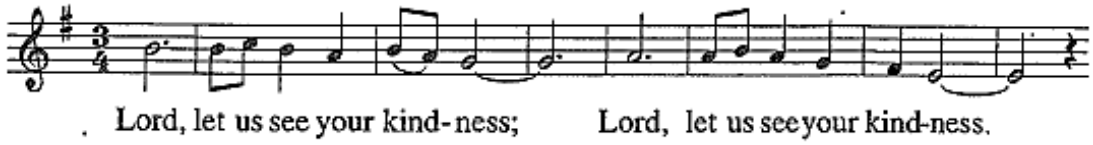
***People:* Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 85

Congregation sings refrain: “Lord, let us see your kindness.” *Repeat.*

Refrain



1. Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who fear God. (*Refrain*)
2. Kindness and truth, justice and peace; truth shall spring up as the water from the earth, justice shall rain from the heavens. (*Refrain*)
3. The Lord will come and you shall know his love, justice shall walk in his pathways, salvation the gift that he brings. (*Refrain*)



THE SECOND READING – Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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

Please stand. It is customary to turn toward the Gospel Reading.

We welcome all children to join in the Gospel Procession, following the Children's Cross. After the Gospel, children who wish to do so may follow the leader to Children's Chapel in the First Church Fireside Room, returning before Communion.



SEQUENCE HYMN – *Here I Am, Lord*
Green Book (*Gather Hymnal*) #686

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 22:1-14

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

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.



“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON – Mother Sylvia Miller-Mutia

A brief time for silent reflection follows the sermon.



THE NICENE CREED – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 358

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.



PRAYER SONG – *Song of St. Patrick*

All sing refrain: “May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day, be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.”

Refrain



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please add your own personal prayers and intercessions aloud, silently, or in the Zoom chat/Facebook comments during the prayers.

The congregation is invited to hum along with the organ under the prayers.

CONCLUDING COLLECT – *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 394

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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 hearts; 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.

ABSOLUTION

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE



OFFERTORY

You may make your offering online at www.stmarksabq.org/give, place your offering in the plate during the collection, or mail your check to the church office:
431 Richmond Pl. NE, Albuquerque NM 87106.

OFFERTORY CHOIR ANTHEM – *Jesus Loves Me*, by Michael Hassell, with Kirk Landin, saxophone

The lyrics below are for the congregation's prayerful reflection and reference while the choir sings.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gate to open wide!
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay
close beside me all the way.
If I love him, when I die,
He will take me home on high.



DOXOLOGY – *Praise We the Lord*

All sing Verse 4:

“Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
and Holy Spirit with them one;
and may the Son on us bestow
all gifts that from the Spirit flow,
all gifts that from the Spirit flow.”



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it with them one; And may the Son on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow." The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly
Spir - it with them one; And may the Son
on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it
flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.





THE HOLY COMMUNION

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP (EOW) – Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



SANCTUS - *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!



Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People:

Blessed are you now and for 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



FRACTION – May We Be One

All sing refrain:

Refrain



When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus. So as we
share this feast may we be - come, heal-ing and
light and peace. May we be one.

COMMUNION

We invite all who seek the presence of Christ to share with us in Holy Communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken from the cup by sipping. (Place your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). To avoid spreading germs, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine ("intinction"). If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the person who offers bread to you.

We affirm the ancient tradition of the church that communion in one kind (either bread OR wine) constitutes a full communion. If you or your children are drawn to the altar but do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have not been baptized and wish to receive communion regularly, please speak with one of the Clergy about baptismal preparation.



**COMMUNION HYMN – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Green Book (Gather Hymnal) #635**

SENDING FORTH OF OUR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider: My friends in Christ, I send you out bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People:* We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING



CLOSING HYMN - Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

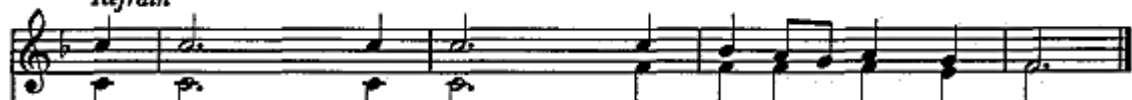


- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
- 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
- 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
- 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant-ing as ye go, from
- 5 Still lift your stand-ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



- 1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
- 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
- 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
- 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
- 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

- *6 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

- *7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



DISMISSAL

SENDING HYMN – *We are Marching in the Light of God!*

We welcome all children to join in the Recessional, following the Children's Cross.

All sing as we process outside and return to St. Mark's:

"We are *marching in the light of God,
we are *marching* in the light of God.**

**We are *marching* in the light of God,
we are *marching* in the light of God.**

**We are *marching, marching*, we are *marching, marching*,
we are *marching* in the light of God!"**

*Alternate text: *dancing, singing, praying*, etc.

Please join us for coffee in St. Mark's Parish Hall and Courtyard!



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WEEKLY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

❖ THURSDAYS

10:30 am Contemplative Prayer (**First Church auditorium**)

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (**Fireside Room & online***)

12:00 pm Bible Study (**Fireside Room**)

❖ SUNDAYS

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (**First Church auditorium & online***)

10:15 am Coffee Hour in St. Mark's Parish Hall and courtyard

*Livestreaming is available from our temporary worship location on Facebook and Zoom. For links, go to stmarksabq.org and click the Upcoming Schedule & Links button. For assistance, please contact St. Mark's during office hours.

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