



## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Autumn Triduum—All Hallows Eve  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC  
October 31, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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### THE GATHERING

#### Opening Sentences

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;**

**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**The LORD loves the righteous;**

**the LORD cares for the stranger;**

**he sustains the orphan and widow,**

**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**The LORD shall reign for ever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**

**Hallelujah!** (Psalm 146)

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.  
People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for All Hallows Eve

O God of all earthly and heavenly light, help us call to mind the limits of our mortality and the limitlessness of your grace. Give power to we who are lonely, disheartened and grieved by the shadowed places of the mind; that in this earthly pilgrimage, none may fear death or the grave but find through your beloved Son the gifts of eternal love, eternal light and eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 119:1-8 (Prayed responsively)

Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
Happy are they who observe his decrees  
and seek him with all their hearts!  
Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in his ways.

**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.  
Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!  
Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.  
I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

### Hebrews 9:11-14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies

those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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✦ **The Holy Gospel Mark 12:28-34**

Deacon The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**The Homily** A marked period of silence follows the Homily.

**The Nicene Creed**

**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

*The law that transforms the wasteland into a land of milk and honey is the law of love. Trusting in God's promise to lead us more deeply into that land, let us ask with confidence for all we need, saying: Teach us your ways, O God; hear us, good Lord.*

We pray for the leaders of this country, that they may govern with justice and mercy, mindful of their responsibility to the world's poor. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the church that, as a sign of your loving embrace, it may call all to share in your reign. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for ministers everywhere, that you may strengthen them in their desire to serve. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for this community of faith, that we may learn to love with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the unloved of this world, for those who are widowed, orphaned, and friendless, for those who are homeless, for those struggling in addictions, the lonely, and for all who experience alienation, that you may touch them with your compassion. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for all who seek healing and recovery especially: Rudolph **McEwan**, David **Myher**, Lee **Witcher**, Audrey **Witcher**, Deanna **Hill**, Sophia **Vaughan Morning**, Marilyn **Adams**, Mary **Mainwaring**, Katie **Critcher**, Denise **Davis**, Carmen **Reeve**, James **Barber**, Ginny **Barber**, Betty **Johnson**, William **Nail**, Celia **Nail**, Ron **Daniels**, Janice **Fowlkes**, Harriet **Banner**, Susan **Tobie** and Rpaul **Smith**. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: **Alice Both** (11/3), **Valerie Aguirre**, (4<sup>th</sup>); **Ed Aguirre** (5<sup>th</sup>); **Nell Rutherford** (7<sup>th</sup>). Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

*[Here other intercessions may be offered; each ending with: Teach us your ways, O God; hear us, good Lord.]*

We pray for those who have died violent deaths rooted in racism, misogyny and homophobia and for those who mourn them. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those who have died from COVID-19 and for those who mourn them. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, that they may find eternal life in your loving presence. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

Deacon        We pray for the forgiveness of our sins; for the times we have failed to love, for the moments when we didn't speak out against injustice and for our completeness in oppressive and dehumanizing systems.    Forgive us, good Lord and teach us your way.

The People may kneel or bow.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Presider announces the Absolution of Sin

### **The Exchange of Peace**

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

Here, the people may reverently bow or wave in acknowledgment of others; avoiding handshakes and hugs.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Presider: All things come from you, O God.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of Sarah, Ruth and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread also known as 'The Fraction'.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Please remain masked during the distribution of Communion. You may wish to hold your communion bread/wafer until the end of distribution, so we may all commune together.

## Prayer after Communion

The people stand.

**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.**

When communion is being carried from the altar to those who are home bound.

Presider      The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

People        **Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

*[N.]*, In the name of God and of this congregation, bear these gifts to those who are bound; share the Lord and bless His name.

**Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### The Blessing and Dismissal

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

People        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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**The Rev. Tyrone Fowlkes, Presider**



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