Welcome to Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church.

The staff and wardens meet (remotely) each week and continue to check messages remotely. Please do not hesitate to reach out! We look forward to staying in touch with you!

If you would like to make a contribution to Saint Mark’s, an online gift can be made by going to https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/saintmarks or by texting “GIVE” to 614-665-6508


ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSITION UPDATE

Last Tuesday night, the Vestry appointed the following members to the Search Committee for the next rector: Elizabeth Anstaett, Betsy Gillespie, Michele Johnson, Barb Keyes, Scott Milburn, Dan Morton and Gloria Wylie. Anice Ellis will also serve on the committee as Vestry Liaison. A commissioning of the committee is planned for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service on September 20. We are grateful for their gift of time and talents and ask that you keep the committee in your prayers as we begin the next phase of the transition process.

SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE REV. CHRIS THOMPSON

In order to get to know Saint Mark’s congregation a little better in these times of social-distancing, The Rev. Chris Thompson would like to offer his time to meet with people, any way that you are comfortable; a phone call, Zoom call, or in-person. Please contact the office (614-486-9452 or OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org) or reach out Chris directly at Rector@SaintMarksColumbus.org to set up a meeting.

OPEN HEARTS OPEN DOORS

This webpage offers updates and plans as we look toward more personal reconnection as a parish: http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/open-hearts-open-doors/. This will be a long process, as a great deal of uncertainty exists and plans need constant modification and interpretation. Saint Mark’s commitment is to safety, inclusivity, and unrelenting witness to the Gospel.

STAYING CONNECTED

Many activities at St. Mark’s continue to take place in some form in spite of social distancing and closures, and many more will resume as restrictions are eased. In an effort to match parish members with interest groups, we are requesting that small group leaders or contact people check the St. Mark’s website: Enrichment Groups | Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, Columbus and review the information about your group. If it is lacking, or inaccurate, please send corrections, especially updated contact information, to Marilyn Karl, mjkarl@yahoo.com or Jay Iams, lams_1@hotmail.com. Thank you for helping to keep us connected!
School this year looks so different for so many children. Parents, students and teachers are anxious. Everyone wants students to have a safe, normal and educational year. Even though many schools are teaching remotely at some point students will be back in their classrooms. We all need to be supportive of education this school year.

As in the past, the Outreach Ministry is collecting limited school supplies. This year they will go to Huy Elementary in the Linden area of the Columbus Public School District. We are asking, if you are able, for you to purchase supplies and drop them in the box by the Education wing outside door between September 1 - 14.

**Supplies needed are:**

1-24 pack of crayons
4- #2 pencils
1- package of writing paper
2- dry erase markers
1-pack of colored markers
2 glue sticks
2 pocket folders

Your generosity for this outreach project is needed this year more than ever. Thank you for you helping the students of Huy Elementary School.

**United Thank Offering Boxes**

Pick up your UTO box when you drop off your school supplies. If you can’t get to the church to pick up a box (by the Education/Formation wing outside door), let us know and we will get one to you. Each day think of something for which you are grateful, say the UTO prayer and put a coin in your box. In November we will collect the boxes of coins at an ingathering. If you like, take two boxes. Fill one with slips containing the items for which you are grateful and the other with the coins.

**United Thank Offering Blue Box Prayer**

Almighty God, I give you praise
for blessing me in many ways.
Create in me a grateful heart
and with this gift a blessing start.
Amen.

**CATCH COURT**

St Mark’s is not as involved with CATCH Court currently as we once were, but the Outreach Committee is still involved with Freedom A La Cart. If you would like to learn more or are interested in volunteering, please contact Pat Iams (614-582-5738) or Barb Keyes (614-314-7630). Recently Outreach Committee Member Pat Iams attended a presentation “The Justice System-Based Interventions for Survivors of Human Trafficking.” For her account about this intense but uplifting presentation, stay tuned for our Fall Epistle (which will be published in September).

**WOMEN OF SAINT MARK’S**

A social (virtual) gathering for the women of Saint Mark’s. Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. If you are dialing in, dial 312-626-6799 and then add 918 6326 1255 ##. If you are joining by internet, click HERE. Contact Michele Johnson with questions, michelelbjohnson@gmail.com.

**The Marksmen**

The Marksmen are a group of guys that get together to just "hang out" and chat. Typically the group gathers on the fourth Wednesday of each month, but during this time, they are meeting each week at ~7:45pm via Zoom. All should feel free to simply "drop in" for some good fellowship. Send an email to: "thestmarksmen@gmail.com" for more information.

**Wonderful Wednesdays at Saint Mark’s (Wed@StM)**

Wednesdays at Saint Mark’s is our programming for youth and adults held on Wednesday evenings, which lately -- as with everything else -- we have been holding online. This program is on break over the summer. Stay tuned for further news as the summer draws to a close. For questions, please contact officemanager@saintmarks columbus.org.
Reflections on the Sunday Readings

We continue to read from the section of Matthew’s Gospel, which deals with God’s forgiveness and our role in extending His forgiveness to all people. Peter asks Jesus how many times he is to forgive someone who wrongs him. In a parable, Jesus explains that God’s forgiveness of us lays on us the obligations to forgive our brothers and sisters unconditionally.

In Genesis, we have the example of Joseph, who finds it within his person to forgive his brothers, despite the atrocities they perpetrated on him as a boy. He also provides us with an example of the way in which unexpected events can work for good in God’s purpose.

In our final reading from Romans, Paul calls on Christians to refrain from judging one another. The differences between the ways various ones of us follow Christ are to be accepted. Our responsibility is to love God and each other.

We are a community marked by faith and obedience to God’s Word. Our life reflects our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. We are to be a community marked by acceptance of all and by forgiveness. Not a gathering of perfected saints—we are, rather, a gathering of sinners who have known God’s love and forgiveness and who in turn extend that love and forgiveness to all people.

We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.

The Liturgy of the Word

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

VOLUNTARY
Verse in C

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCessional Hymn 375
“Give praise and glory unto God”

Peter Sohren (c.1630–c.1692)

Unison or harmony

1 Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing;
2 The host of heaven praiseth thee, O Lord of all dominions;
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he evermore sustaineth;

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Tyler Robertson, baritone

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

BCP (Book of Common Prayer), p. 355

People
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
COLLECT FOR PURITY

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

ORGAN ACCLAMATION

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 50:15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Antiphon: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

8  The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,  
    slow to anger and of great kindness.

9  He will not always accuse us,  
    nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
    nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
    so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,  
    so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children,  
    so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

Antiphon: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 14:1–12

Reader  A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans.  
Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People  Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21–35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

SERMON

The Rev. Bruce Smith
Priest Associate, St. James, Clintonville

THE NICENE CREED (said by all)

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.
Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Additional prayers for Anglican, diocesan and parish cycles of prayer may be added here

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Additional prayers for those serving in the armed forces may be added here

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Thanksgivings may be added here

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Petitions for those in need may be added here

Silence

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially [    ] and those whom the congregation wishes to name [    ], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect

OFFERINGS

Psalm 96:8 (modified)  
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; let us bring offerings, both online and through our lives, as we come into God’s courts.

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Trumpet Tune in C  
Henry Purcell
A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Celebrant  Let us join our Presiding Bishop and our Lutheran brothers and sisters as together we pray
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.

People   Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER  BCP, p. 336

Celebrant  And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant  The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the
knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People   Amen.

In lieu of mentioning individual names online we ask that each member of the congregation to hold one another particularly near in prayer at this time and reach out to those who may be in need as we offer our prayers this morning.
CLOSING HYMN 382
“King of glory, King of peace”

General Seminary
David Charles Walker (b. 1938)

1 King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
2 Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;

thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
e’en eternity’s too short to exalt thee.

e’en eternity’s too short to exalt thee.

Tyler Robertson, baritone

THE PEACE
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

All are invited to share written messages of peace.

VOLUNTARY
Nun danket alle Gott Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

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Today’s Worship Assistants

Lay Reader
Jim Keyes

Online Assistants
Mark Drew
Sam Slee
George Reed
Ted Meyers
### Who We Are:

Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark’s held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ’s ministry within and beyond our parish.

Saint Mark’s is a member of the Episcopal Church in the United States – a community of 2.4 million members in 114 dioceses in the Americas and abroad. *Episcopal* means a church with bishops. Bishops are the leaders of the church and spiritual descendants of the apostles of Jesus Christ. We are also part of the worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of 82 million members in more than 160 countries. *Anglican* are those churches who trace their history to the Church of England.

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### Vestry Members:
- Dot Yeager, Senior Warden
- Mark Drew, Junior Warden
- Henry M., Youth Warden
- Jay Wilcox, Stewardship
- David Boop, Outreach
- Pam Thurston, Outreach
- Irina Reed, Formation
- Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt, Formation
- Marilyn Karl, Member Connection
- Jay Iams, Member Connection
- Anice Ellis, Search Committee Liaison
- Judith Grant, Parish Life
- Bill Mayr, Communications
- Phil Glandon, Treasurer
- Barbara Hyre, Clerk

### Mission Statement:

As a Christ-centered community, the people of Saint Mark’s seek a world in which all people share the joy of loving God and each other by...

- Celebrating worship together with inspiring words, music and traditions
- Serving all of our neighbors
- Engaging in fellowship and hospitality
- Encouraging people in their lifelong spiritual formation
- Being a beacon of Christ’s presence in the world

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### Staff:
- The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson, Transitional Priest-in-Charge
- Dr. Matthew Bester, Director of Music
- Dr. Tyler W. Robertson, Organist & Asst. Director of Music
- Gary L. Garber, Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus
- Dr. Michael Murray, Organist Emeritus
- Bill Silliman, Head Verger
- Melanie Jacobs, Office Manager

### Ministers:
- The Entire Saint Mark’s Family