

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God by Chris and Christine Asmussen in thanksgiving for our children Mark, Alison, Michael, and Ian; their spouses Theresa, Pete, and Katie, and our grandchildren, Ethan, Alex, Sam, and Kit.

Altar Guild — Dorothy Gates, Beth Wiley
Bread Baker — Julie Elrod
Tellers — John Gatta, Jay Fisher
Flowers — Wendy Howard
Coffee Hour — Maddie Scott

8:30 service
Vestry — Neil Patterson
Server — Seanna Mainord
Chalice Bearer — Alec Moseley
Readers — Dorothy Gates, Sue Moseley
Intercessor — Amy Patterson
Acolytes — Cayleigh Mainord
Usher(s)—Neil Patterson

11:00 service
John Gatta
Jaxon Rudder
Beth Wiley
Linda Lankewicz, Diane Jones
John Gatta

Jay Fisher, Susan Holmes

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Joseph of Arimathea Church, Hendersonville



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House, the building directly behind the church.

***Nursery care** is available (more information in Announcements).*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

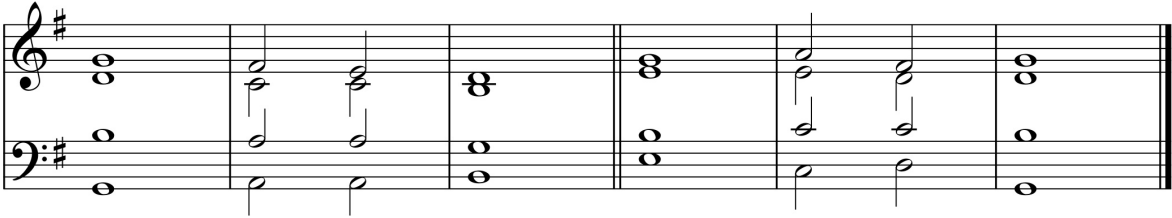
Prelude: *Preamble (Psalm 23:2)* Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)
Hymn 390: *(blue book)* “Praise to the Lord, the almighty” *Lobe den Herren*
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Gloria in excelsis: S278

Collect of the Day *(insert)*

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14 *(insert)*

Psalm: 106:1-6, 19-23 *(spoken at 8:30, sung at 11:00)*



- 1 Hallelujah!
Give thanks to the Lord, for | he | is | good, *
for his mercy en - | dures| for | ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts | of | the | Lord *
or show forth | all | his | praise?
- 3 Happy are those who | act | with | justice *
and always do | what | is | right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have | for |
your | people, *
and visit me with your sav - | ing| help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness | of | your | people, *
that I may glory with | your | in - | heritance.

6 We have sinned as our fore - | bears | did; *
we have done wrong | and | dealt | wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull- | calf | at | Horeb *
and worshiped a | mol - | ten | image;

20 And so they ex - | changed | their | Glory *
for the image of an ox that | feeds | on | grass.

21 They forgot | God | their | Savior, *
who had done great | things | in | Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the | land | of | Ham, *
and fearful things at | the | Red | Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him | in | the |
breach, *
to turn away his wrath from con - | sum -| ing| them.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 *(insert)*

Sequence Hymn WLP 805: *(green book)* “I want Jesus to walk with me”

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 *(insert)*

Sermon The Rev. Canon Katie Pearson

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 339: *(8:30)* “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness” *Schmücke dich*

Offertory Anthem: (11:00) “There's a wideness in God's mercy” Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.*

*There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our lives would
be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*

Frederick William Faber

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Sanctus: S128

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

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.
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Fraction Anthem: S155

Communion of the People:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors *(when needed)*

(in unison) In the name of this parish, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

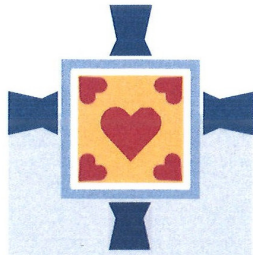
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Hymn 645: “The King of love my shepherd is” *St. Columba*

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Walter Webber (1893-1977)



Questions for Reflection:

Take a moment to thank God for all those who made plenty good room for you in the Church. How has that shaped who you are today?



The Rev. Ramiro (Ram) Lopez serves as rector of St. George's Church in San Antonio and serves on the board of TENS.



On Being Invited

Growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas I spent more time fishing in the surf of Padre Island than in going to church. Our Latino family roots were in Roman Catholicism but our church was the Gulf of Mexico shoreline.

How, then, did I grow up to become an Episcopal priest?

Thinking back, I will say that my life today is the result of someone taking the time to invite me to Christ's table. First invitation was to the local Canterbury group (college ministry). Next came an invitation to attend worship at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by an invitation to serve at the Diocesan camp, Camp Capers.

One after another, the invitations kept coming. Each one led me to a community which always made room for me. I found belonging in a spiritual family. They made plenty good room for me and for my family and friends. Over and over again, the graciousness of Christ was extended to me. I found fellow

travelers on the spiritual journey. More importantly, I found the gifts of God within me.

I suppose that I am an Episcopal priest because of all the people along the spiritual way who invited me into communities in which there was plenty good room. Plenty good room to discover myself. Plenty good room to discover God. Plenty good room to discover and discern how God was calling me to serve and lead.

I cannot imagine any other life than the one I have now - serving as an Episcopal parish priest! I am ever grateful for all the wonderful, lifelong friendships I have made. I cannot imagine any other job that would be so wonderful, so exciting and energizing as the ministry I have today.

I am so grateful for all the invitations and all those who made plenty good room for me!

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is

to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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Announcements

Sunday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remain available there for one month.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow supervises the nursery.

Morning and Evening prayer services: are held at 8:30 and 4:45pm, Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.

Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day: Is Monday October 12 and church offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Sunday Forum: On Oct. 11 Robin Collins, Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at Messiah College, will address the Sunday Forum at St. Mark and St. Paul via zoom on “*The Greatest Story Ever Told: How Theism Predicts Christianity.*”



Collins believes that the story of Jesus was inevitable given a divinity that is omniscient, omnipotent, and perfectly good. If God’s greatest gift is giving God’s self to the world, then divine incarnation in a human being, a painful and humiliating death, and a resurrection are the most effective means God could use to convey this gift. Making Jesus’s story particularly powerful, Collins says, is how it follows the contours of the universal journey of the hero story.

Collins also has a background in physics and is a leading proponent of the “fine tuning” argument, which contends that the laws and constants of physics are clues that point toward purpose in the universe. He is the recipient of a major award from the Templeton Foundation, which supports scholars who explore the intersection of science and religion.

Next week: Rob Lamborn will talk about “St. Paul in Greece.”

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 am for children (3 years old through 5th grade).

Godly Play 1: *The Ark & the Temple*, Storyteller — Wendy Howard, Doorperson — Chas Womelsdorf

Godly Play 2: *The Story of Jacob*, Storyteller — Barbara Prunty, Doorperson — Jori Smith

4th/5th: *Seen & Unseen*, Matthew Mitchell, Dottie Mainord (Downstairs Brooks)

Youth Sunday School: (Meets upstairs in Brooks Hall).

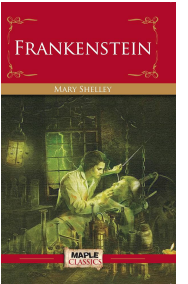
Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler (hbwchurch@gmail.com) for details.



Vestry Nominations: As is customary, the **Nominating Committee** consists of the Vestry members completing their terms and not eligible to run in 2027: John Gatta, Neil Patterson, and Mary Priestley. You are invited to contact any member of the Nominating Committee to recommend yourself or someone else (with that person's permission) to be a candidate for Vestry by October 15. Qualifications will be listed in the October newsletter.

October Book Study: *Frankenstein*
by Mary Shelley
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30
Brooks Hall Oct 13-27
Please bring a drink or snack to share.

Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus is an 1818 Gothic novel written by English author Mary Shelley. *Frankenstein* is one of the best-known works of English literature. Infused with elements of the Gothic novel and the Romantic movement, it has had a considerable influence on literature and on popular culture, spawning a complete genre of horror stories, films, and plays.



The Memorial Spike Ceremony (titled *The Rememberings*): will take place on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at the University Cemetery

This ceremony will recall and commemorate the lives of the people of Sewanee’s St. Mark’s community whose graves in the historic cemetery have vanished over the many generations.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the placing of hand-forged bronze grave markers at the 148 lost graves in the historic Black graveyard in Sewanee’s University Cemetery.

All-Parish Thank You Luncheon: Come enjoy a free catered luncheon in Kennerly Hall hosted by the Stewardship Committee on Sunday, October 18, at noon. This is a celebration of gratitude; pledges will not be sought at the luncheon. Please look for an e-vite this week to respond so we’ll know how many meals to have ready.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests: Camilla, Liz Camp, Edward Curry, Larry Filachek, Ann Gildemeister, Brady Hall, Emily Shrader Hauze, Phebe Hethcock, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Mike Jones, Duane, Denis Lewis, Brenda Matthews, Mike Mattei, Greg McNair, Emmelia Leffler-Mitchell, Michelle Nelson, Wayne Pack, Susan Pontak, Farris Ralston, Rick Reuhling, Doug Seiters, Isaiah Shelby, Lynda Stephenson, Lynn Stubblefield, Evelyn Taylor, Ken Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, John Wellborn, and those who are suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: Charles Houton Beaumont, and Sam Howick.