

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Living Inclusively, Promoting Justice, Sharing Hope



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church
A house of prayer for all people in the historic Radcliffeborough
neighborhood of Charleston, South Carolina*

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Shaffer, Rector
The Reverend Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych, Clergy Associate-Retired
Loretta Haskell, Organist & Choirmaster
Rob Turner, Senior Warden – Hillery Douglas, Junior Warden

*The 1982 Hymnal, referred to as **Hymnal** and Lift Every Voice and Sing II, referred to as **LEVAS** are found in your pew. **WLP** designates the music comes from the publication *Wonder, Love and Praise*. If **BCP** appears, that is a reference to the red Book of Common Prayer, also found in your pew.*

Opening Proclamation

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

INTROIT	I Owe My Lord a Morning Song	John L. Bell
OPENING HYMN	Come We That Love the Lord	LEVAS 12

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Priest says.

Celebrant	Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People	<i>Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen</i>

The Priest says.

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 following is sung, all standing.

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise: Benedictus es, Domine	Hymnal S-236
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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim, we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

Reader: A reading from the Book of Job.

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 *Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.*
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 *I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.*
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Hymnal 301

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

TRANSITION SONG In the Lord I'll be ever thankful by Taizé

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.**

THE SERMON The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Shaffer

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.

INTERCESSIONS (*adopted from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer p.413*)

Intercessor: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: Father, enliven the Church for its mission.
People: That we may be the salt of the earth and light to the world.

Intercessor: Breathe fresh life into your people. ***People: Give us the power to reveal Christ in word and action.***

Intercessor: We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. ***People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.***

Intercessor: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Intercessor: We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others. ***People: That all act with integrity and courage.***

Intercessor: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours and for those in need. God of hope and comfort, restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We invite your personal intercessions at this time, either aloud or in your heart.

After a pause, the Intercessor will offer specific prayers for this week, ending...

Intercessor: Lord, hear our prayer.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Intercessor: Almighty God, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve, bless all who following in his steps live a life of service to others. Those who dedicate themselves in every season of life, in youth and advancing age, to service of nation and every human being, striving for justice, peace and equality for all people in their daily lives. By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant all who serve, wisdom, patience and courage, that they may minister in the name of Christ to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us.

People: For it is in giving that we receive.

Intercessor: Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People: Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

Intercessor: We remember those who have died and those who mourn: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Give comfort to those who mourn.

People: Father, into your hands we commend them.

Intercessor: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People: Grant that we may walk in your presence; your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Confession and Absolution

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

All: 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 heart; 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.

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. **All: Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord saying, "Peace be with you."

SONG Surely the Presence of the Lord is In This Place ***Sung by all.***

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

The Priest offers an Offertory Sentence.

OFFERTORY Sing Praise to God Rachel Aarons

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Sung to the tune of Hymnal #400

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: **Enriching Our Worship** **Prayer 2**

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: 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 sing:

SANCTUS

Grayson Warren Brown

LEVAS 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ ho - ly Lord God

_____ of hosts. _____ Heav-en and earth are _____ filled with your

glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in _____ the high - est. _____

_____ Bless-ed is the one who _____ comes in the name _____ of the

Lord, _____ of the Lord, _____ Ho - sa - na _____ in the

high - est, ho - sa - na in _____ the high - est. _____

The Celebrant 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. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, 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 our patron St. Mark and 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.*

The Lord’s Prayer

LEVAS 263

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

People and Celebrant sing:

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

LEVAS 152

INVITATION

Celebrant The Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Behold Who You Are; Become What You Receive.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
When We Walk With the Lord

LEVAS 184
LEVAS 205

After Communion, the Celebrant says. Let us pray. *(All pray)*

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.

THE BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL

If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today

LEVAS 176

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

CLOSING HYMN

Thank You, Lord

Sung by all.

*Thank You, Lord (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.
You've Been So Good (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.
You've Been My Friend (x's 3) I just want to thank you Lord.
The worship is over. Now the service begins.*



*The Altar Flowers are given by Peter Goodrich
in memory of Veronica.*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer, *Presiding*
The Reverend Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych, *Celebrating & Preaching*
Alphonso Grayson, *Crucifer, Eucharistic Minister*
Ellen Hardin, *Lector*

Ginny Grayson, Patricia Gates, Alphonso Grayson, Dana Beecken, *Altar Guild*
Vicki Williams, Ginny Grayson, *Ushers*

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The Feast of All Saints' and All Souls' Remembrances from Sunday, November 2, 2025

By error of the rector, the list of beloved remembered during our Eucartistic Celebration of All Saints' and All Souls' on November 2, 2025 was omitted from the service bulletin. With apologies, this is the list of those individuals.

The custom of commemorating all the saints of the Church as a single celebration dates back to at least the third century. The early history of the Church is filled with stories of the heroic faith of these witnesses to Christ's truth and love. The stories of these saints—those baptized Christians of all ages and in all walks of life—are models for all Christians throughout history. On this All Saints' Sunday we hold up holy men and women in the Church who have lived lives of faithful and joy-filled service. As one of the recommended days for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we renew and reaffirm our own baptismal promises. And at the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled in our lives.

In the tenth century, it became customary to recognize on a single day that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. Over time, the day became associated with special remembrances of an individual's family and friends.

While All Saints' is to remember all the saints, over time, popular piety felt the need to distinguish between outstanding saints and those who are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church, especially family members and friends. Therefore, All Souls Day, commemorated on November 2 each year, became an optional observance as an extension of All Saints' Day. Many churches now commemorate all the faithful departed in the context of the All Saints' Day celebration. Therefore, today we remember:

Gladys Bugg
William H. Bugg
Francis Oulton
Janet Oulton
Elbert Powell, Sr.
Adrianne and Brandon Pinkston
Col. William Jefferson and Mrs. Mildred Jefferson
Mr. Marion B. German
Ms. Paulette German Cousins
Sandra Parrish Tillman
Robert Eugene Waters
George L. Bresnihan
Martha Virginia O'Neill Pyle
Veronica M.T.D. Goodrich
Dorothy Boags Robinson
Frank B. Robinson, Sr.
Frank B. Robinson, Jr.
Walter B. Robinson
Virginia Lum Grayson
Alphonso Grayson, Sr.
Margaret Grayson Kays
The Lum Family
The Fordham Family
The Nell Family
Emily Hardin

Christine Coleman
Virginia O'Neill Pyle
William M. Bumpus
Robert A. Bumpus
Sipo Mzimela
Margaret DeCosta
Emily & Herbert DeCosta
Julia Craft & Herbert DeCosta
Charles & Emiline Craft
William & Ellen Craft
Michael Atwood
Teddy Luttrell
Ed Luttrell
James Wesley Shaffer
John Thompson Dash
Robert Eugene Waters
Sandra Parrish Tillman
Sheilah Simmons
John Hammonds