

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

*Living Inclusively, Promoting Justice, Sharing Hope*



October 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## ***Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church***

**The Twenty-Second  
Sunday after Pentecost**

*Sharing the hope and love of Jesus Christ in a radically inclusive, respectful and loving community, mobilized as His disciples to alleviate suffering, while working for equity, justice, and mercy in every aspect of life.*

*To become God's Beloved Community.*

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

The Very Reverend Dr. Michael Shaffer, Interim Rector

The Reverend Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych, Clergy Associate-Retired

Loretta Haskell, Organist & Choirmaster

Alphonso Grayson, Senior Warden – Bob Waters, Junior Warden



## *The Season after Pentecost*

*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**

Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants

Abbot's Lee

**OPENING HYMN**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

**Hymnal 460**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

*People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Presider: 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**

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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **THE LESSONS**

#### **FIRST READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
 People            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

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

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
 In the Lord I'll 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.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -FORM IV – MODIFIED FOR ELECTION SEASON**

Intercessor: 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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Guide us in truth and love.***

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone's voice.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Guide us in truth and love.***

We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Guide us in truth and love.***

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Guide us in truth and love.***

Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Guide us in truth and love.***

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*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

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. We invite your personal intercessions at this time, either aloud or in your heart. (Pause, followed by Intercessor Prayers)

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially George Bresnihan, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People: Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.*

## **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.***



*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S -125**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All:**

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with our patron St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: AMEN.**

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 debt, 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**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

## INVITATION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*At St. Mark's Episcopal Church, all desiring a deepening and reaffirming relationship with Christ are invited to come forward for Holy Communion or for a blessing. This is the table not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be fed and blessed here. For He knows you by name and calls you by name.*

*Communion will be offered in two kinds. The wine may be received by either sipping the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to dip your wafer in the wine, so that you may receive by intinction. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest when the chalice reaches you at the altar rail. Communion in one kind (in bread only) is a perfectly valid way to receive the sacrament. Gluten free hosts are available upon request. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

O Jesus, I Have Promised  
Lead Me, Guide Me

**Hymnal 655**  
**LEVAS 194**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says.*

Let us pray. (*All pray*)

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

## PROCESSIONAL

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**Hymnal 680**

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Christ.

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

## 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.***



### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer, *Celebrant & Preacher*  
Ellen Hardin, *Eucharistic Minister*  
Erin Shaffer, *Lector*  
Loretta Haskell, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Gin Waters, Yvette Douglas, Jean Turner, *Altar Guild*  
Suzanne Hieserman, *Flowers*  
Angela Hare, Yvette Douglas, *Ushers*

### Announcements



### **2025 Stewardship Campaign**

September 29 – November 3, 2024

We will be starting our campaign for your pledge of financial support of St. Mark's for calendar year 2025 from September 29 to November 3, 2024. You will be receiving letters in the mail from Fr. Michael, Chair Marj Kenney-Williams and Sr. Warden Alphonso Grayson in the coming weeks. *Please give generously.*

St. Mark's has in place two means by which you can pledge or give financially to the church, **Zelle** and **Tithe.ly**. Zelle payments are initiated by the sender in their individual banking platform or website. The St. Mark's Zelle payment address is [office@saintmarkschurch.com](mailto:office@saintmarkschurch.com). To give via tithe.ly scan this QR Code:



## Music Offering Request to Fund Musicians for Special Events

To enhance our fellowship and worship experiences during Special Events, professional musicians have been engaged to perform at our Annual Picnic and Liturgy of Lament and Repentance for the Episcopal Church's Complicity in Slavery and the Slave Trade. A well known local combo will entertain during our Annual Picnic and both a well-known local saxophonist and acapella choral group will participate in our special liturgy. We need to raise \$1500 to cover these expenses. Please offer a special financial gift to help defray these expenses by placing a check in the offering plate during the month of October 2024 or contribute through Zelle or Tithe.ly online. Note in the memo line: Special Music Offering. *Thank you!*

### **Special Liturgy of Lament and Repentance – Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> In conjunction with the Charleston Literary Festival – Event Registration Required**

Ilyon Woo, the 2024 Pulitzer Prize winning author for her book, *Master Slave, Husband Wife*, will be a featured speaker at this year's Charleston Literary Festival, on Sunday, November 10. She will share her experience in writing this book, the beautiful true story of the Craft family flight from enslavement to freedom over the course of 4 to 5 days sheds light on issues of race, power, and love in the 19<sup>th</sup> century America. Her presentation will be at 4:00 PM at the Dock Street Theater on Sunday, November 10, and while attendance is free, tickets and preregistration are required. Please go to [www.charlestonliteraryfestival.com](http://www.charlestonliteraryfestival.com) to register.

The Crafts, the subject of the book, are the great, great grandparents of our parishioners Gail DeCosta and Vicki Davis Williams. Because of the close bond developed between Ms. Woo, Gail and Vicki during the writing of this book, we expect Ms. Woo will be worshipping with us at St. Mark's the morning of November 10<sup>th</sup>, and in celebration of that we intend to hold a special Liturgy of Lament and Repentance for the Episcopal Church's complicity in Slavery and Slave Trade, focusing on what we can do presently to combat the ongoing systemic racism which still plagues our country. We're still putting this together, but other parishes and congregations may well join us for this liturgy, and I'm certain it will draw some publicity, so **please, please, please arrange your schedules to be present on November 10 and register for free tickets to attend the Charleston Literary Festival presentation by Ilyon Woo.**

Also, beginning on November 2 until Thanksgiving, there will be an art exhibit of Bernice Craft DeCosta Davis, a Craft descendant and mother of Vicki and Julia-Ellen, in the Art Gallery at the Charleston Public Library. *St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a sponsor of this event.* In the 1970's, The Post and Courier called Ms. Bernice a Renaissance woman personified, a woman of many talents and considerable expertise in weaving, ceramics, calligraphy, and painting using watercolors and oils.

### **Faith & Politics and the 2024 Election discussion to continue by Zoom**

Following the September 15<sup>th</sup> Faith & Politics Forum many people have expressed an interest in continuing the conversation through the November Presidential Elections. Therefore Fr. Adam Shoemaker and Fr. Michael are finalizing plans to conduct two Zoom sessions online the last two weeks in October. If you are interested, please let Fr. Michael know and provide your email address so you might receive notice of the sessions when plans are finalized.

### **Quarters for Patriot's Villa Residents**

Please place quarters in the green bucket in our Narthex which will be contributed to Patriot Villa residents to help them pay for laundry and transportation.

## Panorama Newspaper

The Panorama Newspaper which is published in Columbia but covers news throughout South Carolina is available every week in the narthex. Please remember to pick up your copy either on your way in or out of the church.

**Altar Flower Donations** – Altar Flowers may be donated by signing up for any given Sunday in the Altar Flower Notebook in the church Narthex. Suggested donation is a minimum of \$40.00.

**Free parking** is available during Sunday Worship Services at Ashley Hall School parking lot, located at the corner of Warren and Smith Streets, only one block from St. Mark's Church.

**Parish Office Hours** are every Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Other times, contact Fr. Michael at 843-830-1220.

## *Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church*



*We're so glad you are here.*

We are a community of believers who come to worship, to pray, to love and to be loved, as we work to ease the burdens we share, living in the twenty-first century. We not only welcome but *embrace* a diverse community of people with different ethnic, racial, sexual orientation and social backgrounds, who may have different ways of being their authentic selves in the world. Our focus is to live into right relationship with each other and all creation as followers of Jesus. We are strengthened by our diversity, as we strive for unity, not uniformity.

So, *please join us*. Bring your gifts and passions, along with your doubts and your curiosity, but most of all, your hearts and minds. There is a place for everyone in God's church, and we may be the place where you can flourish, just as you are, *God's beloved child*.

If I can answer any of your questions, or just be of help to you in any way along your journey, I'd welcome the chance to speak with you personally. Feel free to call me anytime on my cell phone or email me. *And thanks for being with us today!*

Gratefully,  
Michael Shaffer +  
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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS

# SHAWAN GILLIANS' SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

NOVEMBER 3 FROM 5PM - 7:15PM

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Seminarian, Shawan Gillians is currently committed to working for St. Stephen's for an eighteen-month period of time at approximately ten hours per week. During this time, she will have opportunities to preach, teach, serve at the altar, and involve herself in various aspects of our common life and ministry. Bishop Ruth invited Shawan to have ministry experience with us because of her belief in our parish as valuable space to form a future ordained leader in the church.

COME HEAR SHAWAN REFLECT  
UPON HER SPIRITUAL STORY.

How has she experienced God in her life? How has she experienced her evolving sense of call? How has she felt that God has molded her into the person that she is today?



*Email [arucker@ststephenschs.com](mailto:arucker@ststephenschs.com) to sign up for the Potluck!*

