

Morning Prayer - October 20, 2024 PROPER 24 B

Jean Ellis, Lay leader. Kris O'Reilly, Lector.

This morning prayer service will be using the Book of Common Prayer (red book) in the pews. Below are the Collect and Readings for today along with announcements. The service will start on page 78.

Collect

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.

Psalm 91:9-16

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- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Epistle

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.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

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.

St. Mark's Prayer List

Jenifer Hurley, Anna Oliverson, Kate, Fran Fletcher, Elizabeth, Kathryn Read, Evie and her family, Beth, Brendan, and Corinne, Andrew Ward, Christine, Marcia & Ralph Regner, Jane, Lisa, Ben, Ross, Bonnie, Pamela, Bob, Brian Smith, Angela, Lorenz, Ovril, Margaret Bateman, Cathy, Sherrie Carroll, Betty & Tom MacNamara, Brooke, Sandra, Charlotte, David Andrew, Sue Sweeney, Olivia, Doug Read, Daniel Corcoran, Gil Dube, Valerie Beleski, Meagan, Michelle Eberle, Mark Amela, Janet Andrews, Tom Nielsen, Ross, Jen Green. George Weemer and the Weemer Family, Tracy, Marge, Pam Mark, John Gallacher, Linda O'Donnell, Beth, Bob Dwyer, Jack Winter; and Pascalina, Gladness, and Isaya at the Faraja Primary School in Tanzania.

We Pray for those who have recently died

Christopher Hemingway, Peter Hemingway, Jim Doherty

Thanksgiving for healing

Maryjane

Announcements

October 20th to Oct 27th

Sunday, October 20th

10 a.m. – Morning Prayer, Jean Ellis lay leader

5 p.m. – Dinner Church

Thursday, October 24th

10 a.m.–5 p.m. St. Mark's office hours.

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice

Friday, October 25th

9 a.m. – Bible study at Johnson's restaurant in Groton, all welcome.

Sunday, October 27th

10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rev. Bergmann

Dinner Church is an alternative worship experience based on the traditions of the early church. Participants gather for a meal that also incorporates times of prayer and discussion. The experience is family-friendly, inviting multiple generations to reflect and pray together. All are welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. This month's dinner church is on **Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 5 p.m.** Contact **Judie Hilton** if you plan to attend at familyministry@st-mark.org.

St. Mark's Friday Bible Study meets every other week at a local restaurant to discuss the lectionary readings for the week. New members are welcome! If you'd like to join, e-mail Herb Elliott at herb.elliott@cheza.com, and he will add you to the email distribution and send you the readings.

Keep the plastic coming!

We just passed 209 pounds heading to our goal of 1000 pounds!

St. Mark's is partnering with Trex Company to help the environment while enhancing the local community by turning plastic bags into a bench that will be installed at one of the Westford public beaches.

Eligible plastic items include shopping bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, bubble wrap, produce bags, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, Ziploc and other reclosable bags, and plastic wrap that surrounds something like a case of water bottles. Plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food and organic residue. Plastic can be dropped off at the collection bin in the Narthex. For more information, contact dorothygaumer@gmail.com.

Merrimack Valley Food Bank

For the month of October and November, the Money collected in the Outreach box at the altar will go to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank. The food bank is one of four in Massachusetts and serves over 70,000 individuals per month in Central Mass. See this presentation for more details - [LINK](#)

St. Mark's News

Office Hours - Irina and/or Rev. Bergmann will be in the office on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an office appointment, please email secretary@st-mark.org or Rev. Bergmann at wcbgrm2n@gmail.com or call (978) 692-7849 and leave a voice message. Thank you.

The next Vestry Meeting will be on **Monday, November 11th**, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Scott Hilton for a link if you would like to join.

Ongoing Ministries

Food Collection - a reminder that we collect food in the wicker basket in the Narthex all year long. The need is constant, so if you have non-perishables and personal care items, please feel free to put them in the basket.

Pastoral Care: Want to receive communion? Need prayers for healing? Just want to talk to a priest? Please email or call Herb Elliott at herb.elliott@cheza.com or call 978-501-8479. Herb heads up our Pastoral Care team and can have you added to the prayer list, arrange for a Pastoral Care team member to give you a call, send a card, or organize other support. Herb also has contact information for local clergy who have offered to respond to Pastoral Care needs. You can also use the "Request Pastoral Visit" button on St. Mark's website.