

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We who are many are one body

People: **Because we all share the one bread, the one cup.**

Invitation to Communion:

The Body and Blood of Christ.

Behold who you are; become what you receive.

COMMUNION HYMN *See insert*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the reign of God: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us, and make us generous and wise stewards of all we enjoy. Amen.

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to listen to Creation, rejoicing that you are made in God's image, and may the blessing of the One, Holy, and Eternal Trinity, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *See insert*

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into God's good creation, with open and listening hearts. Alleluia.

Alleluia

❖ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

**Listen to the
Voice of Creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SEASON OF CREATION 2022

People say or sing words in **bold type** and/or preceded by the ❖ symbol.

BCP is the red *Book of Common Prayer*
Hymnal or S is the blue *The Hymnal 1982*
WLP is the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *See insert*

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *8:00 am* BCP 356

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us. (Repeat x 3)**

HYMN OF PRAISE *10:30 am* WLP 885

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
3. O men and wo - men ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
Lithe wa - ter life, bright air-borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -
alt the God who made you.
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Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at creation. Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world, and bring your saving work to its completion. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

❖ **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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, O God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Source of life and immortality, Whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, in every place and at all times.

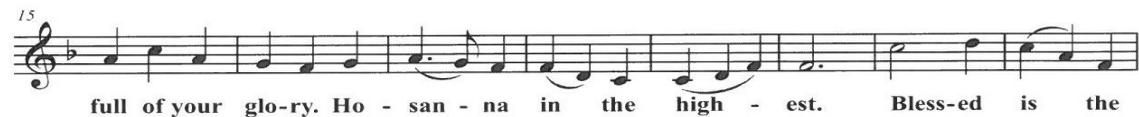
By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.

you divided light from darkness,
created the heavens and established the earth;
you divided the sea from the dry land,
and caused all life to come into being.
When you had made the plants and the animals,
you formed humanity in your own image,
and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,
took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit Who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:



COLLECT FOR CREATION

Creator of All, From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise. In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE READINGS *See insert*

We respond to the readings with the following words:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

❖ **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

HYMN 405



THE GOSPEL *See insert*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading, we say:

The Gospel of the Lord.

❖ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

NICENE CREED *(standing as able)*

❖ **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Litanist: Loving God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near Your altar. You are attentive to all you have made. God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live. Help us be attentive to all you have made. God, in whom all creation subsists,

Help us listen as you do.

Loving God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you. God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.

Loving God, help us hear and know you just as the earth and rocks do. Help us to learn from the way in which we see creation to recognize your glorious beauty. God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.

Loving God, you are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener. God, who is present with your creation,

Help us be present too.

Loving God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden as you do. God, who is present with your creation,

Help us be present too.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to your creation and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth. God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

CONFESSION

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

Celebrant and People:

**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.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

❖ **O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journey of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME VISITORS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *See insert*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

- ❖ **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
- ❖ **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ❖ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For Healing & Strength:

Linda, Suzanne, Albert, Bill, Manuel, Manuel Jr, Norma, Connie, Margaret, Patrick, Tyler, Lexi, Kris

For those in the Armed Forces, Civil Service, on Missions:

Erik, Justin

For Travelers:

Paul & Cathy, Bob & Donna

For those who have died:

Josh, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Norma, Steve, Renee, David, Jim, Cathy, J.T., Lynne, Bob, Jim, Steve, Derek

For others:

All those impacted by recent floods around the world

For the people of the United Kingdom

Our unhoused neighbors at Purple Cliffs Camp

September 18th, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

MUSIC & READINGS

PRELUDE	<i>Balm in Gilead</i>	Gilbert M. Martin
PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation</i>	Hymn 390
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 only)	<i>Jesu, joy of our desiring</i>	JS Bach
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Sometimes I feel discouraged</i>	Hymn 676
POSTCOMMUNION HYMN	<i>God the sculptor of the mountains</i>	WLP 746
POSTLUDE	<i>Improvisation</i>	Kyle Osborne

OLD TESTAMENT JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

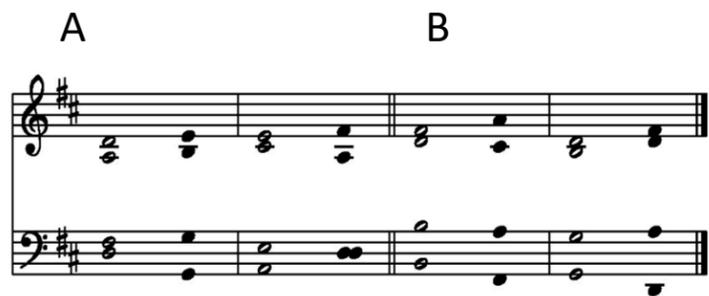
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!



Psalm 79:1-9 *Deus, venerunt*

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy **temple**; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of **rubble**.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of
the **air**; *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the **field**.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of **Jerusalem**; *
and there was no one to bury **them**.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our **neighbors**; *
an object of scorn and derision to those **around us**.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O **LORD**? *
will your fury blaze like fire for **ever**?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not **known you** *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your **Name**.
- 7 For they have devoured **Jacob** *
and made his dwelling a **ruin**.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to **meet us**; *
for we have been brought very **low**.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your **Name**; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your **Name's sake**.

EPISTLE 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to St. Mark's Episcopal Church!

We're especially glad to welcome you if you are worshiping with us for the first time this morning. If you're with us in person, please fill out a "Welcome Guest" card, found at the usher station or in the pew rack. We look forward to greeting you more fully after the service at Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall! For those joining us online, please drop us a note at our website www.stmarksdurango.com so we can be in touch if you'd like us to do that!!

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Today's flowers are given by Lynn Emerson in thanksgiving for family



BOOK IN-GATHERING

There are no due dates for the St. Marks Library. However, from time to time the library requests books be returned so we can get a better sense for what we actually have in our inventory and what we might want to purchase. As we are currently cleaning out the Library, and as it has been several years since we've rounded up wayward titles, this is a good time to collect books. Lots of us have books than have been sitting on shelves and bedside tables in our homes for months or even years, so don't be concerned if you have a book that was checked out long ago. If you have any St. Marks Library books that were checked out in 2021 or earlier, please return them to the library. If you leave them on the library desk in the Parish Hall, we will shelve them for you. Thank you for your support of the Library's ministry.

- **NEWCOMER COFFEE HOUR**

Next Sunday September 25th immediately following the 10:30 service we will be hosting a Fall Newcomer Coffee Hour!! If you are fairly new (or not) please stop by and say hi! No RSVPs needed, just come!

- **ISO: COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

2 of our Coffee Hour hosts have dropped out of rotation and we are looking to fill their spots as quickly as possible in order to finish out 2022 and begin 2023. If you have any interest in joining this ministry please contact Wendy at wghassemer@gmail.com

