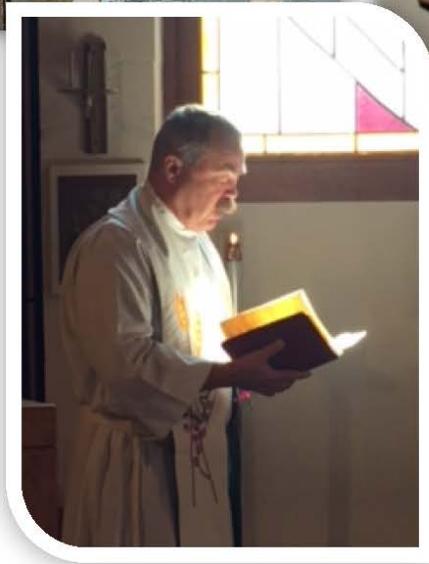
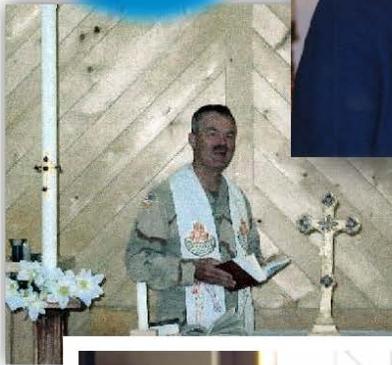


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Prelude

Opening Hymn

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymnal #410

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor,
To His people in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of
grace.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.*

Priest: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: *There is one hope in God's call to us*

Priest: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People: *One God and Father of all.*

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

(from the insert)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and scared mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which are grown old are being made new and that all things are brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who live and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gloria (x2)

Glory to God

Taize #16

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lesson (<i>English & Spanish</i>)	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Rosa Krewson (<i>from the insert</i>)
The Psalm	Psalm 125	(<i>from the insert</i>)
The Epistle	James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	Nihal Masih (<i>from the insert</i>)
Sequence Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</i>	Hymnal #460

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.
3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
5. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

The Gospel Mark 7:24-37

Read by The Rev. Juan Valderrama (*Spanish*)
The Rev. Cornelia Eaton (*Navajo*)
The Rev. Donna Foughty (*English*)

Priest: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

All: *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. John A. Weatherly

The Nicene Creed The Rev. Michael Pumphrey BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI Rosemary Kley BCP p. 392

The Confession BCP p. 360

Priest: *On the 2nd day of November 1997, I was inducted by Bishop Jones as rector of St. Mark's. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. Mark's ends this month.*

Rector and People's Wardens: *Do you, the people of St. Mark's recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?*

People: We do.

Priest & People (*say together the following prayers*): O God, you have bound us together for a time as Priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and each other we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, Amen.

The Peace

BCP p. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Presentation of Gifts (sung)

Hymnal #380 (vs. 3)

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: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Rev. John Weatherly &
The Rev. Juan Valderrama

Sanctus (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

BCP p. 361

The Breaking of the Bread

All baptized persons are invited to receive communion.

Fraction Anthem

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Taize #143

*Jesus Christ bread of life, those who come to you will never hunger,
Jesus Christ Risen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.*

Communion Hymn

Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Hymnal #593

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace;
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.

2. Where all is doubt may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope,
Where all is night, may we sow light,
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.

4. May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving, we are forgiven.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son and for uniting us through Him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of the Rev. John A. Weatherly among us and the presence of his family here. Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead and always rejoice in your glory and come at length into your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

He Who Would Valiant Be

1. He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

2. Who so beset him round with dismal stories
do but themselves confound—his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,
he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away; I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim.

The Dismissal

Postlude

**We warmly welcome those who worship with us today. Please join us for a reception following the service.
Remember to wear your name tags!**

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2018 Vestry

Rector's Warden: Jim Bailes **People's Warden:** Rob Bluey
Treasurer: Eric Bryda (Ex Officio) **Clerk:** Nana Marfo
Worship: Tracy Tienken
Education: Belinda Appiah, Nana Marfo, Pam Hamrin (*Children's Education*)
David Walton, Rodney Fisher (*Adult Education*)
Fellowship: Kathy Hughes (*Coffee Hour*), Nihal Masih, Velma Scott-Boyle (*Meals*),
Rodney Fisher (*Outreach*)
Operations: Charlotte Brown (*Communications, Admin., Planning*)
Doug Varner, Velma Scott-Boyle (*Finance & Stewardship*), Rob Bluey (*Facilities*)

Music Director/Organist: Tatiana Andronikova
Sexton: Francisco Robles
Accountant: Mike Morgan
Verger: Mrs. Jeanne Shafer
Youth Minister: Gabriella Elizabeth Pineda
Parish Administrator: Becky Sanders

Worship Service Volunteers

LEM

9/9/18 Pam Smith/Susan Byers
9/16/18 Sheryl Sims/Donna Anderson

Lectors

9/9/18 Rosa Krewson/Nihal Masih
9/16/18 Rick Krewson/Wilhelmina Scott-Boyle

Intercessor

9/9/18 Rosemary Kley
9/16/18 Linda Larson

Acolytes

9/9/18 Molly Hamrin/Ryan Lear
9/16/18 Hannah Luxner/Ryan Lear

Altar Guild

9/9/18 Donna Anderson/Velma Scott-Boyle
9/16/18 Ann Sparks/Estela Escobar

Greeter(s)

9/9/18 Wilhelmina Scott-Boyle
9/16/18 Linda Larson

Ushers

9/9/18 Karen Ashworth/David Powers
9/16/18 Nihal Masih/Pam Smith

Flower Guild

9/9/18 Delsa Chui
9/16/18 Brenda Ventura /Ana Ventura

Tellers

9/9/18 Karen Ashworth/Irrsula Mpouma
9/16/18 Jim Bailes/Linda Larson

Vestry Person

9/9/18 All Vestry Members
9/16/18 Doug Varner



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

From The Rector's Desk

Today in Washington, is the first official game of the season for the local football team. Forgive me for talking about football! In his book *Iacocca*, Lee Iacocca records a conversation he had with Vince Lombardi. He had asked the great football coach what it took to make a winning team. Vince Lombardi answered; "Of course there are the fundamentals and the discipline, but that doesn't win the game. There is a third ingredient: If you are going to play together as a team you've got to care for one another. Each player has to be thinking about the next guy and saying to himself, If I don't block that man, Paul is going to get his legs broken. I have to do my job well in order that he can do his. "The difference between mediocrity and greatness", Lombardi said that night, "is the feeling these guys have for each other". In the healthy church, each Christian learns to care for others. As we take seriously Jesus' command to love one another, we contribute to a winning team. Let's face the facts. Our Lord spelled out very carefully and clearly what would be the consequences of following him. It would be to renounce all, for Christ. St. Paul said in our epistle this morning, "He is bold enough to command us to what is required, but he prefers to appeal to our true nature for love's sake. Jesus knew what he was asking. He appealed to us to love better and seek further, knowing that whatever the cost, the rewards would be far better for our trying. And I might observe, to be uncomfortable with where we are, so what we could love where we might be. If it is truly meant to be yours the invitation comes from God, who asks us, having faithfully measured the situation, is faithful and sure in supporting those who choose to follow Jesus and take up his cross day by day.

I am grateful to this community, for its support, and especially, its faithfulness. We have had a great journey, and many wild adventures. Ask our mission teams especially from over the years. But in every part of this great community, over all these years, we have seen God's blessings. Let us continue to love one another, as Christ has so loved us. Yours, John A. Weatherly, Rector

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark's Parish: Lindsay Drabick, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, , Kathleen Lemmon, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks, Janis BiceLas.

Extended family: Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler, Annie Osborne.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up Tim, Emily and family, Andrew Kley, Pat Foughty, Brian Talay and Danielle Budzko. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

To Rev. Weatherly: You have served the Lord with gladness-tirelessly, faithfully and with great compassion for His flock. Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life, may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you and may the God of peace grant you peace now and always.

Announcements

Mount Vernon Community Day: Please plan to attend the Ventures in Community/Mount Vernon Community Day to Serve on Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9am-11am at 2000 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Local churches will meet to assemble “Power Packs”, donated food for underprivileged children in the community. If you have any questions or need additional information on donating food, please contact, Heather Colley (916-223-9018), Nancy Waller (703-360-5519) or Rodney Fisher (rodneyfisher85@gmail.com).

United Community Ministries: UCM is currently in need of disposable diapers (sizes, 4, 5, and 6) as well as canned tuna, chicken and low-sugar cereals. More information can be found at www.ucmagency.org . Thank you for your generosity.

Needed: If you have any empty detergent bottles with screw on tops, please contact Ann Sparks. Thank you!

Sunday School: The Sunday School will be begin its new year on Sunday, September 16th at 10:00am. We will have classes for Pre-K to high school. Registration forms will be available soon. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Belinda Appiah, Nana Marfo or Pam Hamrin.

FOR EXISTING MY-E-OFFERING PARTICIPANTS: Electronic withdrawals from credit card and ACH/Direct Withdrawal have not been made for June. The company has updated their system and everyone must re-enter your donation information following these instructions:
To reset your donation, follow the steps below:

1. Go to members.myeoffering.com
2. Click “Forgot Password?” in the top right
3. Follow the instructions to reset your password (you can use your previous password, if desired)
4. Sign in and follow instructions for setting up a “wallet” and new recurring donation for the remainder of 2018. **PLEASE** make up the missed June donations through the use of an offering envelope or setting up a one-time donation when you are on the MyEOffering website. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need assistance, call MyEOffering at 1-877-393-3330. **NOTE:** You will **NOT** see your previous year’s donations on this website. St Mark’s bookkeeper Mike Morgan will be contacting the individuals by email with any additional information.

Commissioning of the Rector Search Committe: On Sunday, September 16, 2018, the Discernment Committee (what we’ve been calling the Rector Search Committee), will be commissioned after the Prayers of the People by Jim Bailes and/or Rob Bluey at the 10:00 a.m. service. They will hold their first meeting on September 23, 2018 at 11:15 a.m. in Classroom #2.



Upcoming Birthdays

9/9 – Addy Awofisayo

9/10 – The Rev. John Weatherly

9/13 – Andrew Kley/Reginald Thompson