

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church
75 Cold Spring Road
Westford, Massachusetts, 01886*

“But I say to you that listen,

Love

your enemies,

do good

to those who hate you,

bless

those who curse you,

pray

for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

November 2, 2025, All Saints' Sunday

Rev. Melissa Buono, Officiant

Lee Yezek, Minister of Music

Usher/Reader: Jean and Tom Ellis

Chalice Bearer: Brenda Martin

ENTRANCE HYMN: *I sing a song of the saints of God (Grand Isle) (H 293)*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God:
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 355)

GLORIA: S 277 *Glory to God (Hurd)* (BCP p. 356)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 149

Remain seated.

¹Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
²Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
³Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
⁸To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
⁹To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in

the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *For thy dear saints, O Lord (St. George) (H 279)*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 20-31

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²⁰[Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

THE SERMON – REV. MELISSA BUONO

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

**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 (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, Bishop Julia Whitworth, Rev. Will Bergmann, Rev.
Melissa Buono, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray in a special way for those on the St. Mark's Prayer List, namely:

Anna Oliverson, Susan and Kate, , Ben, Bob, Orvil, Margaret Bateman, Sara and family, Derek, Evie and family Beth, Brendan and Corine, Jennifer and Kate, Elizabeth, Jane, Lisa, Pamela, Brooke, David Andrew, Sandra, Charlotte and Bob, Ross, Lorenz, Lindy, Ted and Kathy, Doug and the Pecora family, Andrew Ward, Christine, John Gallacher, Janet Andrews, Marmi Sheehan, Marcia and Ralph, Shelly Wadsworth, Sabrina and family, Marion Perault, Sue Sweeney, Abbey & Sean Meaden, Albert Caproni and his family, Sherrie Carroll, Bob Berg, Beth and Carl, Judy and Barbara and Marlene, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts....(pause)

We pray for those who have died, especially:

Betty MacNamara, Joseph Gesualdo, Brian, Peter, Doug, Ian Corker, Patrica Hughes, Andres Martinez, Anne Whipple Lawson, Deanna Teal.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray together the Prayer of the Parish:

Almighty & Everliving God, Ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this Parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

The Priest stands and says

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 (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (BCP p. 361)

THE DOXOLOGY V. 3 *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)*

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that
we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and,
together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

SANCTUS: S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 [] and] all your
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and
daughters; 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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

FRACTION ANTHEM: ALLELUIA S - 154

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN: *Father, we thank thee who hast planted (Rendez à Dieu) (H 302)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *I sing the almighty power of God (Forest Green) (H 398)*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

November 2nd to November 9th

Sunday, November 2nd

10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rev. Melissa Buono

11:30 a.m.: BBQ Social in Williams Hall

Wednesday, November 5th

9 a.m.: Joint bible study with Trinity Chapel. Johnson's restaurant Groton.

4 p.m.: Elliott Meal at St. Paul's. Contact Paul Ackroyd to volunteer.

Thursday, November 6th

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: St. Mark's Office is Open

5:30 p.m.: Community Forum at Trinity Chapel

7:30 p.m.: St. Mark's Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 9th

10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rev. William Bergmann

11:30 a.m.: Grubby Sunday

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen Volunteer Opportunities

The next soup kitchen is on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**. We will be serving our popular meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert, bread, and milk. If you would like to be added to the sign-up for donations, email Paul Ackroyd at phackroyd@verizon.net. Drop-off is at St. Mark's (outside the admin wing - right-hand side of the building).

Community Forum on Immigration in Massachusetts

Trinity Chapel is hosting an important community forum on Thursday, November 6th at 5:30 PM. Representative Danilo Sena will lead a discussion on Immigration in Massachusetts: State Policy and Federal Uncertainty. This timely event offers our community an opportunity to learn about current immigration policies, understand how state and federal changes may affect our neighbors, and ask questions in a welcoming environment. Trinity Chapel is located at 184 Center Road in Shirley. All are welcome to attend this vital conversation as we seek to better understand and support one another in these uncertain times.

Celebrating Our Past...Honoring the Present...Committing to the Future

November has been designated as Stewardship month, a time for reflection on our blessings and how we might joyfully share what we have in support of St. Mark's. We will be hearing many stories during our campaign this year, focusing upon the inspirations that drive folks to share their gifts from the abundance that God has given them.

The Vestry has set a target pledge goal of \$110,000. Your promises of financial support allow us to plan a budget to fund staff salaries, building maintenance and utilities, and important ministries in which we participate. If you have not pledged in the past, please prayerfully consider doing so for 2026. We need you now more than ever due to funding lost through those

who have moved away. If you have pledged in the past please consider increasing your gift if you can to help us meet the increased costs associated with running our church building. St Mark's has been here for you in the past and wishes to be here for you in the future!

There are two ways in which you can submit your pledge:

1. Fill out the pledge form located at the back of the church or received by mail and place in offering plate, or mail to St Marks at 75 Cold Spring Road Westford MA 01886 (attn: Stewardship)
2. Email our confidential email address at st.markspledges@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support!

Mark and Ellen Tremblay
2025-2026 Stewardship Chairs

All Saints Day BBQ Church Lunch

Please join us for a special after-church luncheon on Sunday, November 2, 2025, immediately following the service, as we celebrate All Saints Day with food, fellowship, and fun. BBQ sandwiches and chicken will be provided, and we invite everyone to bring a dish to share if you are able. Volunteers are also welcome to help with setup and cleanup. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and enjoy time together. For questions or to offer your help, please contact Chrissy Hemingway at chrissyhemingway@comcast.net or Judie Hilton at jakhilton@gmail.com.

Join us for Grubby Sunday, November 16th

After service for 1.5-2 hours

Please join us for a general clean-up on Sunday, November 16th after church. We have the following key objectives:

- Remove leaves, sticks, debris from the grass and parking lot
- Clean up the beds in the front of the building
- Clean a closet.

We have accumulated a lot of stuff over the years. Let's pick one closet and clean it out. I'm open to thoughts on which to tackle first, but let's get one done

Please bring any gardening tools for flower bed cleanout and yard clean-up (tarps, leaf blower, rakes). We plan to spend about 1.5-2 hours after church. We realize a number of us will be going to the MICAH awards dinner that night so we will be skipping the light lunch so we can get ready for that.

If you have any questions, either email Michael at oharemmichael@yahoo.com or call/text at 617.233.3469.

With gratitude,
Michael O'Hare

MICAH Awards Recipients and Dinner Invitation

We are delighted to honor Chrissy Hemingway and Joan O'Hare with the MICAH Award this year for their many years of service to the community as leaders of our Outreach team. Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments and their awards.

This year's MICAH Awards Dinner & Annual Meeting is on Sunday, November 9, at Methuen's Sons of Italy Lodge 902, 459 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA. The MVP annual meeting is at 5:00 PM, followed by the MICAH Awards dinner at 6:00 PM. At this annual gathering, we honor local leaders who embody the call of Micah 6:8, "to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly." The event is also the major fundraiser for MVP each year.

We expect to fill at least two tables at the dinner, and hope to fill more. All are welcome! For additional information or to let us know you plan to attend, please contact Eric Kintner (ekintner@aol.com) or Paul Ackroyd (phackroyd@verizon.net).

Would you like to learn about the symbols of the sacred elements used in the Eucharist?

The Altar Guild is a place to learn. Join Us

The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to join them in this critical ministry. The Altar Guild prepares the altar for weekly services, attends to all the linens, and sets up & breaks down for Baptisms, funerals, weddings, and Bishop's visits, among other events. They polish the brass & silver. They change out altar linens at each liturgical season, together with decorating the church. Each member has a different reason for joining the Altar Guild, but most of all, we are dedicated to supporting each other and the parish in our spiritual journeys. Please contact Brenda Martin or Elaina Carroll if you are interested. You can also email secretary@st-mark.org.

Trinity Chapel Community Forum - Immigration in Massachusetts - November 6, 2025

Join our friends at Trinity Chapel as they host an ongoing series of forums on topics of interest to the community. This month the topic is *Immigration in Massachusetts - State Policy and Federal Uncertainty*. The guest speaker is [State Representative Danillo Sena](#). The forum begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday Nov 6 at Trinity Chapel, 184 Center Road in Shirley.

Outreach Box:

Immigration Legal Defense through the Episcopal City Mission

In our continued partnership with the Episcopal City Mission (ECM), the outreach committee has committed to raising money for Immigrant Legal Support. So far, we have raised over \$1200.

St. Mark's will be raising money through the outreach box, the outreach fund, and personal donations (note on your donation - Immigration Legal Defense). Proceeds will go to support in <https://www.acefornewamericans.org/> in Lowell and individual parishes that ECM is helping provide legal support to immigrants. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Outreach committee.

Make your voice heard. Weekly ICE Protests on Wednesdays

The grassroots organization Bearing Witness @ ICE (multiple links on Google) is continuing protests in front of the ICE detention center in Burlington (immediately behind the Mall) every Wednesday, 11 AM-1 PM. Attendance is now typically 500 and growing. Several St. Mark's parishioners attend every week. If you're interested in carpooling, please contact Eric Kintner.

Another worthwhile resource for resisting ICE in many different ways is LUCE:
<https://www.lucemass.org>

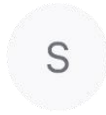
Ongoing News

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 is on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Scott Hilton if you would like to join.

St. Mark's Bible Study meets every other week on Wednesdays 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.

Pastoral Care: Would you like to receive communion? Need prayers for healing? Need support or assistance? Would you like to speak with a priest? Please email Rev. Will Bergmann at wcbgrm2n@gmail.com and Herb Elliott, our Pastoral Care team leader at herb.elliott@cheza.com. Alternatively, you can call 978-501-8479. You can also use the "Request Pastoral Visit" button on St. Mark's website.



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