

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
NORTH TONAWANDA

*September 2, 2020*

**THE GATHERING**

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

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*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (COLLECT)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 12:9-21*

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

**All**                **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

**Glory in his holy Name!**

Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

**Glory in his holy Name!**

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

**Glory in his holy Name!**

Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;

**Glory in his holy Name!**

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants. He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

**Glory in his holy Name!**

THE GOSPEL

*Please stand*

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And also with you.**

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew.

*All*                ***Glory to you, Lord Christ!***

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:21-28*

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Priest*            The Gospel of Christ,

*All*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

HOMILY

*The Rev. John Seib*

*A timed period of one minute of silence follows the message. Please stay seated for prayer.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form 3

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for Sean, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed

Pray for those who have died. *Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored and that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*You may add your own prayers of thanksgiving or petition. Then the priest provides a concluding prayer:*

Hear our prayers, that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors.

*Amen*

THE PEACE

*All able to do so, please stand*

*Priest*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**

*Please stay seated and greet each other with a friendly nod or wave.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*The altar is prepared.*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(BCP Prayer A)*

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 our thanks and praise.**

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

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

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!

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms on the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

*Priest*            And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All*            **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**

**COMMUNION**

*Priest*            Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All*                **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Priest*            The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*All*                **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stay seated – Communion will be brought to you at your seat. Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion.*



*Gluten free wafers are available; please let the Priest know if you need them. During Communion, meditative music is played.*

**SENDING OUT OF THE DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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 & DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen**



**St. Mark's**  
NORTH TONAWANDA  
**150!**  
years of service & love

**61 Payne Ave., North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Phone: 716-692-3735

Visit our webpage: [www.stmarksnt.net](http://www.stmarksnt.net)

“Like” and “Follow” us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/StMarksEpiscopalNT](http://www.facebook.com/StMarksEpiscopalNT)

**The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Western New York**

**The Rev. John Seib, Priest-in-Charge:**  
Mobile phone: (315) 775-9851; Email: [jnseib@gmail.com](mailto:jnseib@gmail.com)