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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 10, 2024 Rite 2 Year B

Thank you for joining us in worship. We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220 804-358-4771 stmarksrva.org At Pentecost, God's promised Spirit enters into the church and empowers it to know and do God's will. Now the people of faith can be a sign and witness to what God has done in Christ, namely, established God's reign of justice and peace. On this holy day we are made aware of our vocation to be a community of faith in which God's reconciling power is made present, conscious and active in our lives, that we might be the body of Christ, God's reconciling presence in the world to the end that all people are restored to unity with God and each other in Christ. —— John Westerhoff

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

- (1) The Liturgy of the Word
 - The Gathering Rite
 - The Lessons & Sermon
 - The Creed
 - The Intercessions and Confession
 - The Peace

(2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

- The Offertory
- The Eucharistic Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread
- Holy Communion
- The Post-Communion Prayer
- Blessing and Dismissal

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able) Hymn 362 (Blue Book)



Opening Acclamation

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

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria in excelsis



Arnatt

The Lectern



The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you. *All:* And also with you. *Presider:* Let us pray.

Presider: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

(Please be seated) **The Lessons**

A Reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Nick Roberts

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm tone - chanted by Choir and Congregation



Unless the Lord builds the <u>house</u>, their labor is in vain who <u>build it</u>. Unless the Lord watches over the <u>city</u>, in vain the watchman keeps his <u>vigil</u>.

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so *late;* vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved *sleep.* Children are a heritage from the *Lord*, and the fruit of the womb is a *gift*.

Like arrows in the hand of a <u>warrior</u> are the children of one's <u>youth.</u> Happy is the man who has his quiver <u>full of them!</u> he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the <u>gate.</u>

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Hebrews 9:24-28 Jennifer Kaufman

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Hymn

1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end - less store: 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en - trust-ed, gain through powers your grace con-ferred; wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' free-dom, rac - es joined, the Church made one. at peace in health and all ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the Gos - pel Word. gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a lone; O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call, thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days. born with tal - ents, make us ser-vants fit to an - swer at your throne. heal-ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Parry

The Pulpit



The Gospel

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark *All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord. *All:* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

The Baptismal Font



Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Stand or kneel)

Prayers of the People

Rob McTier

Intercessor: Holy God: you are present in all time and place: we pray to you for the universal Church, and her mission of reconciling us to you and one another.

All: Guide our hearts in the way of love and truth, for your name's sake.

Oh Jesus, Prince of Peace: we seek your grace to heal the nations of the world. May those in authority learn to affirm the dignity of the human family. We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the homeless and the hungry. For the provision of safe, affordable housing and low-cost nutritious food. For the personal safety, dignity, and well-being of those who are unable to work.

All: Make us instruments of your peace, and channels of your grace.

Incarnate and Living Christ: we pray for the needs of the world, remembering that you, yourself, embody empathy and solidarity with those who suffer. We pray for those affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Meredith, the Tucker family, Jerry, Kenneth, Garry, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Mike, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Juette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Chrissy, Lucy, Emma, Ella, Addison and Tamara, Jodi, Laurence, Sarah, Duncan, Will, and the McDuff Family, John, Kathy, Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara, Jane, Corey, Karen, Kathy, Florence, Terry, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don, Norma, Betty, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ginny, Ronnie, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria, Rick, Amy, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, and Hollis. *All:* Help us to walk in love with all your children.

Blessed Spirit: you rain down your gifts of unity and diversity across the spectrum of the human family. We pray especially for those who have been marginalized for their bodies, cultures, and inherent personhood.

All: Strengthen us to build bridges of understanding, and advocate for beloved community.

Eternal Wisdom: in you all things are made new. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Frank von Richter and Joyce Stevenson.

All: Enliven our hope, and lead us in faith, upon the path of Christ Jesus, and the saints in light.

Holy Trinity: you are the source of relational love. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, remembering those celebrating birthdays, especially Rosemary, Marc, and Elton, and those celebrating anniversaries, especially Elam and Harold.

All: May our lives be a reflection of your love in the world.

Concluding Collect

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN.

The Absolution

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*All:* And also with you.

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Altar or Holy Table

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated) Offertory

Do not be afraidPoem: Gerard Markland (Isaiah 43)Music: Philip Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.



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The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" in the words of The Book of Common Prayer. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or "host"), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2 (from Enriching Our Worship Volume One)

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

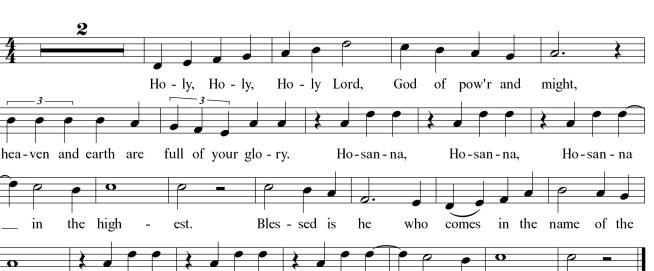
Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

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(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_______ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

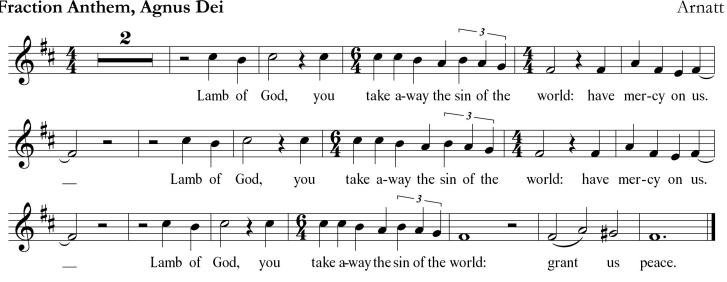
The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ 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, forever and ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Presider: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. All:



Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: ALL are welcome to share in Communion.

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the front you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher

and the clergy will bring communion to you.

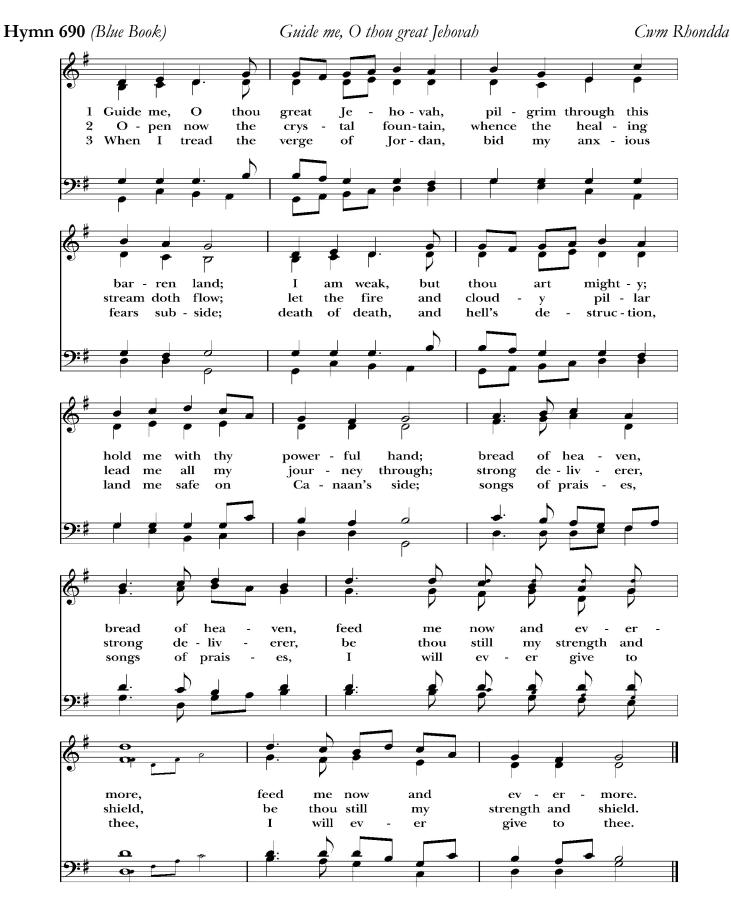


Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: 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.

The Blessing



The Ambry



The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. All: Thanks be to God.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

<u>Parishioners</u>: Meredith Franklin, the Tucker family, Jerry Long, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juette Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

<u>Our extended family and friends:</u> Chrissy, Lucy, Emma, Ella, Addison and Tamara, Jodi, Laurence, Sarah Grace, Duncan, Will, and the McDuff Family, John Golden III, Kathy, Suzanne, Susan, Cynthia, Barbara Taylor, Jane, Corey Sims, Karen Sokohl, Kathy Treaster, Florence, Terry Brown, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Becca and her family, Don Foltz, Norma Hylton, Betty Kuhn, Vickie and her mom, Thorp, Fraser and the boys, Lyle, Candace Franco, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ginny Jones, Ronnie, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Gloria Wiley, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

Those who have died: remembering especially Frank von Richter and Joyce Stevenson.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Rosemary Wagner, Marc Purintun, and Elton Evans.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Elam Jarrells and Harold Wright.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregation and clergy of St. Martin's, Richmond.

<u>Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer</u>: We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the homeless and the hungry. For the provision of safe, affordable housing and low-cost nutritious food. For the personal safety, dignity, and well-being of those who are unable to work.

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All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the "Welcome" card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

Founded in 1866 to serve the working people of Richmond, St. Mark's Church is an active member of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, 110 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA, 23220, 804-643-8451, and the Anglican Communion.

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