

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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TO OUR WORSHIPPERS

We welcome you to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the oldest standing building in Haines City, Florida. We hope that you enjoy your worship today. This is a peaceful and beautiful place that God has provided for us to come in thanksgiving and share His love with each other. If you are seeking a place to call home away from your dwelling, please come each week and enjoy the blessings from God our Father and the love that exudes from the people who worship here. If you have any question, please contact one of our ushers or call our office number 863-422-1416.

ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT - PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

OUR VESTRY

Annette Ifill, Dawn Strachand, Myrtle John-Frazer, Joslyn Williams, Cheryl Payne, Vernon Reid, Courtland Witcher, Eugene Ralph, and James Moore.

OUR CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer, D.D., Bishop
The Rev. Christopher E. Brathwaite, Rector
The Rev. Becky Toalster, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Dorothy Hunter-Spencer, Deacon

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The Psalm:

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6a (see back page)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God*

The Gradual: *At the Name of Jesus (vs. 1-3)* **Hymnal 1982 #435**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (see back page)
Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gradual: *At the Name of Jesus (vs 4-6)*

Hymnal 1982 #435

Sermon: **The Rev. Chris Brathwaite**

The Creed: The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm our faith in the Nicene Creed:

*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, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; especially for our President, Barak Obama and our President elect, Donald Trump.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Greg our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially for those on our prayer list and for the First Responders of this city and all cities.
(You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(You may add your own thanksgivings either silently or aloud)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Prayer for Our Parish: *Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit to guide and direct your church as we look to the future with true understanding of the revelation of your promises. Give the leadership the right thinking, speaking and actions, that they in turn may encourage the entire congregation to the richness of your bountiful goodness, so that your Name may be glorified in all we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A Prayer for Our Candidate: *O God, look with favor on John, whom you have called to a special ministry in your church. Guide him from distractions, protect him from all snares of the evil one, and keep him focused on the journey to ordained ministry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Confession of Sin:

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome, Notices, Announcements, Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

The Offertory Hymn: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Hymnal 1982 #644

The Doxology:

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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving – 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 them 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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive the power to become your children. 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:

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 upon 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 this 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:

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem:

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation:

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

Communion Hymn: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Hymnal 1982 #642

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.*

The Blessing:

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Hymnal 1982 #450

Dismissal:

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and each other.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING FOR THOSE LISTED:

Bertram & Norma Branford, Gloria Carter, Laverne Carter, Rachel Doyle, Walter & Monica Foster, Helen Iehl, George Jenkins, Larry Laney, Bonnie McClure, Hugh & Lois McGlashon, Mary Elizabeth Merlin, Helen Millington, Sally Phillips, Jeannette Stokes, Perry T., David Williamson, Robbie Williamson, Aldwyn Ifill, Carolyn Turner, Skip McGlashon, Elaine John, Oscar Phillips, Ted & Betty Bast, The Rev. Kevin Nourie, and Betty Browne.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Michael L, Danny S, James W; Ashli A, Jean A, Quinton B, Steve C, Merrill D, Craig J, Bryan S, Andre S; Clark S; Adam C, David M, Casandra R, Patrick S; Betsy C, Anna N; James B; and Chad W. and all other military personnel serving our nation at home or abroad.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Pray for St. James Church, Ormond Beach and Church of the Incarnation, Oviedo.

