

Birthdays: Debora Buckner, Beth Nichols, Ivy Sneary, Emilie Dossche, Andy Hull, Emilie Leyssens, Paul Alderman, Billy Burton, Janet Johnson
Anniversaries: Cookie & Tami Cook, Bob & Debbie Johnson
Serving in the Armed Forces: Blane, Will, Aaron, Ashlyn, Wyatt, Jordan, Matthew H., Matthew K., Michael, Rebekah, Todd, Chris, Bradey, Lindsay, Mark, Daytona, Thomas and Jacob.

Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksdalton.org

St. Mark's Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer request, you may contact the ladies in the prayer chain, Cathy Houser 706-624-8913 or housermc@aol.com OR Julia Lansing 706-226-4199

This Week at St. Mark's Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00am Early Adult Sunday School
 9:45am Adult Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Every Thursday
 Bible Study - 6:00 pm Library

Office Hours Mon-Thurs
 8 am - 1 pm

October 6 Noon Children's choir
October 10 6pm Bible Study

October 13 Potluck Harvest Theme
October 13 6pm Royal Oaks Service
October 14 Columbus Day Office closed
October 14 10am Quilting for Others
October 17 6pm Bible Study
October 19 4-7pm Octoberfest
October 20 4pm St. Francis Day
October 21 6pm Vestry
October 24 10am Adv. Seekers trip to Incline Railway
October 28 10am Quilting for Others

Rehearsal
 Handbell every Wednesday 5pm
 Chancel Choir every Wednesday 7:30

Rector	The Rev. Rick Tiff
Guest Celebrant	Rev. Perry Scruggs
Organist	Beth Nichols
Eucharistic Ministers	Chris Stearns Mike Renfroe Jack Setters
Lector OT	Janice Wycherley
Lector NT	Janet Johnson
Prayer Leader	Barry Pulliam
Verger	Jack Setters
Acolytes	Will Beckler Asher Renfroe
Flower Guild	Tinsley Patterson
Altar Guild	Marcella Bennett Debbie Johnson
Linen Guild	Faye Arnold
Ushers	Matt & Rosey Hamilton Johnathan Renfroe Wes Phinney
Oblation Bearers	Renfroe Family
Vestry of the Day	Devon Brooks
Greeters	Brown Family
Video	Billy Koger, Chris Stanley

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM

We begin the service in silence.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 323

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 323

The Gloria BCP p. 324

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 8 BCP p. 592
(Please stand and read responsively, by half verse)

The Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

The Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Sermon **Rev. Perry Scruggs**
The Nicene Creed BCP p. 326
The Prayers of the People BCP p. 328
The Confession BCP p. 330
The Peace BCP p. 332

Holy Communion

Offertory
Eucharistic Prayer I BCP p. 333
Sanctus BCP p. 334
The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 336
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The Prayer of Humble Access BCP p. 337
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Welcome to St. Mark's Church

*We are glad you have come to worship here this morning.
 Please join us in prayerful meditation before the service.
 We ask that you turn off cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.
 Hymns and Service Music (e.g. S280) may be found in The Hymnal 1982
 WLP Hymns may be found in the green hymnal.*

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
 October 6, 2024
 Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM**

Prelude Children's Prayer *Flor Peeters*

Processional Hymn 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*

Acclamation BCP p. 355
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

The Gloria S278 *William Mathias*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading Job 1:1, 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord,

and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

S 413 Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

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**Psalm: Psalm 8
(All stand and sing)**

- 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 a / venger.
- 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!

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are

speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Sequence Hymn 586 Jesus, thou divine companion *Pleading Savior*

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon Rev. Perry Scruggs
(Children will now be dismissed for Children's Church)

The Nicene Creed **BCP p. 358**

Prayers of the People Form VI **BCP p. 392**

The Confession and Absolution **BCP p. 360**

The Peace

Parish Notices

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn 679 Surely it is God who saves me
Thomas Merton

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP p. 361**

Sanctus S128 Holy, holy, holy Lord *William Mathias*

The Lord's Prayer **BCP p. 364**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S164 Jesus, Lamb of God *Schubert/Proulx*

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord. If you would like to participate in the traditional Common Cup, or through intinction, please join the line at the communion rail. To receive a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest. If you desire communion brought to you in the pew, please let an usher know.

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP p. 365**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 579 Almighty Father, strong to save *Melita*
We turn to follow the cross as we prepare to go out Into the world in peace

The Dismissal

Postlude Prelude No. 6 *Ernest Bloch*

The flowers today are donated by Cathy Houser in memory of John Houser on his birthday.

INTERCESSIONS

*Parishioners	Ben B. Blackburn IV	Claudia Ranelli
*Wiley Adkins	Ben B. Blackburn III	June Renfro
*Ruth Baker	Ed Burchfield, Sr.	Reverend Benny
*Priscilla Beth Blackburn	Ed Burchfield, Jr.	Donnie Smith
*Arden Brown	Ty Coppinger	Anna Spence
*Fincher Family	Peyton Hefner	Tonya S.
*Ellen Huoppi	Leandra Hull	Lanette Tripp
*John Hutcheson	Ben Hyde	John Wall
*Sarah Jenkins	Hyde Family	Debby Willis
*Julia Lansing	Jill Kittell	
*Rick Martin	Lisa Kocher	
*Anne Morris	Jim Lansing	
*Bo Thompson	Jovie & Brooke Miner	
Ryan Benison	Paula Morrow	