

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Rector's Ramblings

After recognizing God's invitation to prayer in the opening of the Liturgy, the next movement is the Collect of the Day. This short prayer is often overlooked, however, it is an important part of the prayer of the church.

The celebrant begins with the invitation, "The Lord be with you." The people then respond, "And also with you." Although the celebrant is the one who says the collect audibly, this dialogue that precedes the prayer indicates that it is prayer of the entire community. It is a collective prayer.

There is a general structure to the collects at the beginning of the liturgy, though some of the collects do not strictly follow the format. The collect for Proper 9, which we used last Sunday was:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The opening phrase of the collect is an acknowledgment of some action of God or of an attribute of God. In this case, we acknowledge that God has taught us how to keep His

commandments. The next element of the collect is a petition. In this case we ask God for the grace we need to keep His commandments. Finally, we conclude the collect with an acknowledgment of the eternal triune nature of God.

As we pray the collect of the day, keep in mind that this is our collective prayer. Think about the action or attribute of God in the collect, and the confidence that gives us to make the petition we are making. Most of all, remember the God to whom we offer our prayers.

Fr. RJ



Morning Prayer, July 10, 8 and 10 a.m.

[Lessons](#)

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Monday, July 11

Knitting 1 p.m.

Book Club, 7 p.m. (*The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, Mitch Albom)

Wednesday, July 13

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

[Bulletin Zoom](#)

MOD Squad: Conestoga Grill at 6:30 p.m. (Please contact Tony Keenan with any questions or to RSVP.)

Tuesday, July 19

Organizing Day, 10-2

Volunteers Needed

After the service on Sunday, July 10 please gather in the family room for cake and punch to celebrate Eloise Hochwalt's 90th birthday.



Save the Date
Summer Picnic &
Friend Sunday
July 24th



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We still need volunteers in the following areas:

Family Room Coffee Area
ECW
Sunday School/Puppet Area



St. Mark's Organizing Day

Tuesday, July 19th 10 - 2

St. Mark's is planning a cleaning and organizing day of all our storage spaces. Many hands make light work, and we need several people to help with our efforts on Tuesday, July 19th. We will have teams for the various spaces. If you can lend a hand, please send an email to the office with the space you'd like to help with.

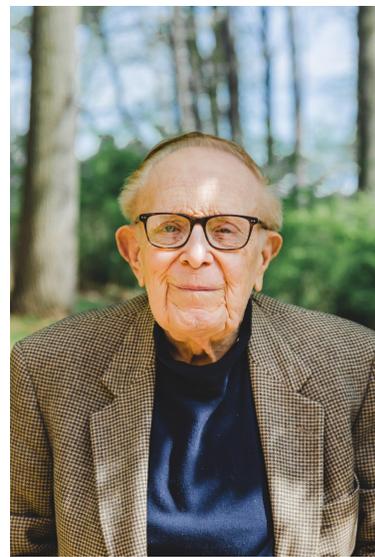
Areas:

- Family Room, Coffee Area (2 people)
- Nursery (2 people)
- Sunday School/Puppet Gang Room (3 people)
- ECW Storage (2 people)
- Library (3 people)



Bob's Music Notes

In the summers of 1948-51, I accompanied the "Musical Ministers" male quartet headed by Whitney Dough. He was an exceptional music arranger, trombonist, singer, and preacher, but his only weakness was scheduling our appearances. We spent a week in St. Joseph MO in a rural church with a dirt floor, and only one night in a lovely San Francisco edifice. And I learned of a new food in St. Joe's - hog jowl. Various parishioners in the churches we visited would host us. I like to try new things, but the hog product was not my cup of tea.



Lots of memories of these tours. One hot summer night during the service - no A/C - a mosquito landed on a piano key up high. I reached out to squash it and blood splattered all over the key! A happier memory occurred in a Kansas home where a parishioner graciously gave us room for the night. I was in a nice bedroom alone, but rather out of sorts for some reason until I spotted a needlepoint sampler on the wall, which changed everything: "Sleep sweet within this quiet room, O thou, whoe'er thou art; and let no mournful yesterdays disturb thy peaceful heart. Nor let tomorrow mar thy rest with dreams of coming ill. Thy Maker is thy changeless friend, his love surrounds thee still. Forget thyself and all the world, put out each garish light. The stars are shining overhead - Sleep sweet! Good night! Good night!" (Ellen M. Huntington Gates). I found this on the internet, made a copy, and posted it in my guest room - a poem of great comfort.



July Birthdays
9 Jane Schutrum

12 Vonda Temelkoff
13 Eloise Hochwalt
17 Scott Shellhammer
27 Brynn Pelger, Rachel Crowl

July Anniversaries

13 Beth and Rick Crowl
24 Bruce and Judy Hixon
29 Katie Cerrone-Arnold and Chris Arnold
30 Kent and Pamela Clark
31 John and Kathy Wise

Prayer Concerns

Fred Gibbs, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes

Family and Friends: Bexley Alfani (family of the Violands); Allison Cornell-Hood (Diane Cornell); Baby Finnigan Savage & family & Terry L. (friends of Pam McCarthy); Dan Dennis (friend of John Werren); Dan & Bonnie, Linda Walls & Jimmy Little (friends & son of Sue Little); Bob Patterson, Anne Higgins & Nancy Sauer (friends of Diana Cornell); Lynn McBride (Beth Crowl's father); Bonnie Giammarco & 2 daughters (Gary's cousin Jerry); Lenny Reich (acquaintance of the Hixons); Kahmario Coleman (friend of Jan Hudson); Aurora (friend of the Gordons); Matt Gagnon (assistant principal at Oakwood Middle School); Theresa & Addelyn (friends of Judy Hixon); Ynette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder & Doug Fulton (friend & brother-in-law of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little); Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Tony Donahue & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Sullivan & Guzman families & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys); Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For those who have died.

Stew Hudson

For those in the armed forces.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for the specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net

Prayer requests may be placed on the private Prayer Chain or on the Prayer Concerns list appearing in The Lion's Pause and Sunday bulletin or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Unless otherwise instructed, names will be listed as we receive them. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.

Contact Us:

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