

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
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Greetings!

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The Anglican calendar indicates that today (July 16) we recall Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I was aware of a Roman Catholic parish by that name near Gordon Square in Cleveland but could not have offered you any other information. In particular, I would not have been able to explain why the feast day appears on our Anglican calendar. So I had to consult a couple of references. Here's what I learned:

The title arises from devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in Palestine about 800 years ago. (That is the mountain on which Elijah confronts and defeats the prophets of Baal.) Though living separately, as hermits must, they built a chapel in their midst. Hence *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*.

What's the connection to the Anglican tradition? Apparently, the feast day honoring Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated first in England by members of the Carmelite Order as an expression of gratitude for Mary's favor and as an acknowledgement that they had received authorization to refer to themselves as "Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

In short, a devotion begun by hermits, living in isolation but cooperating on the building of a chapel, would inspire the foundation of a religious community, the Carmelite Order. Members of that order based in the vicinity of Cambridge would propose the feast day that now appears on our calendar.

Our prayer "For Monastic Orders and Vocations" may be found on p. 819 of the Book of Common Prayer, as follows:

*O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those*

*whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



What did you think of our use of Rite I at our service of Morning Prayer on July 5? What would you think of our using Rite I on the first Sunday of the month so long as we continue our use of Morning Prayer exclusively? Let's try at least once more, on August 2, at which point we will offer a brief survey. Your responses will guide our planning for our worship in the near term.

What about the long term? I have been looking forward to receiving guidelines from the diocese concerning our resuming the Eucharist. Unfortunately, the factors that prompted the suspension of Eucharistic services in the first place have not become more favorable. In fact, the trend recently has been in the wrong direction. But I will let you know when there is additional information.



Katie and I have resumed mid-week office hours on Wednesdays from 10 to 2. You may call for an appointment or simply drop in anytime between 10 and 2. You may use your time at St. Mark's for private prayer in the sanctuary, to get answers to questions you may have, or to confer with me. We will meet in the library, which will be sanitized following each visitor. Please consider taking advantage of this step in the direction of normalcy.

Fr. Paul

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## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:**

[\*\*Read This Week's  
Lessons\*\*](#)

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We could still use volunteers on Sundays for setup, attendance, and streaming. If you are able to help, please sign up [here](#). These volunteers ensure that our outdoor services and online streaming can continue.

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### Online Giving

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's.



You can add instructions to your donation. (IE: operations, restoration, etc.) If you have questions on this, please contact the [office](#).

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.  
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Join us Sunday at 9:00am for Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary in the Woods. We will continue to gather for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Betty Fortney chapel--WEATHER PERMITTING.

**No news is good news** -- If weather does not allow for use of the outdoor sanctuary, we will email you on Sunday



morning to alert you of this change. If you do not hear from us, services will continue as planned.

### **Sunday Live Stream**

You will be able to access the live stream by visiting our [Facebook page](#) (an account is not required.) Our video content will be the first posted content in the videos section and should indicate that we are "live".

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### **An Appreciation of Mrs. A, part 4, the poetry of Cecil Frances Alexander-Bob Morrison**

She was active in the Oxford Movement, which restored orthodoxy to the church, and she was familiar with John Keble who wrote "New every morning is the love our waking and uprising prove" and "Blest are the pure in heart," both in our Hymnal.

The Hymnal 1982 contains seven of her hymns. At Easter we have sung "He is risen! He is risen! Tell it out with cheerful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory." During Holy Week we sing "There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall, where our dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all. There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin, he only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in. O dearly, dearly has he loved! And we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do."

*(To be continued next week...)*

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Paul Welch, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

**Family and Friends:** Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Michele Mellor (friend of David White), Don, Corbin Angeli, Thelma (friends/family of Jan Hudson), Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands),

Prayer  
Concerns

Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

**For all those serving in the armed forces.**

**For all those who have died.**

**Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.**

**PRAYER CHAIN:**

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for 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](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



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