## Receiving God's Grace Giving with Gratitude

Stewardship Campaign 2024 St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Honolulu

Michaelmas 2023

Dear Friends of St. Mark's,

This year our stewardship speakers have reminded us of some important truths regarding our faith. Without sacrifice, there can be no light. Without God's grace, there can be no gratitude. Without the Church and the People of God, one can easily feel lost in our world today.

We are fortunate that we have the gift of faith, and we are blessed that we belong to the community of St. Mark's. More than anything else, we have a safe place to live out our love for Jesus Christ together in our suffering world. Life is not easy for people of all walks of life, and yet Christ still ministers among us through the Sacraments, the Church, and through each other.

St. Mark's is a true gem, and these are not easy days for churches. Many churches are in great decline, and many churches will probably close within the next five years. Now more than ever, if Christians value their faith communities, they must be intentional with their support.

Please prayerfully consider how you will support St. Mark's in 2024 with your finances. We are asking everyone to make their pledge during the month of October. Our goal is that every person makes a commitment to proportional and intentional giving. You may pledge online, or you may fill out a pledge sheet and place it in the collection at mass.

Please know that your support, no matter how large or small, is important to St. Mark's. Even more importantly, your pledge is a sign of your gratefulness for the grace you have received from God. When you make your pledge, you are sacramentally giving thanks for God's blessings you have received.

Blessings,

Father Paul Lillie +

Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Honolulu