



# SAINT MARK'S

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**APRIL 26, 2026 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M.  
THE FEAST OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST (TRANSFERRED)**

# ST. MARK'S

## *Day*

**WELCOME BACK!  
MOTHER JOY WALKER MILLER**



**2026**  
**LUNCH FOLLOWS IN PAYNE HALL.**

# WELCOME!

## We celebrate God's love by welcoming all people into a life with Jesus Christ and each other.

Your presence blesses us, and we pray this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Whether you are a first-time guest, a longtime member, or somewhere in between, welcome to this place! Together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and the world. Our liturgy comes from The Book of Common Prayer. You will find the accompanying page numbers in this bulletin. It includes the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table. Please add your voice to our worship as we pray together the prayers printed in bold and sing the hymns found in this bulletin or in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. If you are more comfortable coming forward for a blessing, please cross your arms and a blessing will be offered over you. Children are a welcome blessing here at St. Mark's. Many depart after the beginning of the service for Children's Chapel.

### HANDBELL PRELUDES

"Easter Medley"

"Joyous Jubilee"

Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*

Sharon Elery Rogers

Brian Heinlein

### WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*

### OPENING HYMN "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" *(Please stand and join in singing.)*

Hymnal 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

CELEBRANT Alleluia. Christ is risen.

PEOPLE **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO *(Sung by all.)*

Hymnal S 278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Words: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated. The children are invited to depart for chapel.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:7-10

READER A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 2:7-13 QUARE FREMUERUENT GENTES? *(Remain seated as the Choir sings.)* Anglican Chant: William Crotch (1775-1847)

7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*

he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*

and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all \*

who take refuge in him!

## THE EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:7-8, 11-16

READER A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**



By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest, your  
For Mark, O Lord, we praise you, the weak by grace made strong: his  
Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son and  
ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er - more be blessed. You  
wit - ness in his Gos - pel be - comes vic - to - rious song. May  
sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One. till  
rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown and  
we, in all our weak - ness, re - ceive your power di - vine, and  
all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne a -  
e - ver shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.  
all, as faith - ful branch - es grow strong in you, the Vine.  
scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

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**THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-15** *(Please remain standing.)*

CELEBRANT The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

CELEBRANT     The Gospel of the Lord.  
PEOPLE         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Joy Walker Miller

**THE NICENE CREED** *(The People stand and join in reciting the Creed together.)*

*The Book of Common Prayer* p. 358

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) *(The People may stand or kneel.)*  
*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*The Book of Common Prayer* p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

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;  
**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 those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith;  
**For all people to receive the light of the Gospel.**

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

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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 Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

## **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Howard Goodall (b. 1959)

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil,  
For you are with me, You will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy,  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Ali Corcoran, *Soloist*

**FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" (*The People stand and join in singing.*)Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below. Al-le-  
lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts, praise  
Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A** (*The People remain standing.*)*The Book of Common Prayer* p. 361

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE **We lift them to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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: SANCTUS**

Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

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.**

### FRACTION ANTHEM

CELEBRANT Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S 165

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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CELEBRANT The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people sit. Communion today will be in both kinds. Please follow the directions of the ushers.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join the Choir in singing **Hymns 593 and 51** from *The Hymnal 1982*.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken by all, standing.)*

**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.**

### COMMENDATION OF THOSE TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND *(As needed.)*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### THE BLESSING

Antiphon (*Sung before the 1<sup>st</sup> Stanza and after the 5<sup>th</sup> Stanza*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

**THE DISMISSAL**

CELEBRANT Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata in Seven"

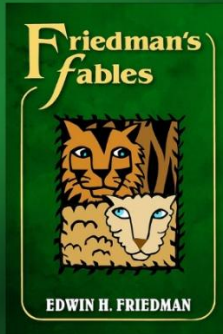
John Rutter (b. 1945)

# ADULT FORMATION

SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM  
APRIL 19 THROUGH MAY 31

We will be studying parts of *Friedman's Fables*  
by Rabbi Ed Friedman.

Join us in Payne Hall.



## YOU'RE INVITED

### ST. MARK'S 2026 COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANT CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 7 AT 2 P.M.

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

### **Sunday, April 26**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Spoken*)
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation (*The Cloister*)
- 9:15 a.m. Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*With Music*)

### **Monday, April 27**

- 12:00 p.m. AA

### **Tuesday, April 28**

- 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
- 12:00 p.m. Healing Service
- 12:00 p.m. AA

### **Wednesday, April 29**

- 12:00 p.m. AA
- 5:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 30**

- 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

### **Friday, May 1**

- 8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

## **SAVE THE DATE**

- May 3 Reception Honoring Lauren Johnsen
- May 7 Grants Ceremony at 2 p.m.
- June 22-26 VBS at St. Mark's

## **CLERGY AND PROGRAM STAFF**

- The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*
- The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*
- The Rev. Christopher Hilton, *Curate*
- The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*
- The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*
- Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*
- Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*
- Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
- Lauren Johnsen, *Director of Family Ministry*

## **Vestry**

- Dr. Bob Birdwell, *Senior Warden*
- Charles Teel, *Junior Warden*
- Ryan Schiesler, *Treasurer*
- James Black, *Chancellor*

### **2027**

- Gail Davis
- Floyd McSpadden
- Ed Stedman
- Pat Sherwood
- Charles Teel

### **2028**

- Bob Birdwell
- Josh Crawford
- Ali Corcoran
- Maris Mehaffy
- Laurel Shrontz

### **2029**

- Michael Curtis
- Laura Hayes
- Laurie Kent
- Ed Long
- Matt Matheny



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