



SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**MAY 10, 2026 • THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II • 10:30 A.M.**



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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*OPENING HYMN "I sing the almighty power of God" (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 398

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer p. 413

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever

Please be seated. The Children are invited to depart for Chapel.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 17:22-31

READER A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18 JUBILATE DEO *(Please remain seated as the Choir sings.)*

Anglican Chant: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

THE EPISTLE: I PETER 3:13-22

READER A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.
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THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21 (Please remain standing.)

GOSPELER The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*

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

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sing Alleluia Forth"

Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise, ye citizens of heaven; O sweetly raise an endless Alleluia. Ye powers, who stand before the eternal light, in hymning choirs reecho to the height an endless Alleluia.

The holy city shall take up your strain, and with glad songs resounding wake again an endless Alleluia. In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice to render to the Lord with thankful voice an endless Alleluia.

Ye who have gained at length your palms in bliss, victorious ones, your chant shall still be this, an endless Alleluia. There, in one grand acclaim, forever ring the strains which tell the honor of your King, an endless Alleluia.

While thee, by whom were all things made, we praise for ever, and tell out in sweetest lays an endless Alleluia. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing glory for evermore; to thee we bring an endless Alleluia. Amen, amen.

Words: J. Ellerton, 1826-1893

FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY (*The People stand as the ushers come forward. Then, all join in singing.*)

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow, praise him all crea-tures here be - low. Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n-ly 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!

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 (*Sung by all.*)

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:

Celebrant and People

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,

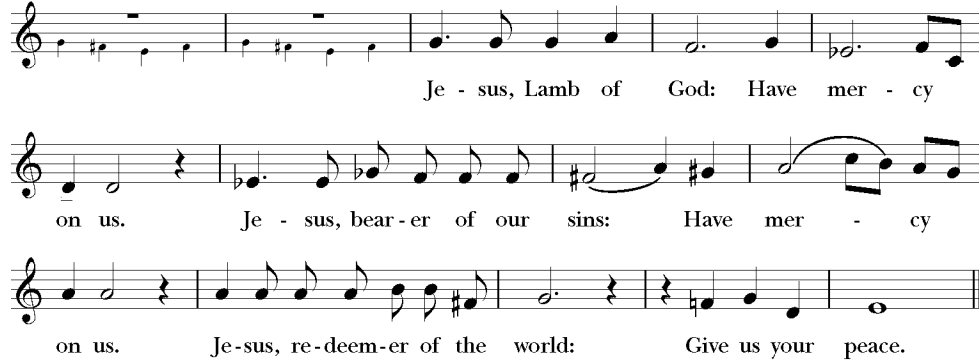
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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 (*Sung by all.*)

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. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join the Choir in singing **Hymns 292 and 318** found in *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



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE “Voluntary on *Lasst uns erfreuen*”

Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

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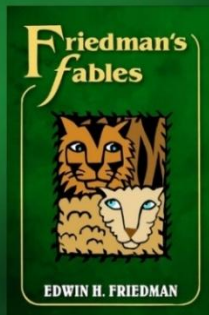
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ADULT FORMATION

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.



RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS THIS SPRING

11:30AM-12:30PM in the Gilbert Building
(Bring your own lunch)

Or 7:00-8:00PM Via Zoom

The Gospel of John

May 6
May 20





THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, May 10

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, May 11

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

12:00 p.m. AA

Thursday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon

Friday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

May 24 The Day of Pentecost
 June 13 Women's Retreat
 June 22-26 VBS at St. Mark's (1 to 4 p.m.)

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*
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 Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*
 Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
 Emma Davis, *Director of Family Ministry*

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 Charles Teel, *Junior Warden*
 Ryan Schiesler, *Treasurer*
 James Black, *Chancellor*

2027

Gail Davis
 Floyd McSpadden
 Ed Stedman
 Pat Sherwood
 Charles Teel

2028

Bob Birdwell
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