

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A

9:00 AM

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WELCOME TO ALL!

It is our privilege to have you worship with us and share in the community of God's faithful as we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. We celebrate our diversity, knowing that ALL are created in God's image and likeness. At The Church of St. Mark and All Saints, there are no visitors—for this is Christ's Church; therefore, ALL God's children are welcomed here no matter where you are on the journey! Please sign our guestbook in the lobby.

RESTROOMS:

are located in the hall immediately across from the interior entrance doors to the sanctuary. The Ladies' Room is located to the right, with the Men's Room to the left. An usher will be happy to direct you.

Please join us for coffee/tea and other light refreshments in the parish hall immediately following our worship today!

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Helpful Abbreviations:

BCP – *The Book of Common Prayer* (black or red book with the cross on the front cover)

Blue Hymnal – (hardback blue book with year 1982 on it)

LEVAS – *Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal* (multi-colored hymnal)

Praise Hymnal – (paperback light blue book)

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

Processional Hymn

Salutations and Responses

Glory to God

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal #488

BCP Page 355

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

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, forever and ever .**Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18

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.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #398

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:15-21

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Donald R. Caron

The Nicene Creed

(Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Blue Hymnal #686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - Blue Hymnal #657)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan, earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.

Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended. till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above; saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior, Lord and friend.
We shall rise with him in glory. to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People

Reader: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Reader: Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. We pray especially the Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah, our

Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Sally, our Priest Don, Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all who are in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially all those on our parish prayer list. Assure them of your presence and your promises. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection!

Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us, in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Reader: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Guest Organist – We extend our sincere thanks to guest organist Nathan Bryson for once again sharing his musical gifts with us during today’s worship service. We are grateful for his time, talent, and willingness to lead us in worship through music.

Offertory

The Holy Eucharist

The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S125

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread
Communion Hymn

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal S155
Blue Hymnal #321

Post Communion Prayer

Going Forth into the World

BCP 366

Vestry and Discernment Committee Prayer

All: Lord, we ask you to guide the members of our Vestry and Discernment Committee so that they may hear Your voice leading St. Mark’s and All Saints Church into the future to which you are calling us. Give them wisdom and insight into the qualities of Leadership needed to best serve our precious church. Inspire also the person You intend to be our spiritual leader and pastor. Give us all a sense of happy anticipation as we await the one we know will be the right one according to Your plan for us.

We pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 5/10 – 9:00 AM – Mass, Children’s Program, Fellowship Hour

Mon., 5/11- 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
6:00 -8:00 PM – Art Space (*all ages & skill levels welcome*)

Tues., 5/12 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary’s

Wed., 5/13 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary’s
5:00 PM Healing service with Eucharist
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study with Mo. Mag via Zoom

Thurs., 5/14 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 5/15 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 5/16 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Jill, Dee, Linda & Alice!
Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Traveler Blessings

Beginning in April, I will be serving St. Mark and All Saints in a “Supply-Plus” role, acting as the regular priest for Sundays and special occasions. I will continue to lead the Wednesday Healing Service, plan worship, provide care for shut-ins, and be available for reconciliation and pastoral counseling.

I will be in the office on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and available by appointment at other times. I can be reached at 478-234-2697 or by email at donaldcaron1@gmail.com.

Andrea, our Parish Administrator, will maintain office hours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (9AM – 3 PM) and joins us for worship on Sundays. To help honor her Sabbath, please direct any Sunday business or questions to me.

Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation – If you are interested in being confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirming your faith, classes will be offered at a date to be determined. Please speak with Fr. Don to express your interest or to learn more.

SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE - We will continue to collect throughout the year **HAND** knitted or crocheted hats and scarves, ditty bags, toiletries, candy, tissues, microwave popcorn, playing cards, etc. Please place it in box provided by entry to the sanctuary. We will be shipping them as soon as shipping boxes are full. Any questions, please see Deacon Rich.

A Splash of Red for Pentecost - Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24. Parishioners are encouraged to wear red as a symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence among us.

Men of St. Mark & All Saints – Looking for real conversation and connection? The Men's Group gathers for a relaxed and meaningful Bible study, where we explore scripture through the lens of everyday life and men's spiritual journeys. All are welcome - come as you are and join the conversation. Next meeting: **May 19 at 4:00 PM** in the parish hall.

Kid's Program –for children up to 6th grade! Children will have fun learning Bible stories, how to imitate Jesus, as well as how to worship in the Episcopal Church, etc. Sundays during 9AM Mass.

Peggy's Pantry – The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **May 17th** . Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

Peggy's Pantry Reminders - Help us serve our neighbors safely! When donating, please avoid glass jars (which break in transit) and perishable items (like fresh produce or bread). We appreciate your kindness and your help in keeping our donations safe and fresh!

Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild - We're back! Join us, **Thursday, 5/21**, from 7-9 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No membership fees—everyone is invited to come, reconnect, and share in the creative fun. For more details, feel free to email us at: jerseyshorefiberartsguild@gmail.com

Thinking about getting more involved at SMAS? We could really use some friendly faces to help out as ushers! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the long table.

Fall/Winter Bible Study with Mother Mag - September 9, 2025 – June 2026

Join us on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM as we study Matthew's Gospel. No homework required—just bring your preferred Bible. Please call the office for the Zoom details.

In need of Prayer? Please add name(s) to our parish prayer list at the usher's stand.

Zoom Morning Prayer –Mondays through Saturdays at 9:30 AM. Please contact the church office for the link to Morning Prayer.

SMAS CARE Team – Is there a parishioner who needs a visit? Card? Call? Assistance with transportation to a medical appointment? Please email or call the church office.

Vestry Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 5/20 at 6:00 PM**. ALL Welcome!

Pocket Prayer Squares Ministry – Please take one from the blue basket at the back of the church for someone in need or your comfort.

Important Groups Meeting at SMAS: Art

Space – Mondays 6 PM – 8 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Tuesdays (6 PM) & Wednesdays (4:30 PM)

Boardwalk Chorus – Wednesdays 6 PM – 8 PM

Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild – 7 PM – 9 PM (**3rd**

Thursday of the month)

Easter Seals – Fridays (10:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

Girl Scouts – Every Other Tuesday

Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3rd Sunday

Memorials & Thank Offerings

Altar Flowers

Donna Taylor in loving memory of Elsie M. Garten, mother

Church Bulletin

Winnie Gaupp in loving memory of mothers, Edi Bankert and Jeannette Gaupp

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