

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK & ALL SAINTS (Episcopal)

Worldwide Anglican Communion Diocese of New Jersey Atlantic Convocation

“Loving God and neighbor by word and action”



*Sundays 9:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
Kid’s Program (Sunday School) – 9AM*

A Service for Healing with Holy Eucharist – Wednesdays at 5PM

*For Holy Baptism, Private Confession, or Holy Matrimony,
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 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

Blue Hymnal #494

BCP Page 355

Blue Hymnal #S280

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ,

will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #483

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17:1-11

Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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
LEVAS #119**

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.**

Blessing
Dismissal
Recessional Hymn

BCP366
BCP 366
Blue Hymnal #460
(vs. 1-3)

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 5/17 – 9:00 AM – Mass, Children’s Program, Fellowship Hour

Mon., 5/18- 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
6:00 -8:00 PM – Art Space *(all ages & skill levels welcome)*

Tues., 5/19 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary’s

Wed., 5/20 – 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., 5/21 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 5/22 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 5/23 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Dale & Vicki Sharp! 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.

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 – Today, 5/17 - Your generosity helps support the community food bank. 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

Stan & Val Kozlowski in thanksgiving for the marriage of Stan & Val Kozlowski and Scott and Anne Carr

Church Bulletin

Stan & Val Kozlowski in thanksgiving for Wyatt Kozlowski whose birthday is May 18th

Rosa Terminelle in thanksgiving for Maureen's birthday

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Donna Taylor in loving memory of Barbara Taylor, sister

Our Ministers

Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

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The Rev. Donald R. Caron, Priest

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