

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 #1

BCP Page 355

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner", and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #447

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:1-14

Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever

has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Offertory

Thurs., 5/7 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 5/8 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 5/3 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Christine & Mark Stanton & Dave Dunlevy! 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.

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7, 2026 - Join others from the Galloway community for prayer as we observe the National Day of Prayer. This year’s theme is *“Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations.”* Gathering: 12:10–12:40 PM at the Galloway Township Municipal Complex (flagpole near Jimmie Leeds Road).

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.

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 5 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

Marie Beall in loving memory of her sister Gail

Church Bulletin

Kathleen Donnelly in loving memory of her father, Michael Donnelly

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Faith Penrose in thanksgiving for Andrea Brandt's birthday



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