

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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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 13, 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)

The Liturgy of the Palms (Service begins in the parish hall)

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

BCP 270

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village

ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
(Once everyone is seated)

Blue Hymnal # 154

Salutations & Responses

BCP 271

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #143

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.

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: Philippians 2:5-11

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #435
(vs. 1-3)

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 27:11-54

Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Announcements

The Rev. G. Douglas Eberly

Form III - BCP 387

BCP 360

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

Antiphonal Hosanna – G. Alan Smith

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 A

BCP 361

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread
Communion Hymn

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S164
Blue Hymnal #474

Post Communion Prayer

Going Forth into the World

BCP 366

Blessing

BCP366

Dismissal

BCP 366

Recessional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #625

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 3/29 – 9:00 AM – Mass, Children's Program, Fellowship Hour

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

6:00 -8:00 PM – Art Space (*all ages & skill levels welcome*)

Tues., 3/31 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary's

7:00 PM Evening Bible Study with Mo. Mag via Zoom

Wed., 4/1 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary's

Thurs., 4/2 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

6:30 PM – MaundyThursday Service

Fri., 4/3 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

NOON – Good Friday Service

Sat., 4/4 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Julie & Tom Hirschlein!

Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Traveler Blessings

Holy Week Service Schedule

April 2, 2026 – Maundy Thursday Service with Eucharist– 6:30 PM

April 3, 2026 – Good Friday Service – 12 Noon

April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday Service – 9 AM

Ready the Church for Easter - Please join the SMAS Altar Guild on Saturday, April 4th, 9 AM to prepare the church for Easter Sunday services. We will dress the altar with fresh linens, uncover the crosses, polish the brass and silver, and place the beautiful flowers. You do not have to be on the altar guild to help, all are welcome to help in this very rewarding task. Many hands make light work, bring a friend! (approx 1.5 hrs)

Children's Easter Activities - Please join us in the parish hall directly after the 9am Easter service for some fun activities for children and teens:

- ❖ Egg Hunt - for children age 1 to 5-ish. Meet in the parish hall.
- ❖ Treasure Hunt for children and teens. Answer the questions, solve puzzles, and beat the physical challenges to follow clues throughout the church leading to an Easter treasure! Start in the Parish Hall. Invite the children of family, friends and neighbors to join the fun. We can accommodate up to 24 treasure hunters so please RSVP to the SMAS email or phone so we can be sure there is enough treasure at the end. (smasoffice@aol.com or 609-652-6222)

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.

Easter Flowers – Please use an envelope in the pews in loving memory or thanksgiving! Envelopes may be placed in the collection box/basket. **Due today 3/29!**

Men of St. Mark & All Saints – At our first gathering, the group agreed to meet every other Tuesday. Our next meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, **April 7th at 4:00 PM**. Join us for a short Bible reflection and plenty of good conversation and fellowship.

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 **April 19th**. 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, 4/16**, 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 Wednesdays, 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, 3/18 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 – Thursdays & Fridays (10:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

Girl Scouts – Every Other Tuesday

Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3rd Sunday



Memorials & Thank Offerings

Church Bulletin

Christine & Mark Stanton in thanksgiving for their 42nd anniversary



Our Ministers

Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

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