



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015

10 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.

THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP
THE REV. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR
THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

AN OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

NURSERY SERVICES

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3. Nursery hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

RESTROOMS

Are located in the Sanctuary Foyer, through the Parish Offices door, on the right-hand side.

COFFEE BAR

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

OUR SERVICES

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 7:30 p.m. Sundays (Nave)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

JOINING

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card.

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 205 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing* Gelobt sei Gott

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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.

S-278 GLORIA



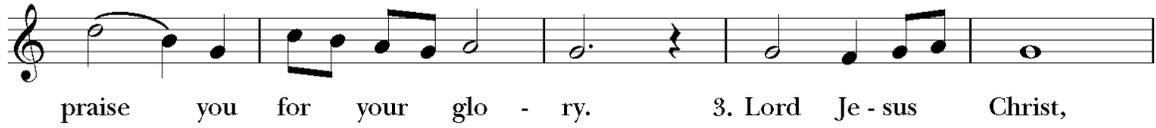
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



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



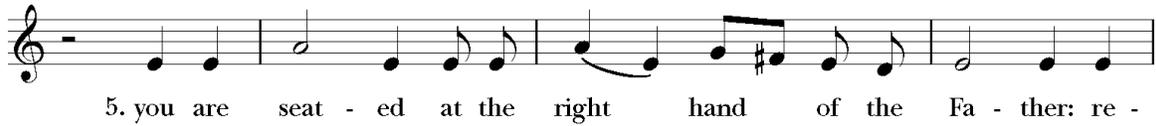
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



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



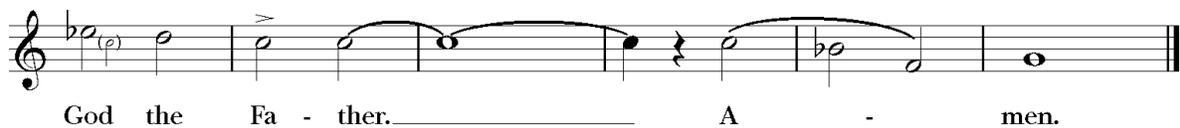
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4



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1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my /cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
 have mercy on me and hear my /prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my /glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 and run after false /gods?”

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the /faithful; *
 when I call upon the Lord, he will /hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not /sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your /bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacri/fices *
and put your trust in the /Lord.

6 Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better /times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O /Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my /heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil in/crease.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall a/sleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in /safety.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from I John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All sing the Alleluia, then cantor sings a verse.
All sing the Alleluia.*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Te Deum
REFRAIN: Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! *Fine*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCP 360

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Arr. Evelyn Larter

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sadness! My Lord, the crucified, has filled this day with gladness.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith would be in vain. But now has Christ arisen.

Death's waters cannot chill since Jesus crossed the river. His love will keep me still; his mercy is forever. [Refrain]

Now let us all rejoice kept safe within God's keeping, until the trumpet voice shall call us from our sleeping. [Refrain]

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

~Doxology with Alleluias~ 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 host; praise
Fa - ther, 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!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- RITE II, PRAYER D

BCP 372

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

S-129 SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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._____

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own

first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Mark and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

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The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

S164 AGNUS DEI

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "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, re - deem - er of the world:" "give us your peace, give us your peace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines in the right hand.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Celebrant may also add: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HYMN 306
HYMN 309

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest
O food to pilgrims given

Sursum Corda
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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.**

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Voluntary

Easter Season

Easter is a season that marks the end of Lent and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. As Christians, our core message, our gospel, is that God loves us and that our lives matter; we do not end in death. The paschal candle (large candle by the altar) remains lit during this season to remind us of Christ's continuing presence with us. The alleluia's that were omitted during Lent now return to the liturgy to express the joy we have in Christ. The general confession is omitted during Easter to symbolize that our debt has been paid and we are forgiven.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb and Jim McInturff

Lectors: Jacob Penley and Gary Latanich

Intercessor: Beth Smith

Ushers: Darren Moore, Ronnie Sairls, Steve Replogle

Vergers: Johnny Stayton and Darren Moore

Acolytes: Cameron Poston, Murray Pringle, Win and Rike Robinson

Eucharistic Visitor: Claire Nix

Greeters: Keith Pringle and Amy Pearce, Erik and Donna Gilbert

Children's Chapel: Rose Mary Latanich

Vestry Counters: Steve Replogle, Johnny Stayton, Deb McInturff

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today 9:00a Coffee with the Rector
5:00p EfM
7:30p Compline

Mon 7:00p Vestry Meeting

Wed 6:00 Christian Education
6:15 Healing Eucharist
7:00 Choir Practice

Thurs

Sat 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 3
7:00p Bishop's Dinner at the Rectory

SAVE THE DATE

April 26 Bishop Benfield's Visit, Confirmation, and Reception

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

4/19 David Jones	4/22 Colby Neves
4/20 Emma Dunn	4/23 Warren O'Daniel
4/20 Breanna Johnson	4/23 Rose Mary Latanich
4/21 Steve Thompson	4/23 Halen Robinson
4/21 Jessica Fagan	4/23 Sammy Welch
4/22 Tim Bohn	4/24 Anita Rothgery
4/22 Phillip Tew	4/25 Donald Mankin

Anniversaries

4/23 Doyle & DeeDee Gilliam

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roses for Mothers St. Mark's will be doing something new for Mother's Day on May 10. For \$1.00 you can purchase either a red or a white long stem rose to honor or remember your mother. These will be in vases in the Nave where you can get your rose and present it to your mother. We have a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for your convenience; just drop your dollar in the crystal bowl.

Reception for Bishop Benfield Please lend some assistance to Marian Peeler and Johnny Stayton who are giving the bishop's reception next Sunday. It would be a big help if you bring some finger foods. Thanks!

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations last week; St. Mark's collected 18 pounds of food for Helping Neighbors and \$90 in cash/checks.

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 04/12/15	\$ 10,472	\$ 88,982	\$321,170	Last Week 138
Needed	<u>6,178</u>	<u>95,933</u>	<u>321,312</u>	2015 Average 167
Difference	\$ 4,294	\$ 3,049	(\$ 142)	2014 Average 138
Current Cash	\$ 7,391			
Outstanding bills	(-\$ 5,823)		Loan Balance	\$ 172,348

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