

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

The Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025





This week's leaflets are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Liz Hughes, Pam Refford & Mary Hayes.

Altar flowers are memorials given to the glory of God and in honor of Treasurer, Liz Hughes.

#### WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Please note that the **restrooms and nursery** are located on the floor below the sanctuary. You may access either by entering through the first level door from the parking lot or use the sanctuary stairs behind the choir.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. Welcome to Saint Mark's online and in person worship! Go to our webpage www.stmarkshb.org, click on YouTube to view.
- 2. Please remember the Saint Mark's "Little Food Cupboard" bring only canned or dry food items. Also, City Gate Prison Ministry dinner is May 10th. Please see Frank Weaver or Stu McLauchlan to help.
- 3. The New Driveway Project is nearing completion. Please thank Joe Orlando & Julie Combs for coordinating the project!
- 4. Today is *Treasurer Appreciation Day, April 27th*. It is also Treasurer, Liz Hughes birthday. Please show your appreciation with a card for Liz and eat some Happy Birthday Cake.
- 5. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Gutierrez at 10:00AM, May 10th at the Diocesan Center, 23 Airy St., Norristown, PA. We have three confirmands, Lucia &Nick Costanzo and Macayla Symonds. You are invited to attend!
- 7. Altar Flower Sponsors & Cooks are needed for May & June.
- 8. Special thanks to all who sponsored memorial gifts for worship! New processional torches, Altar Chairs, Brass holders, and Choir cassocks have been memorialized for loved ones.

Birthdays April 27 to May 4 Anniversaries

Pam Refford, 4/30 Liz Hughes, 4/27 & Mary Hayes, 5/1 None known

#### PRELUDE:

(Praise God That My Redeemer Lives) Telemann

Bells Ring A Call to Worship Prelude Announcements

#### Apostolic Greeting

- C In the name of the Father +, and of the Son, +and of the Holy Spirit +.
- P Amen.

#### RITE OF BLESSING AND SPRINKLING

- C Dear Friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it and to keep us faithful to the Holy Spirit he has given us in baptism.
- C God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away our sins and brings us to eternal life. **P** Amen.
- C We ask you now to bless + this water, and to give us your protection this day. Renew the living Spirit of your life within us that we may be free from sin and come into your presence to receive your gift of spiritual life and salvation. We ask through Christ our Lord.

#### P Amen

(Priest and people are sprinkled with water)

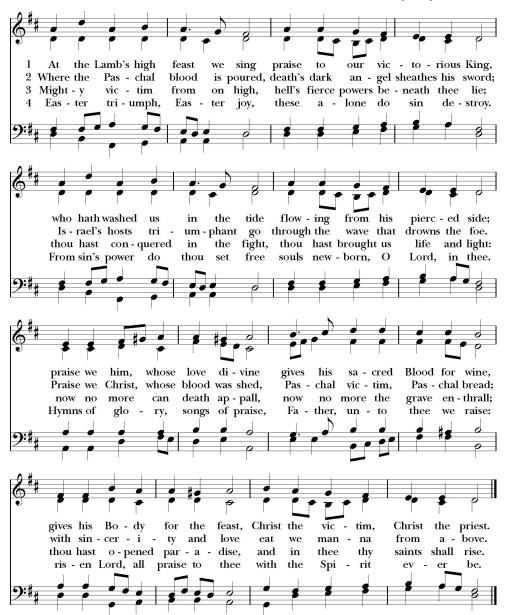
C May almighty God cleanse us of our + sins, and through the Eucharist we celebrate make us a place in his heavenly kingdom.

#### P Amen

 $C = Priest \ celebrant$ 

P= Congregation

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN (174)



Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

- C The Lord be with you.
- P And also with you.
- C Let us pray.
- C Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever



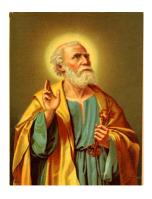
## GLORIA EXCELSIS



# + THE LITURGY OF THE WORD + THE FIRST READING A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- P Thanks be to God.



#### PSALM 118

J. Camidge

- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*
   in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*
  the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
  the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*
  and de clare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*
  but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

  I will enter them;

  I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*

   he who is righteous may enter."

GLORY TO the Father, and 'to the 'Son \* and 'to the 'Holy' Spirit; As it was in the be-'ginning, is' now, \* and 'will be for' ever A'MEN.

#### THE SECOND READING

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Saint John wrote: John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- P Thanks be to God.

All rise



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please stand)



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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

- C The Lord be with you.
- P And also with you.
- C The Holy Gospel according to St. John
- P Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

C The Gospel of the LordP Praise to you, Lord Christ

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

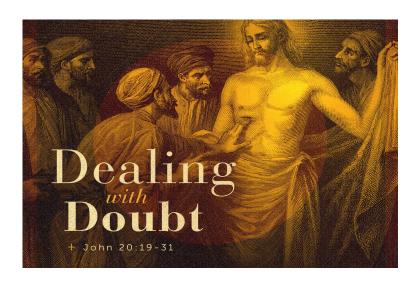
(The Gospel Acclamation is sung as the book of the Gospels is reposed.)



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Please Sit

## THE HOMILY



(All rise following the homily)

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY (206)

O Filii et Filae [1982 #203/206]





- 1. O sons and Daugh-ters, let us sing! The King of Heav'n, the
- 2. That night the a-pos tles met in fear; a midst there came their
- 3. When Thom as first the tid ings heard, How they had seen the
- 4. "My pierc ed side, O Thom as see; My hands, my feet I
- 5. No long er Thom as then de nied, He saw the feet, the
- 6. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has



glo - rious King, O'er death and hell rose tri - umph-ing A-leluia, A-lelu - ia! Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here." A-leluia, A-lelu - ia! ris - en Lord he doubt-ed the dis-ci - ples word. A-leluia, A-lelu - ia! show to thee; Not faith-less but be - liev - ing be. "A-leluia, A-lelu - ia! hand, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God." he cried. A-leluia, A-lelu - ia! con-stant been, for they e-ter - nal life shall win. A-leluia, A-leluia![Ant.]



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

SAID BY ALL

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Please kneel or sit. The people respond prayerfully with the words in **bold** type.)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

#### Silence

C Grant, Almighty God, that all who trust in you may be united as one holy catholic and apostolic church, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

#### P Hear our prayer.

C Guide the people of this land, and especially our president, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

#### P Hear our prayer.

C Give us all a spirit of generosity toward others, especially those who experience deep doubts. Help us all know doubt as a part of an honest faith in the resurrected Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy

#### P Hear our prayer.

C Comfort all who mourn the death of Pope Francis as we pray for the repose of his soul. Comfort all who experience the grief of death with the hope of resurrection life .

Lord, in your mercy

#### P Hear our prayer.

C Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

#### P Hear our prayer.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR: Bernard Miller, CLAUDIA, HOWDY BENNER, CHRISTINE TODD, MARY HAYES, Sandy Shaffer, Michael Morris, Jeff Haas, Erin Pasela, Pat Clark, Debbie Reese, Debbie Mienert, Dorothy Stauffer, Sharon Levering, Nelson Price, Carol Hoppes, Marge Darby, Sue Lorah, Brian Lee, Diana Anders, Bill Freeman, Ron Shingle, Zach Schrum, Mary Ann Gallagher, Piper Hatfield, Lynn Williams. Wanda Bullock, Julie Combs, Diane Spath, Lois Schultz, Taran Miller, Sheri Monti, Jane Shingle, Galen Miller, Julie (Nass) Immel, Tori Edwards, The Dienno Family, Bella Maria, Beverly Karlson, And those we now name aloud or silently...

(The People may add their own petitions)

- C Hear us, Lord;
- P For your mercy is great.
- C We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; P *Who put their trust in you*.

(Celebrant says the concluding collect)

- C Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- P Amen.



#### THE PEACE

(SHARED BY GESTURE ONLY)

C Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

C The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

P And also with you.

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

#### OFFERING OF THE GIFTS

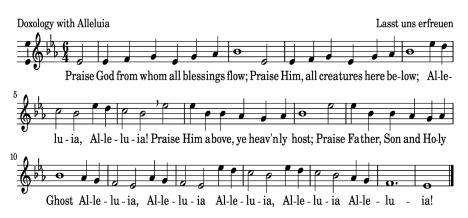
Ushers bring the gifts of bread and wine forward

#### **O**FFERING

Ushers pass the offering plates and bring them forward

(PLEASE RISE)

## **OFFERTORY CANTICLE**



## + The Liturgy of The Eucharist +

#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYERS

- C Let us pray.
  - Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P Blessed be God forever.
- C Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P Blessed be God forever.
- C Pray friends that this Eucharist may be acceptable to the Almighty Father.
- P May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- C The Lord be with you.
- P And also with you.
- C Lift up your hearts.
- P We lift them to the Lord.
- C Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P It is right to give him thanks and praise.



#### THE EASTER PREFACE

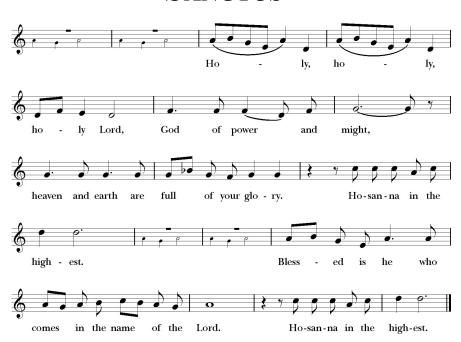
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**B**ut chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who by dying has destroyed death and who by rising, has restored our life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



#### SANCTUS



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

(kneel/sit)

You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us +++
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his passion, he took bread and giving thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you, do this in remembrance of me."

In a similar way when supper was ended, he took the chalice and giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying; Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this in remembrance of me." +++

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

We proclaim your death, O Lord, And profess your resurrection Until you come again.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation. Giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

(The Celebrant continues)

**H**umbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

**R**emember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with our Bishops, Sean and Daniel and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy; welcome them into the light of your glory; have mercy on us all we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. **Amen** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

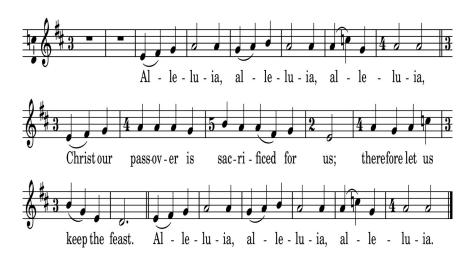
- C And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
- P Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And 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 FRACTION

- C Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
- P Therefore, let us keep the feast.

## AGNUS DEI





#### AGNUS DEI

C This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

P Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.



## + Holy Communion +

All persons are welcome to receive a communion blessing, baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward using the center aisles on each side. Please sanitize your hands at the station, then proceed with cupped hands to receive the host. Those desiring to receive the Blood of Christ should step forward to the Eucharistic Minister, then dip their Host in the chalice.

If you are unable to walk to the communion, the Priest or Deacon will communion you at your pew.

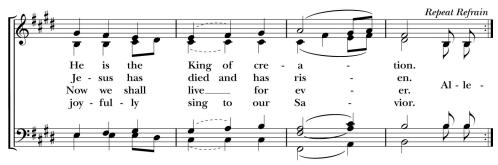




## COMMUNION HYMN (178)



#### COMMUNION HYMN continued



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## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

C The Lord be with you

P And also with you

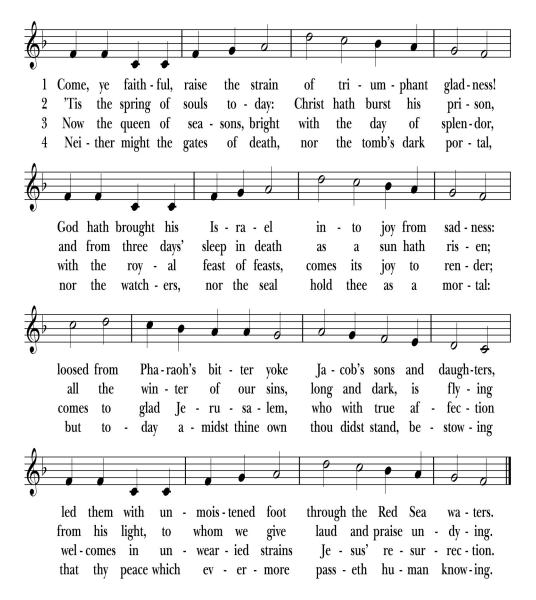
C Let us Pray together..

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

C The Blessing of God Almighty, The + Father, + The Son, and The + Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

## CLOSING HYMN (200)



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Gaudeamus pariter*, melody from *Medieval [German or] Bohemian Carol Melody*, 1544; harm. *Songs of Syon*, 1904.

#### **POSTLUDE**

The Trumpet shall sound (from Messiah) G.F Handel

#### DISMISSAL

C The Mass is ended. Go in peace. Serve the Lord...

P Thanks be to God.

#### **HOLY EUCHARIST LEADERS**

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Shaffer

Ushers: Bill Freeman & Liz Hughes

Lectors/Readers: Kim Minor Prayers: Kathleen Mraz

Acolyte: D. & E. Symonds, C. Wetzel & N. Costanzo

Altar Guild: Verna Emery Greeter: Rode Dienno

Counters: John Mraz& Sandy Shaffer

Sunday School Ivanna Freeman

#### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH COOKS**

Appetizer: E. Borgstrom Main Course: Barbara Haas

Dessert: Fr. Kim & Mother Asha

#### Memorial Needs/Opportunities

Saint Mark's has a number of supply needs for Sunday Worship that may be memorials in memory or honor of a person you want remembered. Please see Fr. Kim if you are interested in making a Memorial in 2025.

#### Needed

- 1. Altar Fair Linen @\$375
- 2. A Wall Sanctuary Lamp @ \$360
- 3. 2 New Eucharistic Minister Albs @\$ 200
- 4. 2 New Choir Cassocks & Surplices @ \$145
- 5. 2 New Acolyte Cassocks & Cottas (a) \$100
- 6. 2 Brass Cross & Torch Holders @ \$75



#### <u>APRIL 27</u> - 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

TREASURER APPRECIATION DAY

8:00 AM Choir School

9:00 AM Choir rehearsal

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Treasurer Appreciation Lunch

#### MAY 4 - 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Almost Cinco de Mayo. Viva Mexico

8:00 AM Choir School

9:00 AM Choir rehearsal

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Mexican Food Lunch

#### MAY 11 - 4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Mother's Day with Roses

8:00 AM Choir School

9:00 AM Choir rehearsal

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Mother's Day Lunch

#### **OUR MISSION & PURPOSE**

Know Jesus. Change the World.