



Welcome to  
**SAINT MARK'S**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 16, 2023 AT 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

**BCP**—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

**Hymnal**—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

**LEVAS**—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

**WLP**—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

**VF**—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

*Please silence your cell phone*

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Welcome to St. Mark's Church. We continue today to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, a celebration which will last for fifty days in all (and which is celebrated again every Sunday throughout the year). The Gospel reading begins with the first Easter Day when Jesus appeared in the evening to the disciples and gave them his Spirit. The story continues with his appearance the following Sunday when Thomas met the Lord and confessed his faith. It concludes with words for us: "Blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe." On the Sundays of Easter, the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's reading from Acts, we hear a portion of Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost proclaiming the resurrection. God has raised Jesus; and Peter and the other Apostles are witnesses of the resurrection. The second lesson on the Sundays of Easter this year comes from Peter's first epistle. This is a sermon on the meaning of baptism. Today the message is about our rebirth into new life in God as we died and rose with Christ in baptism. Nevertheless, in the world we will still have trials and persecutions, Peter tells us, but in them, our faith is strengthened and purified. As we gather as Church to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, we find the living presence of Jesus in his Word, in the sacraments, and in our life as the community of the Body of Christ. We find ourselves made by the Holy Spirit into a community that is the visible and living sign of the risen Christ.

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Prelude

# God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

*Jesus lives!*

Hymn 194

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus  
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall  
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O  
liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry  
sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us  
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Celebrant* + Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

**(At 8:00 a.m.) Pascha nostrum –Christ our Passover**

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

***Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with old leaven,  
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.***

***Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \*  
death hath no more dominion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \*  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \*  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.***

***Christ is risen from the dead, \*  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death, \*  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.***

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

“...For Christ, our Passover is,  
sacrificed and for us: Therefore  
let us keep feast...

I Corinthians 5:7-8

## The Collect for The Second Sunday of Easter

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*       *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*     Together, let us pray.

*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. Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

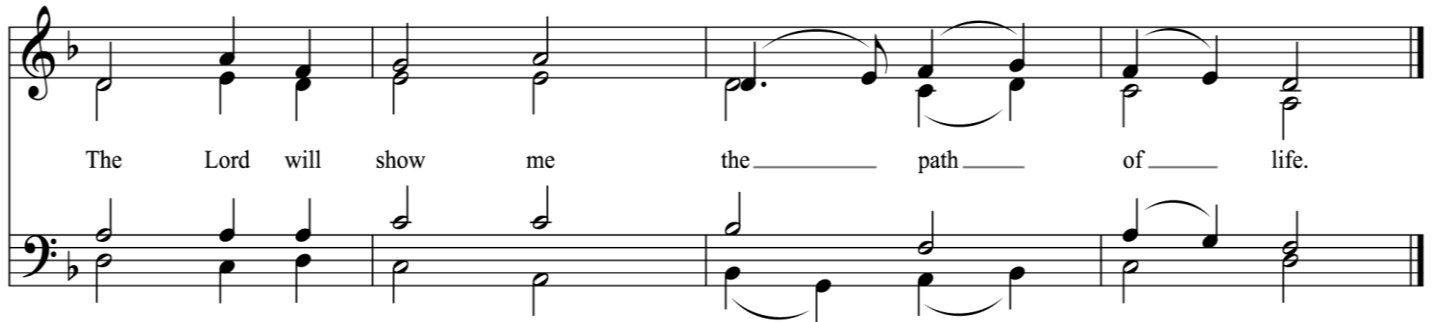
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord.

*People*       *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 16:5-11** *Conserva me, Domine* (The Refrain is first sung by the Cantor then by the Congregation.)



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- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
*it is you who uphold my lot.*
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
*indeed, I have a goodly heritage. REFRAIN:*
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
*my heart teaches me, night after night.*
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
*because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. REFRAIN:*
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
*my body also shall rest in hope.*
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
*nor let your holy one see the Pit. REFRAIN:*
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
*in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. REFRAIN:*

**The Epistle**

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand as they are able.

### Sequence Hymn

*We walk by faith*

1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No  
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor  
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And  
4. That when our life of faith is done In

Capo 2: (D) (G) (C) (D)  
E A D E

gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound; To call on you when  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.  
we re - jice, And cry "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, And seek where you are found:  
as you are In full and end - less sight.

(Em) (Cmaj<sup>7</sup>) (Am<sup>7</sup>/D) (D) (Em)  
F#m Dmaj<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup>/E E F#m

(Bm<sup>7</sup>) (Am<sup>7</sup>) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G) (C/G) (D) (G)  
C#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7</sup> A D/A E A

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*Reader*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**



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.

*Reader*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

+ ***May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.***

*The people sit.*

*After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.*



## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

***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.*

***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.***

## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant:*

On this day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to God who has raised Jesus from the dead, saying: ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

*LEM:*

For the Church, that by our witness and love we may be signs of the Risen Christ. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For this parish family that we may witness to Christ's resurrection with words and by serving the needs of others. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For all those who live in fear and anxiety in this time of uncertainty, that the gift of Easter may give them peace and hope. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For an end to the scourge of gun violence and mass shootings, that God will put it into the hearts of legislators and politicians to “do something instead of nothing.” *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all those who work in healthcare, public safety, and other essential services, that God will protect them and their families as they serve the common good. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For our own needs, for those who are sick or suffering, remembering especially the people of Ukraine and those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that as they hear the Good News of the Resurrection, they may be bound together in love. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died. *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud)* May they be welcomed to the fullness of joy prepared for them. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Michael Tessitore, Laura Bott, Charlotte Smith and Paul Oele, who are celebrating their birthdays and for George & Jennifer Kast who are celebrating the anniversary of their wedding.

#### **For a Birthday**

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Michael, Laura, Charlotte and Paul as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### **For the Anniversary of a Marriage**

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon George & Jennifer that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Dick Gardner in memory of his daughter, Amy.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Risen Lord, we give praise and glory.*

*All:*  
*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us the Easter word of peace through Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers which we offer in the hope of glory and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

#### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          *And also with you.*

## Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

## Offertory Hymn

*My faith looks up to thee*

LEVAS 88



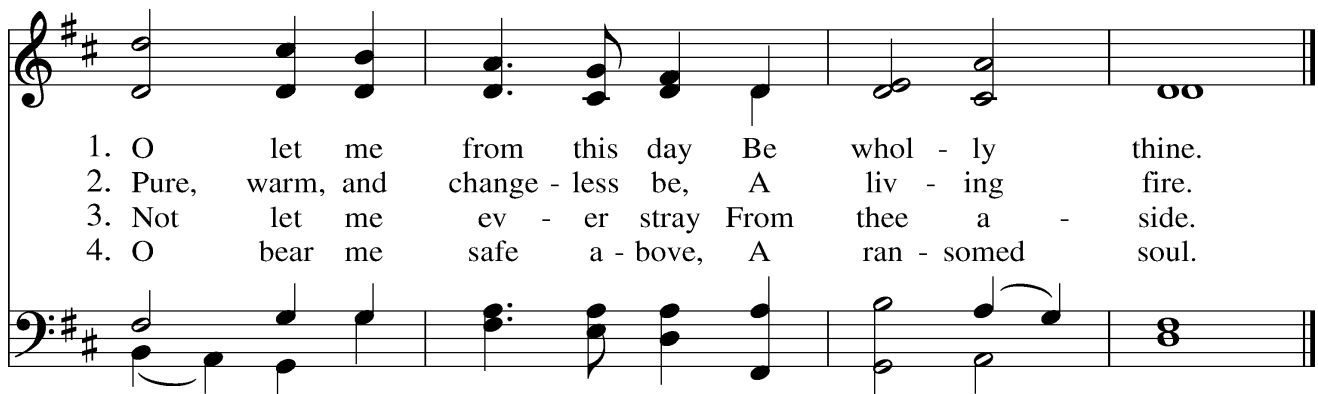
1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of  
2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -  
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!  
2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;  
3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;  
4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;  
2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;  
4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,



1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.  
2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.  
3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

# The Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

*All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee, Amen.*

(At 10:00 a.m.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise

God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

lu-ia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Cre-

a-tor, Word, and Spirit one. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Ab Eb Fm Cm Db Ebsus4 Eb Ab

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Music: Traditional Danish.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

*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

WLP 876

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

### Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the grave. *Amen.*

**Communion Norms**--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.

**Communion Hymn**

*Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Lord*

**Hymnal 178**

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*



## The Post Communion Prayer (Church of England)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Lord God our Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## The Blessing for The Second Sunday of Easter (Church of England)

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## The Announcements



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - jice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

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

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

The Dismissal

LEM With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,  
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude



**April 16, 2023 – Easter 2 (A)**  
**Week 2: Reflections on the Resurrection**

*During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.*

When I was a seminary student, my daily afternoon walk would take me past the historic cemetery on campus. Just outside the large, wrought-iron gates marking the entrance to the cemetery, I remember stumbling upon the stump of an old tree. Given the size of the stump, I imagined that the tree once towered over the cemetery, providing shade and protection against the oppressive heat of the summer sun. I imagined a tree of beauty, dignity, and grandeur, yet all that remained of this glorious tree was a dry and lifeless stump. Several years after my graduation and subsequent ordination, I returned to the seminary and decided to enjoy an afternoon walk along the same well-worn path I had followed as a student. I came upon the cemetery expecting to see the old stump I had stumbled upon years before; however, much to my surprise, a bright green shoot had emerged out of the center of the stump. A new tree was breaking forth out of the old. Where once there was only death and decay, new life was emerging.

During this Easter season, we are celebrating Christ's victory over death and giving thanks that the gate of everlasting life has been opened to us. However, even as we proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is risen," the experience of death and reality of grief remain. We still feel the searing pain of loss. We still experience despair, disappointment, and disillusionment. We still find ourselves longing for the fullness of God's abundant life. In the midst of this longing, it is the promise of God's new creation that gives us hope, the promise that God is *making all things new* (Revelation 21:5). The resurrection of Jesus is a foretaste of God's promise for all of creation!

The paradox of the spiritual life is that we experience both joy *and* sorrow, hope *and* despair, life *and* death. Every day, we experience the tension between the reality of resurrection and the remnant of death's domain, which, although defeated, continues to cling to power. Yet, in the midst of this tension, there are signs of God's new creation all around us, signs of new life and new beginnings. For me, it was the surprise of seeing a bright green shoot emerging out of the center of an old stump that began to open my eyes to the possibilities of new creation. I began to see and experience the power of hope. I began to catch a glimpse of God's vision of a world healed, renewed, and restored. During this Easter season, where are you seeing signs of God's new creation? How have you experienced God's promise of hope breaking forth in your life?



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**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- Monday** (04/17) **Parish Office Closed**
- Tuesday** (04/18) 12:40 p.m. Staff Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Westhampton Women's Group Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Wednesday** (04/19) 7:00 p.m. Alanon Board Meeting
- Thursday** (04/20) 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – "The Psalms"  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Rector's Office  
1:00 p.m. Threshold Singers  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Church
- Saturday** (04/22) 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market
- Sunday** (04/23) 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church  
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

<b><u>Serving April 16 at the 8:00 a.m. service</u></b>		<b><u>Serving April 16 at the 10:00 a.m. service</u></b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Sundy Schermeyer	<b>LEM</b>	Madeline Glover, Ron Perdock
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Simson	<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Pettus
<b>Usher</b>	Pete Williams	<b>Ushers</b>	Eric Christensen, Kevin Tunney
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Virginia Gilmore, Diane Stewart	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Laura Bott, Louise Reeves

**The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by** Dick Gardner in memory of his daughter, Amy.

**Congratulations on the Birthdays of** Michael Tessitore, Laura Bott, Charlotte Smith, Paul Oele.

**Best wishes on the Wedding Anniversary of** George & Jennifer Kast.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.

**We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:** Stan Billie (Req. by Jenn Kast), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Darrie Cosban (Req. by Jinny Gilmore) Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobeletti), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Anthony Graviano (Jeannine Graviano's Father), Cheryl Grove (Friend of Marj Kulesa), Elaine Hanes (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Cathy Jones (Farmers Market), Stephen Jones (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Campbell Kast (Req. by Jenn Kast), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Fred Meyer (Parishioner), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Req. by Jock McLean), The Reverend Abigail Murphy (Priest in EDLI), Jeanette Navas (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Sudie Nostrand (Carol John's Sister), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Joan Petrella (Parishioner), Rosemary Rees (Victoria Garcia's Sister), Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Jean Scopinich (Parishioner), John Stewart (Parishioner), and Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia).

**If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.**



## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, following the 10 AM service. There will not be an 8 AM service that Sunday.**

**Bible Study takes place on Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Rector's office. The current topic is "The Psalms".**

**Gluten Free Communion Wafers are now available during each service. If you require one, please ask Fr. Chris at the communion rail.**

**If you are a new parishioner, we would most appreciate your filling out our Parish Survey. There are blanks at the back of the church for your convenience. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.**

**Coffee Hour** – Hosts/hostesses are needed to volunteer for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. There is a sign-up sheet for April & May outside of the Parish Hall. Whatever assistance you can offer will be most appreciated. Help is needed for **Sunday, April 23 and 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

**Mid-Week Services on Thursdays** - Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Rector's office at **11:00 AM** and Holy Eucharist at **5:00 PM** in the church.

**We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte.** Please contact John Kern at [John@jkernlaw.com](mailto:John@jkernlaw.com).

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at [laura.bott17@gmail.com](mailto:laura.bott17@gmail.com). There is one vase available for April 23<sup>rd</sup> and in May two vases are available on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Each vase is \$40. Kindly Note: checks should be made out to St. Mark's Church with "Flowers" in the memo section.

**Ways to Help the People of Ukraine...**When the donated non-perishable items were delivered to the Ukrainian Church in Riverhead we were told that what they need right now are bandages, pain killers, burn care products and **NEW winter clothing**. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at [www.stmarkswhb.org](http://www.stmarkswhb.org) for ways to help.

**Maureen's Haven:** "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 2023: Winter Market in the Parish Hall 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.**

#### **Service Attendance**

**Easter Vigil - April 8**                      **6:00 PM**      **48** (plus **33** households prayed with us online.)

**Easter Sunday April 9**                      **8 :00 AM**      **21**  
**10:00 AM**      **135** (plus 47 households prayed with us online.)  
**Total:**                      **204**

**Holy Wednesday, Tenebrae**  
**April 5**                      **7:00 PM**      **9**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 6**                      **7:00 PM**      **27**

**Good Friday, April 7**                      **7:00 PM**      **15**



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### Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

### Thursday Midweek Service

5:00 PM in the Chapel

### Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—*Bishop of Long Island*

The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF—*Assisting Bishop*

The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—*Assisting Bishop*

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Diane Stewart—*Warden*

Sandy Wyman—*Warden*

### *Vestry Members:*

Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover

Tom Hadlock, Tom Horan, Marjorie Kulesa,

Ashley Lueck, Barbara Pettus and Steve Turner.

Thomas Simson—*Treasurer*

Carol Fitton—*Clerk of the Vestry*

