

Welcome to
SAINT MARK'S

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023 AT 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

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. We begin today the fifth of the seven weeks of the Christian year set apart to celebrate the dying and rising of Jesus. The Gospel reading today is a discussion between Jesus and his disciples, particularly Thomas and Philip, about the results of his dying and rising. He is revealed to be the Way into eternal life, and in knowing Jesus we know and are known by the Father. Today's reading from Acts describes the martyrdom of Stephen, the first Christian to suffer death for the name of Christ. This is itself a particularly strong witness to the resurrection of Jesus; as Stephen joins his Lord in dying he sees Jesus raised from the dead and leading him into God's eternal Kingdom. In the second reading today Peter applies to us the words of God to the people of Israel during their Exodus. By virtue of our baptism into Jesus' dying and rising, we are set apart as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people," with the vocation of making God's wonderful deeds known to all people. In the Eucharistic celebration, we are revealed as the royal priesthood. In most religions, the priesthood is a small group of people who stand between God and the rest of the people. Christians, however, all stand before God on behalf of the entire human race; on behalf, indeed, of the whole creation. That priesthood is enacted most clearly as we stand before God in intercession and in thanksgiving in the Eucharistic liturgy. *From The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year.* Copyright © 2009 by Michael W. Merriman. Church Publishing Incorporated, New York.

God's People Gather Together

Processional Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymn 518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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.**

Pascha Nostrum — Christ our Passover (sung to tune *Sine Nomine* — “For all the saints”)

WLP 880

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!

The Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi* (The Antiphon is first sung by the Cantor then by the Congregation.)



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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your lovingkindness save me. (*ANTIPHON*)

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

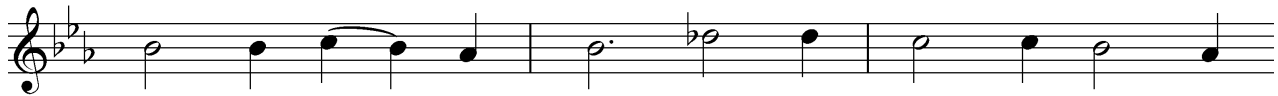
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand as they are able.



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



Jesus told his disciples, ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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:

As a chosen race, a holy nation, and God's own people, let us offer our prayers on behalf of all in Jesus' name, saying: Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

LEM:

For the Church: that like living stones built into a spiritual house, our ministries may be marked by prayer and service to those in need. Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that together we may bear witness that Christ is indeed the way, the truth, and the life. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the members of Congress, that God will open hearts to dialogue and finding common ground, so that the hopes and needs of others may be advanced and the least among us be sustained. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For peace, that God will turn hearts from violence, end the bloodshed in Ukraine, Sudan and our city streets, and protect all who are vulnerable in our society. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all who work the earth, that they may use their skills wisely to feed the human family, and that God will give them favorable weather and an abundant harvest. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who are ill, alone or afraid, remembering especially those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that in Christ they may find hope, strength and peace. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died. *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud)* May they be happy forever in the Father's house and in the place Jesus has prepared for them. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Barbara Callahan, Ronald Marwood, Hope Kaufman, and Nathan Tessitore who are celebrating their birthdays. We also pray for King Charles III and for all the people of the United Kingdom.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Barbara, Ronald, Hope, and Nathan 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.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Lisa & Paul Canty in loving memory of Richard P. Kleinknecht and by Karen Love in Celebration of Hannah Quinn, Happy Birthday!

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, Holy One, who calls us to dwell with you in heaven. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and in the power of the Holy Spirit help us follow Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life. 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

When from bondage we are summoned

WLP 754



1. When from bond - age
2. When our God names
3. Through all stag - es
4. We must not lose
5. See the prize our



we are sum - moned out of dark - ness in - to light, we must
us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand through a
of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day, with com -
sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss, who, for
God has prom - ised: end - less life with Christ our Lord. Now we



go in hope and pa - tience, walk by faith and not by sight.
lone - ly, bar - ren de - sert to a great and glo - rious land.
pas - sion for our weak - ness ev' - ry step a - long the way. Let us
joy of love un - meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.
fix our eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.



throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win! Let us



has - ten to our home - land and, re - joic - ing, en - ter in. in.

The Presentation of Gifts

Musical score for "The Presentation of Gifts" in D major, 3/4 time. The score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: D, A, D. Lyrics: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise

System 2: Chords: Bm, A, D, G, D, Bm. Lyrics: God, all creatures high and low. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

System 3: Chords: E, A, D, D. Lyrics: lu - ia! Praise God, in Je-sus ful-ly known: Cre -

System 4: Chords: G, A, D, Em. Lyrics: a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

System 5: Chords: A, Bm, Em, D, G, A, Em, G, A, D. Lyrics: 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.

The image shows a musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: Ab, Eb, Fm, Cm, Db, Ebsus4, Eb, and Ab. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words to indicate syllable placement.

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.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Breaking of the Bread'. It is written in 3/2 time. The first line is an antiphon: 'The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing'. The second line is a 'Fine' and 'Verses' section. Verse 1: 'The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -'. Verse 2: 'One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -'. The third line is 'All repeat Antiphon': 'ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ. ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.' The score includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor) and a 3/2 time signature. There are various musical notations including rests, notes, and slurs.

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

I, the Lord of sea and sky

WLP 812

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

REFRAIN: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN:***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN:***

Daniel L. Schutte

The Post Communion Prayer (*Church of England*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

E*ternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing for The Fifth Sunday of Easter (*Church of England*)

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; 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



**“If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?”**



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
 To - rah o - ra,



words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

The Dismissal

LEM We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Farewell Service

& Luncheon

HONORING

Dawn Orban

May **21** Sunday

At 10 AM in the Morning

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THE ST. MARK'S CHURCH ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

At the Annual Meeting on May 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., the Parish will elect one Warden and three Vestry Members. The candidates are as follows:

For Warden

Diane Stewart (two years)

For Vestry

Marjorie Kulesa – 2nd Term (three years)

Steve DeCaro – 2nd Term (three years)

Steve Turner – 2nd Term (three years)

Nominations from the floor are allowed subject to eligibility. The Warden and Vestry Members will be elected by persons qualified to vote at such election. All persons, eighteen years of age or older, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at our worship and contributors to Parish support (contributors of record) for at least twelve months prior to the election and are known to the presiding Warden and the Treasurer, shall be qualified voters at the election to be held on May 7, 2023. No mail-in or proxy ballots will be accepted. Polls will remain open for one hour unless otherwise closed by a motion proposed and passed unanimously.



May 7, 2023 – Easter 5 (A)

Week 5: 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.

“Don’t Panic” is written in large, friendly letters on the cover of the book, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*, a fictional, electronic encyclopedia that is the centerpiece object in a novel of the same name written by Douglas Adams. The angel at the tomb in Matthew’s Gospel says essentially the same phrase in their greeting: “Don’t be afraid.” Immediately after this in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus also begins his resurrection encounter with Mary and Mary saying, “Do not be afraid.” As Douglas Adams employs “Don’t Panic” to invite his reader into wonder and anticipation in the story of his novel, so we are invited deeper into our own story, to wonder what threats confront our resurrection witnesses when both the angel and the returned Jesus begin with “Don’t be afraid.”

What had Mary and Mary to fear? Was it the bright, otherworldly appearance of a heavenly messenger? Angels have been known to startle mortals. Was it that the teacher they loved and had seen murdered on a cross was now miraculously alive? This would have been enough. Ghosts and zombies still arise in human fears, particularly if it’s the appearance of a beloved. But the angel and Jesus know the deeper fears Mary and Mary have and the future fears they will face.

“Don’t be afraid” addresses their deeper fear that this encounter could turn out to be just a fragile dream – that after such joyous news, the proverbial rug could be pulled out from under them, leaving them worse off than before. This phrase addresses their fears that after sharing the Good News of New Life, they will most likely be laughed at and humiliated, rejected by those to whom they speak their exuberant joy.

Of course, none of these fears are mutually exclusive. “Don’t be afraid” addresses all of Mary and Mary’s fears, all at once. Such resurrection encounters remind us that Grief and Revelation are cumulative. We humans experience our fears, our griefs, our hopes, and our new discoveries in an ever-expanding continuum.

In Christ’s resurrection encounter, we are offered the pain and joy of experiencing a multiverse of realities, all at the same time. Because ours is not a fictional novel but rather a story grounded in the original witnesses who heard him, “Don’t be afraid” is spoken directly to us, inviting us to trust the one who stands before us saying these words. This invitation on holy lips comes to us through the cumulative continuum now two millennia on, still speaking directly to our multi-layered, multi-generational fears, right now, in our time and in our space.

The resurrected Christ meets us in a welcome that addresses all our fears. His greeting does not ignore but includes all the crucifixions we have endured and all the resurrections we have known, including his. With Mary and Mary, we run on with layered feelings in us, both fear and great joy. And we run, ever trusting in the one who leads us, always, from panic to peace.



*This reflection, “Don’t Panic,” was written by **the Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden**, Bishop of West Virginia. Cowden previously served as rector of Saint Michael’s Episcopal Church in South Bend, Indiana. His joy is in raising up the next generation of priests as potent pastors and powerful preachers.*

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	(05/08)	Parish Office Closed 10:45 a.m. Bright Beginnings Mother's Day Tea in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	(05/09)	12:00 p.m. Westhampton Women's Club in the Parish Hall
Wednesday	(05/10)	7:00 p.m. Alanon Meeting
Thursday	(05/11)	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 in the Chapel 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Seeds of Hope in the Parish Hall
Sunday	(05/14)	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

<u>Serving Sunday May 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.</u>	
LEM	<i>Laureen Andria-Melo</i>
Lector	<i>Dick Gardner</i>
Ushers	<i>Tim Feil, Kevin Tunney, Tom Simson</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Laura Bott and Louise Reeves</i>

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by *Lisa & Paul Canty in loving memory of Richard P. Kleinknecht and by Karen Love in Celebration of Hannah Quinn, Happy Birthday!*

Congratulations on the Birthday of *Barbara Callahan, Ronald Marwood, Hope Kaufman, and Nathan Tessitore.*

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

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: *Noah Berger (Req. by Jenn Kast), 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), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia), and Jocko Calvez (Req. by Larry Andria).*

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 Today, May 7th following the 10 AM service

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 May outside of the Parish Hall. Whatever assistance you can offer will be most appreciated. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Special Notice about Mid-Week Services on Thursdays - Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Rector's office at **11:00 AM**. The Holy Eucharist at **5:00 PM** will be discontinued until further notice.

We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte. Please contact John Kern at 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. In May there is one vase available for the 7th and 14th. 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 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

- Sunday, May 21—Service and Luncheon honoring Dawn Orban. Please RSVP to Fr. Chris.
- Friday, May 26—Art Show at St. Mark's from 4-6 p.m.

Service Attendance

Sunday April 23	8 :00 AM	25	
	10:00 AM	40	(plus 50 households prayed with us online.)
	Total:	65	

5/4	Bible Study	7
	11 am HE	6
	NO 5 pm HE	





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

Thursday Midweek Service

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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*

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey—*Assisting Bishop*

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Chris Adams—*Facilities Manager*

Dawn Orban—*Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*

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*

