



Welcome to ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

MAY 15, 2022 AT 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

+ --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)

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Notes on Today's Readings:

Welcome to St. Mark's Church as we begin the fifth week of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each Sunday in the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, we explore the implications of Jesus' dying and rising for our lives. Today we hear from John's Gospel some of the Lord's words on the night before his death. The Lord tells his friends that he is going away and gives them his final instructions, "the new commandment" to love one another as he loves us. This Sunday's reading from the book of Revelation is a vision of the final consummation of God's Kingdom as the new Jerusalem. The redeemed rejoice, for God dwells with them and does away forever with death and grief and weeping. Today's reading from Acts traces further the extension of the proclamation of Christ's resurrection. Peter describes to the leaders of the church in Jerusalem the astounding discovery that God's call is not only to Jews but to the Gentiles as well, as he tells of the conversion and baptism of Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian. It is in our relationship of union with Christ in baptism and communion that his love for us is revealed. Our liturgy here equips us to carry out our larger liturgy, our work as God's people, in loving others through ministry, service, and prayer. In that way, the work of extending God's Kingdom will continue to spread in and through us, the Body of the Risen Christ, as we follow his command to love others as he loves us.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the victorious

HYMN 358

1 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants
 2 On - ly Im - mor - tal One, Might - y Cre - a - tor!
 3 God - spo - ken pro - phe - cy, word at cre - a - tion:
 4 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants

rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.
 We are your crea - tures and chil - dren of earth.
 "You came from dust and to dust shall re - turn."
 rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.

Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,
 From earth you formed us, both glo - rious and mor - tal,
 Yet at the grave shall we raise up our glad song,
 Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,

there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.
 and to the earth shall we all re - turn.
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.

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

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.) CHRIST OUR PASSOVER PASCHA NOSTRUM

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

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 148 (*Laudate Dominum*)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- ² Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

A reading from the Revelation to St. John.

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done!

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O what their joy and their glory must be

HYMNAL 623

1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
2 Tru - ly "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore,
3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,
4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,
5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,

1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;
2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;
3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;
4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,
5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;

1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:
2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,
5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.
4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.
5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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: Because God has been glorified in Jesus, let us pray for all those God loves in the name of Jesus saying: ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

LEM:

For the Church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and William our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Chris our Priest. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for the Long Island Council of Churches Food Pantry; Members of Diocesan Council and its Departments; the Church in Central America; Congregations Seeking New Clergy Leadership; Christ Church in Oyster Bay; St. Margaret's in Plainview; and the Lutheran Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue. We pray, that strengthened by the Risen Christ, we may be strong in our faith and bear witness to his commandment of love. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may be known as disciples of Jesus by the love and care that we show one another. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For people of all faiths, who are experiencing persecutions and hardships, that God will protect them, fill them with courage, and help them to love in the face of fear. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Ukraine and Russia, who are caught up in the war, that peace and justice may prevail. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all whose work points to a new heaven and new earth, especially those who fight poverty, homelessness, and hunger, that God's light and love will shine through their service and be a sign of hope for all. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the elderly and the homebound, the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that God will renew them and give them a taste of the water of life. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, especially remembering Richard Kleinknecht. *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud)* May they find a place in the new and eternal Jerusalem where death is no more. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for, Ridgie Barnett and Kristine Smith who are celebrating their birthdays, ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by The Reeves family in thankfulness for God's blessings.

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.***

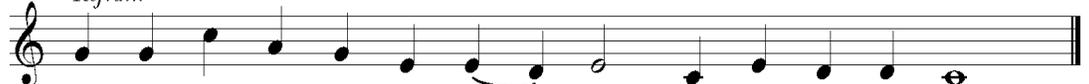
All:
Blessed are you, God of glory, who gave us your Son. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your whole creation, and strengthen it in your love, that we may honor your Spirit, which fills the whole earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE PEACE

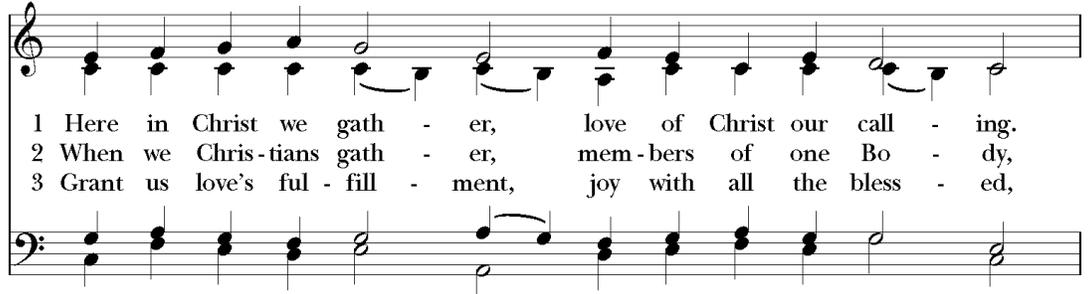
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN *God is love, and where true love is God himself is there* HYMNAL 577

Refrain



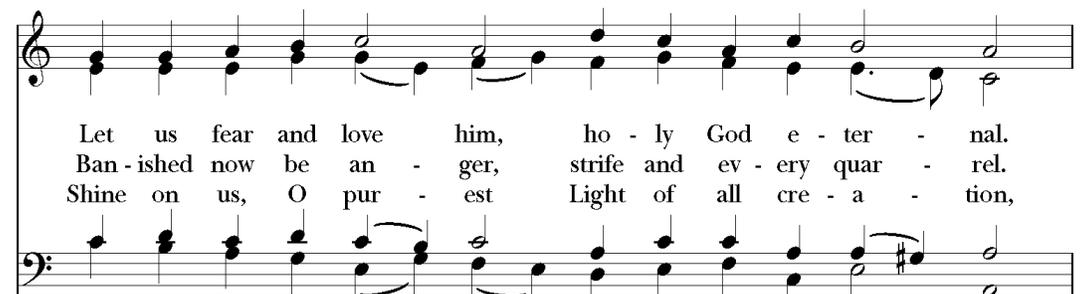
God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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 bless-ings flow. Praise
God, all crea-tures high and low. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
lu - ia! Praise God, in Je-sus ful-ly known: Cre -
a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

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

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. But 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 was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 + Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

SANCTUS

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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.

Musical notation for the phrase "A - men. A - men. A - men." The notation is presented on two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics "A - men. A - men. A - men." are placed below the treble staff. The first staff has a copyright notice "© 2011 by HMC, Inc." and the second staff has "Prepared by Digital Songs and Hymns, LLC".

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

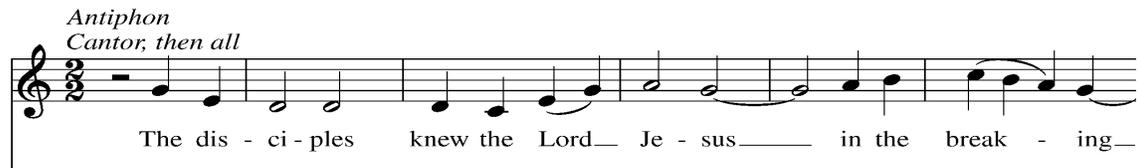
People and Celebrant

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

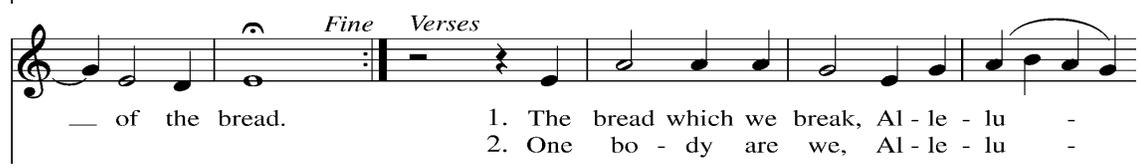
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Antiphon
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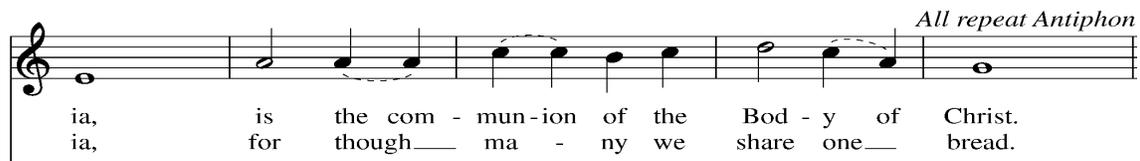
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing
— of the bread.

Fine Verses



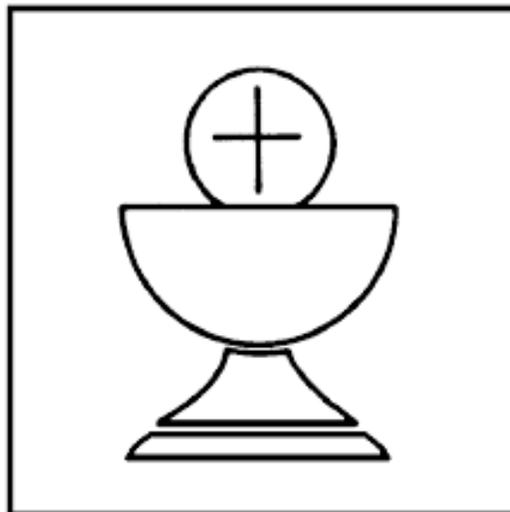
1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon



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

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



Antiphon



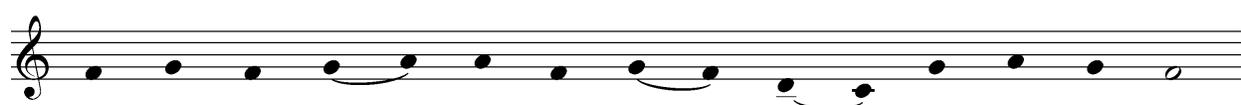
Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.



1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,
 2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er
 3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace



let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.
 let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.
 to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,



And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,
 May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease
 our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,



so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]
 that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]
 for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Church of England*)

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING FOR THE FIFTH 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/BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Ridgie and Kristine as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is alive!

HYMNAL 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant He is not here. He is risen.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	(05/16)	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	(05/17)	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	(05/19)	10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Rector's Office 6:15 p.m. Meditation Music 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service in the Chapel 7:00 p.m. Covenant Class
Sunday	(05/22)	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

SERVING TODAY May 15, 2022

8:00 AM

Altar Guild:	Virginia Gilmore, Diane Stewart
LEM/Prayers:	Virginia Gilmore
Lector:	Tom Hadlock
Usher:	Tom Hadlock

10:00 AM

Altar Guild:	Catharine Nobiletti, Jean Scopinich
LEM/Prayers:	John Andren
Lector:	Billy Glover
Ushers:	Steve DeCaro

Coffee Hour: Leandra & Julia Melo

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by The Reeves family in Thankfulness for God's blessings.

Birthday Wishes to Ridgie Barnett, Kristine Smith.

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: Chris Allan, Jeff Blake, Darcy F. Chester, Fred Edwards, Anthony Graviano, Noel Hayes, Gretchen & Jim Jubinski, Richard Kleinknecht, Greg Kulesa, Jim McDermott, Jock McLean, Sean McLean, Sudie Nostrand, Paul Oele, Joan Petrella, Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson, Jean Scopinich, Jason Thomas, Sarah Witters, and Fr. Ron Wickey.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will begin Summer Church Services the first weekend in June (5TH). They will take place on Saturday at 5:00 PM, and Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Save the Date - Sunday, June 12th at 4:00 p.m. - Institution of a New Rector and the Sacrament of Confirmation. A reception will follow. There will only be one service this weekend.

Community Garden: Individual planting beds are available for your own personal garden or share a bed with others. Call Diane Stewart if you would like to sign up for one.

The Douglas R. Graham Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2018 for the purpose of awarding scholarships for continuing education to graduating seniors in high school, who are active participants in St. Mark's Church and complete an application form. If you are interested in making a donation to the Fund, please write a check payable to "St. Mark's Church" and note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo field. Thank you for your support of the youth of our parish.

Hosts/Hostesses are needed for Coffee Hour following the 10 A.M. service on May 29 and the Sundays in June. Please volunteer and add your name to the signup sheet on the table outside of the Parish Hall.

New Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Our focus will be the Acts of the Apostles.

Ways to Help the People of Ukraine...Please visit our website at www.stmarkswhb.org

Sunday School normally meets every Sunday, except the last Sunday of each month from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. There is one vase available May 22nd and in June there are two vases available for the 5th, 12th, 19th and one vase for the 26th. Each vase is \$40.

Anniversaries & Birthdays: We are updating our Anniversary and Birthday lists along with the names of those in need of healing prayers for the bulletin announcements. These names can be emailed to the church office at kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org.

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.

Last Week's Attendance:

Sunday, May 5	8:00 a.m.	38	
Sunday, May 5	10:00 a.m.	54	(plus 22 households viewed us online.)
	Total	92	

**Pray for your parish family every day at 12:00 Noon
And Pray for the People in Ukraine!**



Institution of a New Rector and the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, June 12, 2022
4:00 p.m.



Bishop Geralyn Wolf will be visiting St. Mark's as our Parish Family and friends celebrate the Institution of Fr. Chris as Rector and several parishioners are Confirmed and Received into the Episcopal Church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Please note that there will only be one service on this weekend at 4:00 p.m.



May 15, 2022 – Easter 5 (C)
Week 4: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from 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.

In John's version of Easter, Mary lingers at the empty tomb after Peter and John run quickly away. When the risen Jesus appears in front of her, she mistakes him for the gardener. It's an understandable miss. In the grip of all the trauma and grief from the events of Good Friday, she certainly wouldn't be expecting the one for whom she grieves to be suddenly standing in front of her. It's easy to overlook that moment as an unimportant detail.

However, as I return to this story year after year, I've come to think it's not a mistake at all, that Mary gets it exactly right, and that this detail helps us understand why the Resurrection really matters.

The original vocation to which God calls humanity is tilling and keeping the world God has made. We initially failed in that calling, choosing ourselves and our own way over God and God's way of love. The whole arc of scripture is essentially the story of God's project to reforest a world that has become desolate with suffering, violence, and death as a result of our rejection of God. Of course, Jesus is the gardener! His resurrection is the unmistakable assurance of God's intention to restore the desert we have made of the world to the original garden God intended, lush with the fruits of love, life, justice, and peace.

Jesus died a real death. The same death each of us fears, and that we have seen take so many we love. For the Resurrection to mean anything, it must be every bit as real as that death. Jesus the gardener reminds us that, as an Easter people, the point of our faith and our lives is not to escape from the world and its pain, but rather to join Jesus in renewing the world, planting seeds of hope, watering the parched places of pain, tilling the soil toward justice, working the land to nurture the feast of love God intended. We don't find the Beloved Community by retreating to somewhere else, we find it by following Jesus to where the pain is, and by digging, by tilling, by keeping.

Plant a tree in these days of Easter. Grow a garden. Make it a sign and sacrament of how we are called in every moment to bear witness to the great good news that death is not what it appears to be. Even now, the green shoots of faith and hope are bringing about God's perfect reign of love, joy, and life that knows no end. Alleluia!



*This reflection was written by **the Rt. Rev. Craig Loya**. Bishop Loya was consecrated the X Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota on June 6, 2020. He served as Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha, Nebraska from 2013-2020, and was the Canon to the Ordinary in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas from 2009-2013. He received his Master of Divinity from Yale University and a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale in 2002.*



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

Thursday Midweek Service

6:30 PM in the Chapel

Office Hours

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

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