

Welcome to St. Mark's on the Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. Today the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday, we have been involved in an extended liturgy that will be brought to its conclusion today.

This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which "we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him."

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, a reading from the Acts of the Apostles is always used. These weekly readings from Acts describe the life of the first Christians and their proclamation of Christ's resurrection. So today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian.

The second reading reflects our share in the resurrection given us in baptism. The Gospel reading is the account of the women at the tomb and the angelic proclamation of the resurrection.

As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is known to us in the Breaking of the Bread. We are sent forth to tell others of his resurrection.

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Prelude

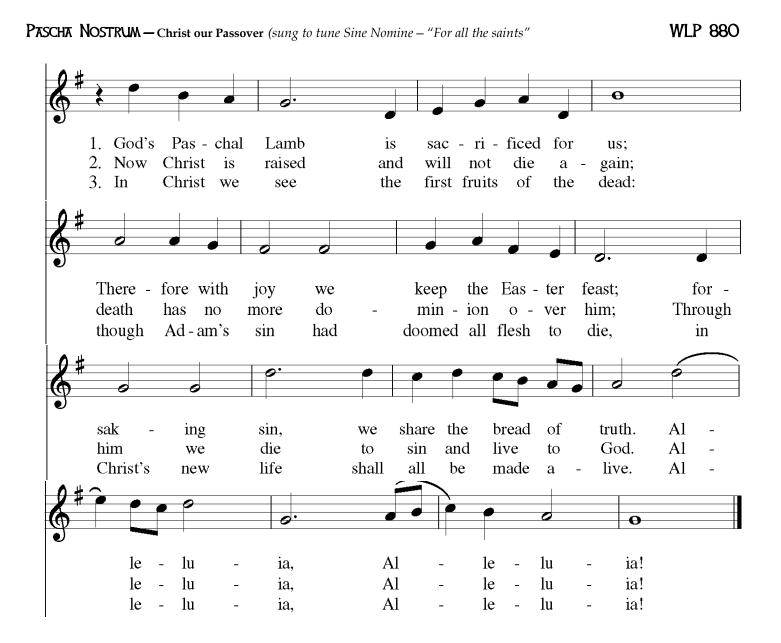
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER



Celebrant+ Alleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

AImighty 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.



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THE COLLECT FOR EASTER SUNDAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, let us pray.

OGod, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 Confitemini Domino

On this day the LORD has act - ed; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

At the beginning of the psalm, the refrain is first chanted by the Cantor, then by the Congregation.

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¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous: *REFRAIN*:
¹⁶"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
¹⁷I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD. *REFRAIN*:
²²The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
²³This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes. *REFRAIN*:

The Epistle

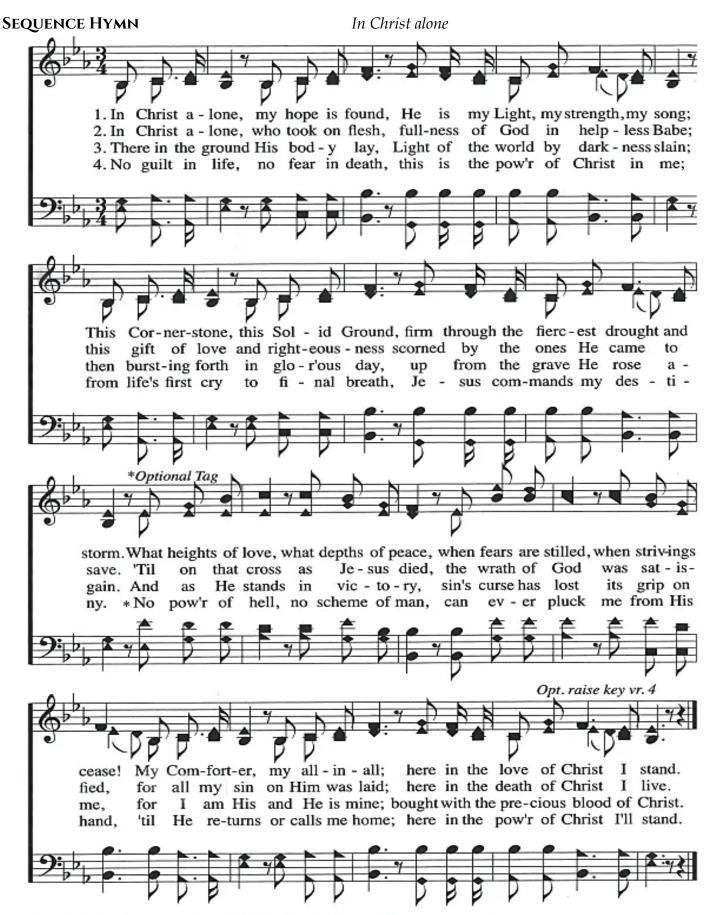
A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Colossae.

Colossians 3:1-4

¹Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



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

¹Carly on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to the God who raised Jesus from the dead, saying: *Alleluia! 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. May we be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding with love for God and neighbor. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all the human family, and especially the people of Ukraine, that God will keep them safe, and bring them to a springtime of hope and peace. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer*.

For the leaders of the nations, and all those in positions of public trust and leadership, that God will strengthen them with wisdom and patience. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer*.

For all those who cannot be with family and loved ones, for those who are sick or suffering, remembering especially 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 live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Drew Clark, Jesse Fritz. Judy McDermott and Dr. Jill Bastable, who are celebrating their birthdays and for Jay & Hope Kaufman who are celebrating the anniversaries of their wedding.

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 Holy God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light, hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Тне Релсе

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.



OFFERTORY HYMN

Thine be the glory

Words: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; Trans. by R. Birch Hoyal, 1923 Music: JUDAS MACCABEUS; Arr. from G. F. Handel, 1747



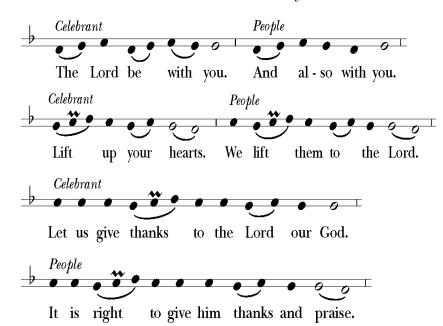
THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As a symbol of Christ's Resurrection, you are encouraged to remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer during the entire fifty days of Easter.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)



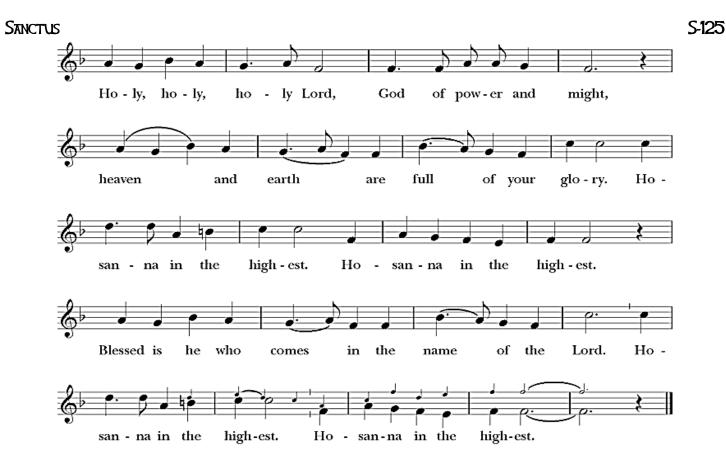
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

(At 8:00 a.m.)
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.



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:

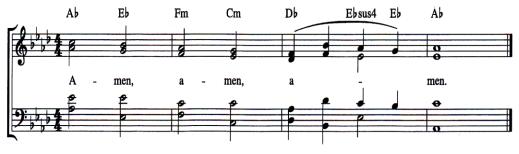
Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.



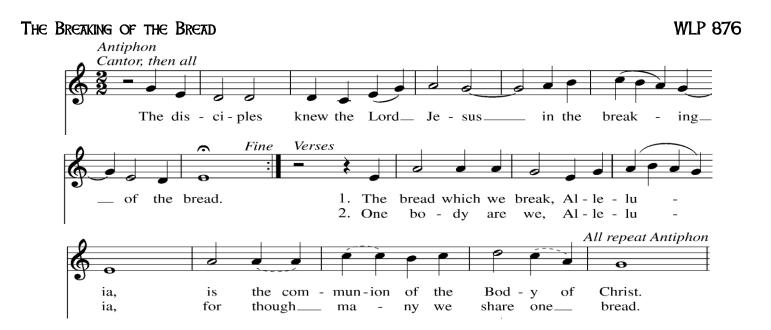
Music: Traditional Danish.

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.



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



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Church of England)

Celebrant 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 EASTER SUNDAY (Church of England)

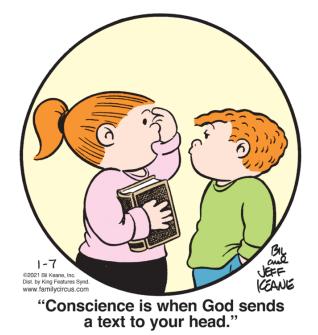
God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe, the gates of everlasting life. *Amen.*

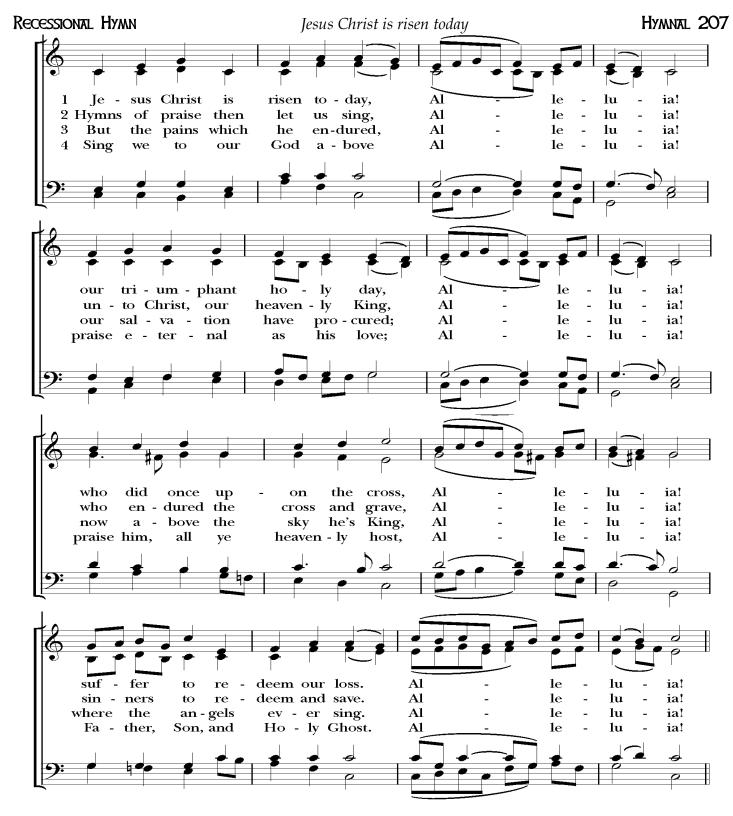
God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. *Amen.*

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. *Amen.*

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





The Dismissal

LEM 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

Some Easter Customs

The Great Fifty Days begins with Easter Day and concludes on the Day of Pentecost. The seven weeks that span the time between Jesus' resurrection and the sending of the Spirit are sometimes called "a week of weeks." Historically this was also the time when all the mysteries of the Christian faith were revealed to the newly baptized. During this time the lectionary texts help us explore the mysteries of faith expressed in sacrament, word, and life lived for others.

The Easter Greeting "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!" is used at the beginning of all liturgies and before the sermon.

<u>Alleluia</u> (from the Hebrew Halleluya for "praise God") is restored to the liturgy and is used frequently as a superlative expression of triumph, thanksgiving, and joy.

<u>The Paschal Candle</u> symbolizing the light of the Risen Christ burns at all services through the Day of Pentecost.

<u>Christ Our Passover</u> (the Easter Canticle, BCP, p. 83) may be used as the Invitatory Canticle at Morning Prayer and as the Hymn of Praise at the Eucharist. (WLP 880 is a metrical version to a familiar tune).

The Penitential Order may be omitted.

<u>Standing for Prayer</u> was the universal position for prayer until late in the Middle Ages. The Council of Nicea (AD 325) forbade kneeling for prayer on Sundays and during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	(04/10)	Parish Office Closed			
Tuesday	(04/11)	12:40 p.m. Staff Meeting			
Thursday	(04/13)	10:00 a.m. Bible Study – "The Psalms"			
		11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Rector's Office			
		5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel			
		5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Church			
Saturday	(04/15)	10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall			
Sunday	(04/16)	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			

Saturday, April 8 th at 6:00 p.m.		Sunday, April 9th at 8:00 a.m.		Sunday, April 9 th at 10:00 a.m.	
LEM	Madeline Glover	LEM	Carol Jubinski	LEM	Laureen Andria
Lector	Barbara Pettus	Lector	Carol Johns	Lector	John Kern
Ushers	Larry Andria, Tim Feil	Usher	Tom Simson	Ushers	Steve DeCaro, Tom Horan,
Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti	Altar Guild	Virginia Gilmore		Sandy Wyman,
			Diane Stewart		Paul Okula
				Altar Guild	Catharine Nobiletti
					Victoria Garcia

Congratulations on the Birthdays of Drew Clark, Jesse Fritz, Judy McDermott, Dr. Jill Bastable.

Best wishes on the Wedding Anniversary of Jay & Hope Kaufman.

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.

<u>We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:</u> 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

We welcome into the Household of God, Willow Everly Uebelacker, Landon James Manion, Theodore Kirk Satterfield and John Byron Satterfield. Congratulations to their parents, Karl & Jill Uebelacker, Robert & Alyse Manion and John & Bridget Satterfield.

Bible Study will resume this coming Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Rector's office. We will be studying "The Psalms".

<u>Gluten Free Communion Wafers</u> 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.

<u>Coffee Hour</u> - Hosts/hostesses are needed to volunteer for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. There is a sign-up sheet for April outside of the Parish Hall. Whatever assistance you can offer will be most appreciated. Help is needed for Sunday, April 16, 23 and 30th. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

<u>Mid-Week Services on Thursdays -</u> 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.

<u>Altar Flowers:</u> If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar in April contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>laura.bott17@gmail.com</u>. There are two vases available for April 16th and one for the 23rd. Each vase is \$40.

Kindly Note: checks should be made out to St. Mark's Church with "Flowers" in the memo section.

<u>Ways to Help the People of Ukraine</u>...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 <u>NEW winter clothing</u>. 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 <u>www.stmarkswhb.org for ways to help.</u>

<u>Maureen's Haven:</u> "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.

Attendance for Palm Sunday, April 2, 10:00 AM <u>78</u> (plus 47 households prayed with us online.) Total: 78

- 4/5 7:00 PM Holy Wednesday Tenebrae
- 4/6 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Supper
- 4/6 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service **28** (plus 38 households prayed with us online.)
- 4/7 7:00 PM Good Friday Way of the Cross 15

EASTER MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS FOR 2023

John Andren in thanksgiving for love of Emily.

Candace & Larry Andria in memory and thanksgiving of the beloved people of the community.

Laura & Geoffrey Bott in loving memory of Geoff Bott, George & Charlotte Mooney & Mildred Oliver.

Carol Fitton in Thanksgiving of June Fitton.

Kate Gabrielsen in loving memory of Diane Maseroni and Fred & Flora Gabrielsen.

Victoria Garcia in loving memory of Joye & Ashley Rees, Edith & Fred Garcia & Nora Rochford Rees.

Jinney Gilmore in loving memory of family friends and pets on their eternal journeys and in thanksgiving for the Lord's healing powers.

Rich & Sue Hawkins in loving memory of our dear parents Howard & Evelyn Lyons, Edson & Therese Hawkins & my dear sister Dawn Torrugia

Helen Horton in loving memory of Annetta & George Horton & Stephen Horton Collins.

Carol Johns in loving memory of Dorothy & George Nostrand.

The Rev. Chris & Carol Jubinski in loving memory of Gillian Marie Jubinski Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter, Dustin Joseph Kennedy, Jr. Fr. Chris & Carol's grandson, Gwendolyn & William Jones, Carol's parents, Margaret & Willis Imes, Carol's grandparents, Dorothy & William Jones, Carol's grandparents, Hazel & Clarence Sinn, Fr. Chris' grandparents, Ann & Joseph Jubinski, Fr. Chris' grandparents, Gregory Sinn, Fr. Chris' uncle, In thanksgiving for Victoria, CJ & Ashleigh, our children, Brinleigh Faith Kennedy, our granddaughter & our parish family.

> Marjorie Kulesa in loving memory of David Kulesa and in thanksgiving for the blessings of children and grandchildren.

> The McLean-Lueck family in loving memory of Marilyn G. McLean, Malcolm & Anita Mclean & Homer & Anne Groce & Kathi Lueck.

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Catharine Nobiletti in loving memory of Clarke C. Fitts, Jr., John C. Fitts, Eleanor & Ceasar Nobiletti, Marian Musante & Caroline A. Chester.

Paul & Norma Jeanne Okula in loving memory of John David Okula & David Stainer.

Megan & Robert Perdock for Chloe, Megan & Robert's companion for life & for Robert's parents Janice & John Perdock.

Barbara Pettus in loving memory of Mary Crolius & John Wyper.

Elizabeth Plate' for John & Anna Plate', John & Mary Silva & the Considines.

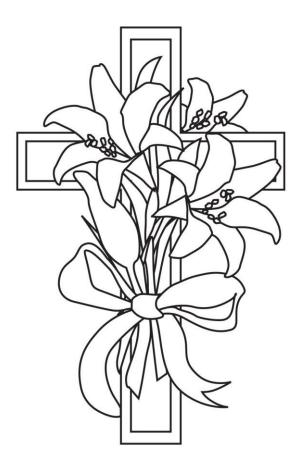
The Schermeyer family in loving memory of Gail Andon Jackson, Garry Andon, Ham & Ruth Andon & Richard & Marjorie Schermeyer.

Carol Smith in loving memory of my husband, Leonard R. Smith, & stepsons, Gregory, Kevin & Stewart & my parents, Klaus & Elly Hosten & my aunt, Erna Mertlich.

Diane & John Stewart in loving memory of our parents Sophie & Andrew Jelsik, Rosemary & David Duncan and in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Ella, Peyton, Kendra & Owen.

Donna & Stephen Turner for the Taylor family & the Martin family.

Peter & Lori Williams in loving memory of Lori's father Joseph J. Marullo & Peter's mother Cecelia Williams.





April 9, 2023 – Easter Day (A) Week 1: Reflections on the Resurrection: The Presiding Bishop's Easter Message

This is a different Easter message. I've shared Easter messages from Jerusalem some years ago, and I have shared Easter and Christmas messages from a variety of locations. Last year for Christmas, we were in San Diego. Today I'm in Paris, part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. We just finished a revival—over 50 young people and some 300-400 people from all over Europe who came for this revival service. It was a remarkable thing to behold and be part of.

The Convocation here in Europe is engaged in incredible ministries, with some joining together with Episcopal Relief & Development to make it possible for resettlement of those who are refugees from war and famine, particularly those who are refugees from Ukraine.

Thinking about it—I realize not only with this view—but with the reality of Easter looming on our horizon, John's Gospel opens: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then there is a point in which it says, of Christ coming into the world, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it."

On that early Easter morning, John says in his 20th chapter, that early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. They went to the tomb after the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. They went to the tomb of their world having fallen apart. They went to the tomb of all their hopes and dreams having collapsed.

But they got up and they went anyway. They went to perform the rites of burial, to do for a loved one what you would want to do for them. They went, following the liturgies of their religion and their tradition, and, lo and behold, when they went, they discovered that, even in the darkness, the light of God's love, the light of Jesus Christ—the light of Christ, as we say in the Great Vigil—in fact, was shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Jesus had been raised from the dead. He was alive, and darkness and evil and selfishness could not stop him. Love—as the old song says—love lifted him up.

We are here in Paris, this wonderful city. While there are protests going on in the city—garbage has not been collected, and it's all over the city—we are here in Paris, in Europe, with refugees streaming into this continent from all over the world, impacted by changes in weather pattern, impacted by war and famine. We are here in a world struggling to find its soul, but the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it. Jesus lives. He has been raised from the dead. That is the message of Easter, and that is the good news of great tidings. From Paris, I'm Michael Curry. God love you. God bless you, and the light shines in the darkness, wherever there is darkness. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Amen.

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