



Welcome to ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

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

THE FOURTH 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)

Please silence your cell phone

Notes on Today's Readings:

Welcome to St. Mark's Church on this day in the church year traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd of his people was connected very early in the church's life with Holy Baptism. The Good Shepherd is the most common decoration in baptisteries in church buildings from the second and third centuries. This image was reinforced in the church's art, liturgy, and music by the Old Testament's use of the shepherd image to express the care God has for all people. In the Book of Revelation, a portion of which is read this year on every Sunday of Easter, we hear today the description of the gathering of all the redeemed. Their white robes are the sign that they have been baptized, for in earlier times the newly baptized were clothed in white. This custom is preserved in many places with christening gowns. The redeemed rejoice, for Christ is in their midst as the Good Shepherd. Our reading from Acts today describes the ongoing work of the risen Christ through the church. Peter raises Tabitha from death. The great excitement which the early Christians felt was their discovery that Jesus continues to live in his faithful people. As in John's vision of the heavenly worship so in our Eucharistic gathering Christ the Good Shepherd stands in our midst leading us to the springs of the water of life.

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PRELUDE

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

HYMN 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE EPISTLE

A reading from the Revelation to St. John.

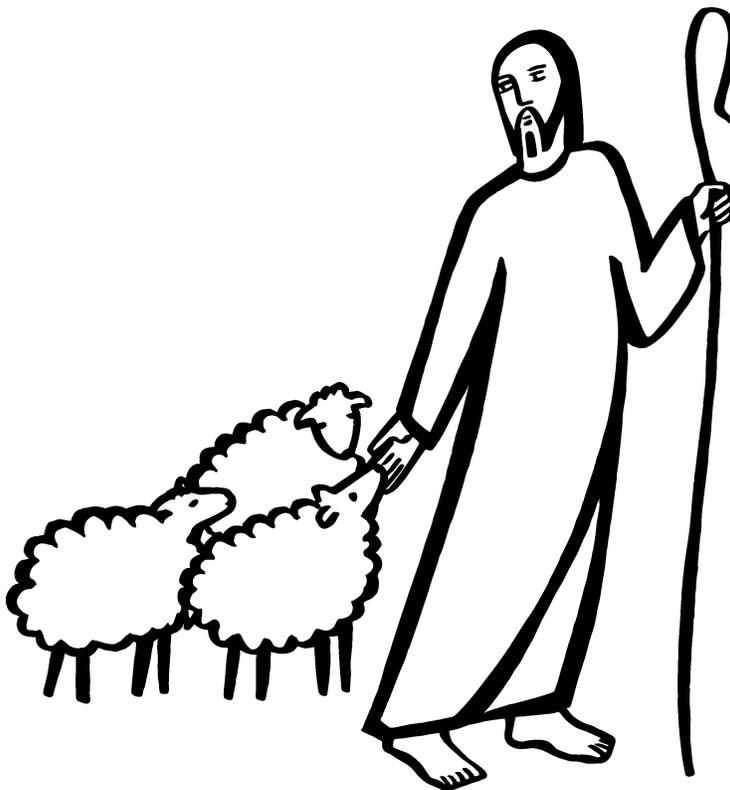
Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand as they are able.



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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:

Gathered before the throne of the Lamb, let us give God the glory and pray for the needs of all God's flock, 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 Parish Staff and Volunteers; St. John's of Lattingtown, Locust Valley; St. James of Jerusalem, Long Beach; Those in the Ordination Process; Christ Church, Manhasset; Grace Church, Massapequa; Church of the

Resurrection, Williston Park. We pray that we may hear the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, and allow our lives to be shaped and guided by Jesus. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that by our witness we may lead others to follow the Good Shepherd to green pastures and still waters. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the people of Ukraine: those living with the dangers of war, and those who have left the country, that God will strengthen them in their struggle for peace and justice. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have shepherded us, especially parents, spouses, teachers, clergy, and mentors, that God will continue to work through them, and lead us to wholeness. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all mothers, and those who have been like a mother to us, that God will bless and strengthen them, and inspire us to greater love by their example. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who walk through the dark valleys of life, remembering especially those on our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* We pray that they may find places of healing and refreshment. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died. *(The people may add petitions either silently or aloud)* May they rejoice forever around the throne of the Lamb. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for, Ronald Marwood, Hope Kaufman, Christine Buono and Elena Cunneen who are celebrating their birthdays, *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Karen Love in Celebration of Hannah Love's Birthday and by Candace & Larry Andria "Honoring all Mothers".

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 God, the fountain of joy and peace. Hear our prayers, and grant that we may never become separated from Christ, our Good Shepherd, who guides us to springs of life-giving water. Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, 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.*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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.

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 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:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

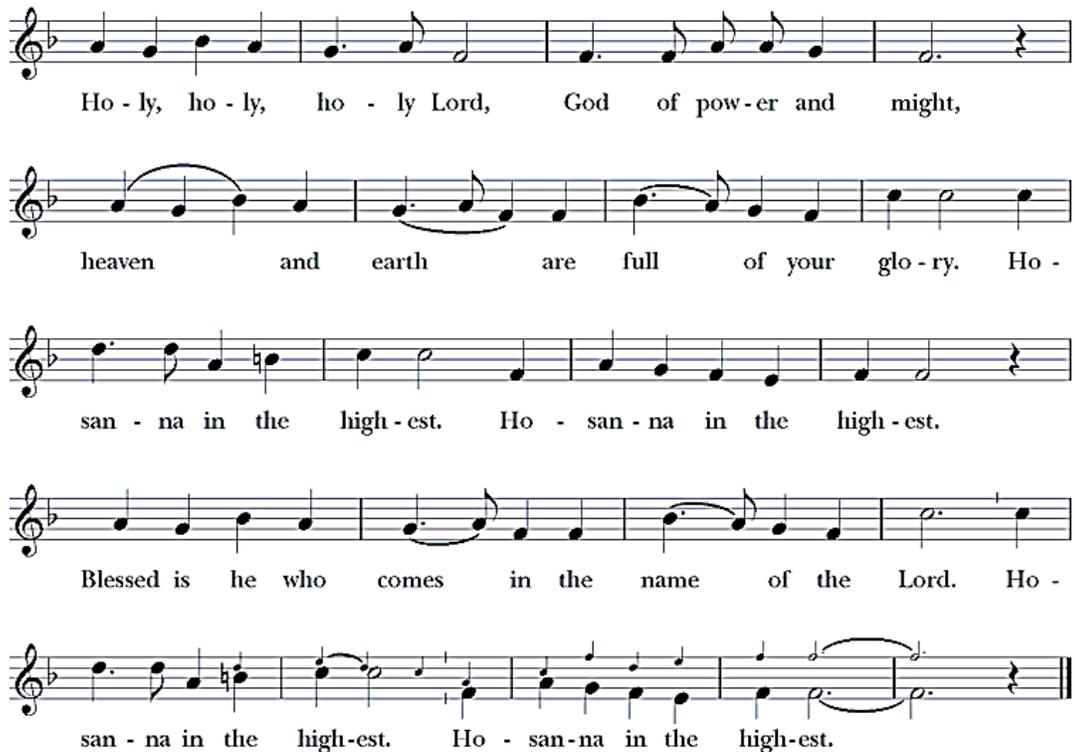
Hosanna in the highest.

+ *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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

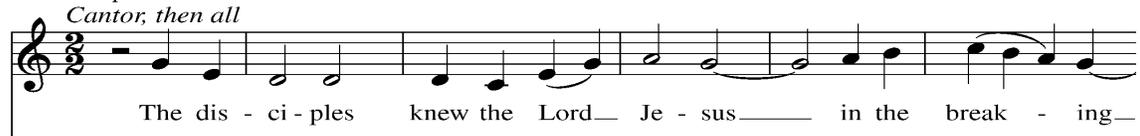
People and Celebrant

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.

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



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
 or a guest, but like a child at home.____

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 FOURTH 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 Ronald, Hope, Christine and Elena 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

Jesus, our mighty Lord

HYMNAL 478



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

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	(05/09)	Parish Office Closed
Thursday	(05/12)	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
Sunday	(05/15)	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 8, 2022

8:00 AM

Altar Guild:	Virginia Gilmore, Diane Stewart
LEM/Prayers:	Sundy Schermeyer
Lector:	Tom Simson
Ushers:	Steve Turner

10:00 AM

Altar Guild:	Victoria Garcia, Diane Feil
LEM/Prayers:	John Kern
Lector:	Matthew Kern
Ushers:	Tim Feil, Eric Christensen

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Birthday Wishes to Ronald Marwood, Hope Kaufman, Christine Buono and Elena Cunneen.

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

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, Bill Jones, and Fr. Ron Wickey.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 15, 22 and 29. 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. In May, there are two vases available for the 15th, and one vase for the 22nd. 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 1	8:00 a.m.	18	
Sunday, May 1	10:00 a.m.	54	(plus 28 households viewed us online.)
	Total	72	

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

"And they will know you are
my disciples by your:

~~rules
theology
righteousness
power
rhetoric
purity
clubs~~

gdm

LOVE"

- John 13.35



May 8, 2022 – Easter 4 (C)
Week 3: 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.

Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe” (John 20:27).

Jesus' hands, feet, and side remain wounded as he appears to his first followers after his resurrection. He has risen from the dead yet remains wounded. What is the Holy Trinity telling us with this not insignificant detail? This is Jesus, after all, who made lepers clean, gave hearing to a man born deaf, and sight to one born blind. Jesus fed the multitudes, walked on water, calmed the storm, and raised the dead. Jesus healed the centurion's servant without even stepping foot in his yard. Jesus, who in so many ways showed that his power was unlimited, does not heal himself.

Jesus comes back still bearing humanity's marks on his flesh. If Jesus rose healed over, nice and neat, we could be tempted to see the cross as less significant. We could decide that suffering, particularly suffering and sacrifice for others, holds no meaning for us. Instead, we see how far the compassion of the Holy Trinity extends. Compassion means “suffering with.” Jesus had compassion for Thomas whose doubts had overtaken his faith. Jesus offers Thomas the proof the disciple needs to understand that, though Jesus died, he has truly risen from the grave.

For me, the most astounding part of these wounds is that it reveals Jesus as vulnerable. The literal meaning of vulnerable is “able to be wounded.” God the Son was fully human as well as fully divine, and so able to be wounded. He was wounded by humans for the sake of humanity. This matters to our day-to-day lives, as we are called to live our bodily, daily existence, transformed by the Christ who is present with us in our suffering and loss. Jesus, who felt the pain of what humans did to him, knows suffering. Jesus, who experienced abandonment on the cross, knows that pain – and yet will never abandon you.

To love is to make oneself vulnerable. Jesus' vulnerability shows the depths of God's love for all humanity. The Holy Trinity could have remained outside of creation as a righteous judge. Instead, God entered the creation in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. A necessary part of being one of us is emotional and physical vulnerability. People could and did reject him and put him to death. Yet Jesus did not give up on loving us, even when the cost of that love was death on a cross.

Whatever you are facing, you have alongside and within you a loving God who understands fully. Ask Jesus to touch your wounded life with his hands that still bear the marks of what we humans did and yet remain open, reaching out with love and healing.



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