

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER & RITE 13 CEREMONY

MAY 18, 2025 10:00 AM YEAR C

UTO Ingathering

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.

Prelude "Arabesque"

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Choir Introit "Heleluyan" Alleluia!

Muscogee Indian, tr. Charles Webb

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THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Presider Dear friends in the risen Christ, we are made one with Jesus through the waters of baptism

and the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. God's spirit hovered over the waters of creation and called all life into being. May that same spirit rest upon us to remind us that we are

baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Anointed One.

Presider O God, the Creator of all things, by water and the Holy Spirit you have given the universe

its beauty and fashioned us in your own image.

People Bless and purify your creation.

Presider O Christ the Messiah, from your pierced side you gave us your sacraments as fountains of

salvation.

People Bless and purify your Church.

Presider O Holy Spirit, giver of life, from the baptismal font of the church you have formed us into a

new creation in the waters of rebirth.

People Bless and purify your people.

Processional Hymn 180 "He is risen, he is risen!"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Presider May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People Amen! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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*.

Gloria S278 Mathias Blue 1982 Hymnal

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 Lesson: 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 Laudate Dominum see next page



- 1 Hallelujah!
 Praise the LORD from the <u>heavens</u>; *
 praise him in the heights.
- 3 Praise him, sun and <u>moon</u>; * praise him, all you shining <u>stars</u>.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the **LORD**; * for he commanded, and they were **created**.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the <u>earth</u>, * you sea-monsters and all <u>deeps</u>;
- 9 Mountains and all <u>hills</u>, * fruit trees and all <u>cedars</u>;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all **peoples**, * princes and all rulers of the **world**;
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the **LORD**, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and **heaven**.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
 praise him, all his host.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of <u>heavens</u>, * and you waters above the <u>heavens</u>.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and <u>ever</u>; *
 he gave them a law which shall not pass a <u>way</u>.
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and <u>fog</u>, * tempestuous wind, doing his <u>will</u>;
- 10 Wild beasts and all <u>cattle</u>, * creeping things and winged birds;
- 12 Young men and <u>maidens</u>, * old and young to gether.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal <u>servants</u>, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Halle <u>lujah!</u>

The Epistle: 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches *People Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 487 "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

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

The Gospel: John 13:31-35

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."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Rite 13 Ceremony

(see insert)

Prayers of the People

Leader: Having received the new commandment and anticipating a new heaven and new earth, we pray for the church and the world, saying, Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God who sent the Holy Spirit to fall upon us in baptism just as it had upon the apostles in the beginning:

For our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love,

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially on his birthday with Thomas Diekemper,

For the splendor of the earth given to us as our home to tend with loving care,

Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying, Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that we may receive the repentance that leads to life:

Let us pray for our clergy and our bishops,

For all the lay people who minister as the Church,

And all who serve the world as the community of the Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sikeston; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision San Timoteo in Bayamon;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all, praying, Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the world and its leaders, and our nation and its people, that all may work for justice and peace, bringing an end to war, destruction, and oppression; we pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East, praying Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the hungry, the homeless, and those in prison; for victims of violence, refugees, immigrants, and all who have been separated from their homes and families, and those who live in this fear; praying Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who are sick, all who suffer, and those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life. We pray for all who serve in the armed forces. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name either silently or aloud [pause], that the hope born of Easter may give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and closer communion with the God who redeems and restores, praying, Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who have died, especially Francis Neuner, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of saints, praying, Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to love one another, to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Peace We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Children's Time

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "I give you a new commandment"

Peter Aston (1938-2013)

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you,

So you are to love one another. If there is this love among you,

Then all will know that you are my disciples.

John 13:34-45 ©1995 Royal School of Church Music

At the conclusion of the Anthem, the United Thank Offering gifts are gathered and brought forward to the foot of the altar.

Presider: Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist II Lift up your hearts Sursum corda



It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heav'n and earth; 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 Hymnal S 128 Mathias
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.

Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command,

We remember his death,

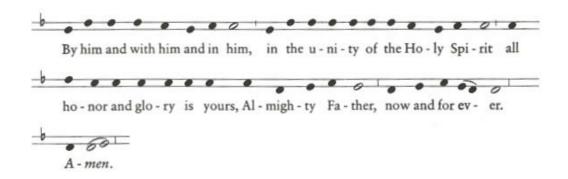
We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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.

Fraction Anthem S155 Near Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Ministration of Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. So come to this table you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. You who are full of faith and full of doubt. Come, it is Christ himself who invites you to meet him here.

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 583 "O holy city, seen of John"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Presider God is with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Together, let us pray.

People Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Alleluia! Amen.

The Blessing

A Blessing During the Easter Season from the New Zealand Prayer Book

May God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life. *Amen*.

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Christ the Lord is risen today"

see page 9

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude "Bells"

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Margaret Hvatum Usher: Amanda Cashen Greeter: Ellen Jeffery

Altar Guild: Jon Danieley Chalice: Roger Robards/Jonathan Robards

Livestream: Scott Thompson Crucifer: Jonathan Robards Godly Play: Borowiak

Special thanks to Lucy Danieley for playing percussion.

A prayer for the United Thank Offering for May 18th

The three factors that seem to have the greatest influence on increasing our happiness are our ability to reframe our situation more positively, our ability to experience gratitude and our choice to be kind and generous.

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu from "The Book of Joy"

Please join us in the Parish Hall after Service today for a small reception celebrating Frankie Danieley's Rite 13 ceremony.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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At the beginning of May 2025, your vestry met to discern who we are and where God might be calling St. Mark's. Through this work, the vestry developed the following:

Divine Purpose Statement for St. Mark's:

WE BELIEVE God's boundless love has drawn us together to be a community of reconciliation, nurture, and acceptance.

WE WORSHIP the Triune God with Scripture, read and interpreted, and emphasis on choral and congregational singing, robust instrumentation, and weekly Eucharist where all are welcome.

WE SERVE our neighbors, especially the marginalized, and take care of each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study

Today after worship, and every first and third Sundays of the month, we will gather for Bible Study. Together with Rev. Delaney we will journey through the Gospel of Mark together. Come with your favorite translation and a willingness to discuss the mysteries of our faith revealed in scripture! We will grab a drink and a snack and meet in the parish hall after church. All are welcome!

Evening Prayer

Coming this summer, starting on May 28th is Evening Prayer in the Plaza. Bring chairs, snacks and a drink for an evening of songs and prayers starting at 6:30pm. Fellowship to follow. All are welcome!

Isaiah 58 Back to School Collection



This year we are asking for highlighters. We did such a good job over-collecting yellow markers 2 years ago, that these are specifically to be NOT YELLOW! The deadline to drop off highlighters is August 24th. There will be a bin in the Parish Office marked **Isiah 58 Back-to-School** that you can drop off your items. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Jerre.

Hearts Hands and Voices Festival

We are looking for volunteers to join the committee for Hearts, Hands and Voices that will be held in the beginning of September, around Opening Day. If you would like to help or have ideas about the Festival, we would love to hear your opinion. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Meeting date for the committee will be determined at a later date. Contact Sandra Olmsted or Melissa in the office for more information.

Wear Orange Sunday

Please join us Sunday, June 1st at the 10:00am service for WEAR ORANGE SUNDAY. Wear Orange Weekend is observed June 6-8th, 2025 around the country. Because Pentecost falls in that weekend, the Diocese of Missouri will be observing WEAR ORANGE SUNDAY one week early - June 1st. On this day, we are called to honor gun violence survivors, remember gun violence victims, and call for meaningful action to save lives. On June 1st, we are asking our members to Wear Orange to church in solidarity with this important nationwide-movement. Then, we ask that church members share pictures and stories from that event on June 6-8th and/or attend a Wear Orange event (wearorange.org) join in the nationwide movement.

Thirsty Thursdays

The next Thirsty Thursday is June 12th, at 5:30pm join St. Mark's in the Rockwell Beer Garden in Francis Park for fellowship and conversation. Bring a friend! All are welcome!



KIDS!



JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR



Hearing Stories
Telling Stories
Songs
Costumes
Challenges
Painting
Clay

Indoor and Outdoor Fun Digging in the Dirt Surprises

... and More Fun, Fun, Fun!





9:30 am to the Peace During the Church Service Children over 10 years old can volunteer as helpers.

> A special message from Celeste Thank You, St Mark's Family!

You <u>all</u> made my Mother's Day a special occasion. Thank you to all my "kids" (young and old) as well as all my family at St. Marks for the beautiful bouquet of red roses. **Celeste**

We Pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney, Teresa, and Jerre our Clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sikeston; we pray for our companion parish of St. John and St. James in Sullivan;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision San Timoteo in Bayamon; We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner, Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner, Doorways

Interfaith Housing;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Yulia Borjte, Joan Cap, John Carroll, Steve Chamberlin, Janet Chance, Alicia Crowe, Michelle Dever, Donna Duffy, Candace Farmer, Mary Carol Fischer, Don Frank, Carol Garbs, Tom Gard, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Joan Grout, Robin Harris, Allan Harvard, Rob Heritage, Damaris Hernández, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Cindy Hooks, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Jane Kozielec, Richard Liermann, Kathy Lynch, Guy Medley, John Meyer, Donna Musgrave, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Rick Schubert, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Kathy Tracy and family, Marilyn Wiethop, Justin and Lindsay Williams, Hulene Woody, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Marian, Jim, Baby Ameila.

We give thanks on his birthday with Thomas Diekemper.

We pray for those who have died, especially Francis Neuner.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

Online Giving at St. Mark's

Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code below using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform.

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