

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

MAY 17, 2026 10:00 AM YEAR A

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.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.

Prelude “Prelude in C Minor”

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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.***

Opening Hymn 450 “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!” *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, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

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The Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn 483 “The head that once was crowned with thorns”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

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

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse

Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: In our joys and sufferings, let us give glory to God as we cast our cares of the world upon the Lord, praying, Lord, in your glory,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the promise of the Holy Spirit which God instills in us to serve God's people all our days:

We give thanks for our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love;

We give thanks for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially on his birthday with Thomas Diekemper.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying, Lord, in your glory,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, your church, our clergy and bishops, and all ministers of the gospel, the lay people who lovingly serve the world as the community of the Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of The Faith Christian Church of India;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing; praying, Lord, in your glory,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all your people in this world, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East, and our nation that all may be unrelenting in work for justice and peace; we pray for an end to war, praying, Lord, in your glory,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all who are sick, all who suffer, and those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life. We pray for the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those in prison, all immigrants and refugees, all in detention, and all who live in fear of separation from their homes and families. 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, Lord, in your glory,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Upon yesterday's one-year anniversary of the destruction of the tornado in St. Louis, we pray for all who have been impacted, all who serve to bring about recovery, and all who continue to live in its aftermath with the loss of their homes and property, praying, Lord, in your glory,

People: Hear our prayer.

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 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* *Blue 1982 Hymnal*
***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.***

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."

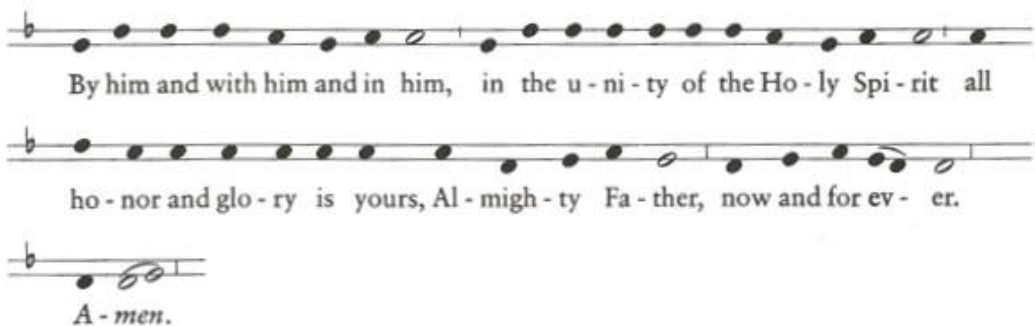
Therefore, according to his command,

***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.



By him and with him and in him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit all
ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S155

Near

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

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

Communion Hymn 460 “Alleluia! sing to Jesus!”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 494 “Crown him with many crowns”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Dismissal

Deacon/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 “Here comes the King”

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Roger Robards *Usher:* Kittie Golomski *Greeter:* Marti Robards
Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery *Livestream:* Vicki Stegmann *Crucifer:* Scott Thompson
Chalice: Greg Diekemper/Scott Thompson *Godly Play:* NO GODLY PLAY
Coffee Hour: Ellen Jeffery

This morning we welcome Kim Jungermann as our organist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace Meal

Are you interested in serving your neighbors? Consider joining St. Mark's at the Peace Meal at St John's Church on May 23rd. We need volunteers for the first afternoon shift for cooking from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and the 2nd shift from 3:45pm to 5:30pm to serve and clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please let Marti Robards know if you are able to help (314-596-6383).

Property Work Day

You're invited! Come join the fun on Saturday, May 30 from 9-12 as we work together on various projects around the church grounds and inside the buildings. Help us take care of our church building together. People of all abilities are welcomed! Some examples of tasks will include washing parish hall windows, cleaning out the refrigerators, replacing ceiling tiles, and tidying up. Thank you for helping us keep St. Mark's beautiful!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK OF INSERT

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.

Your generosity is a blessing!



We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjte, Canon Desiree Brattin, Rusty Cates, Steve Chamberlin, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, the McLean, Haggerty, and Casey families, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Tom Schroeder, Rick Schubert, John Sheridan, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Gary, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis, Kate, Maggie, Ari and family.

We give thanks on his birthday with Thomas Diekemper.

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

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		Frankie Danieley	Nursery Assistant

Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

Jonathan Battisthäll

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Exsurgat Deus'. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words in bold. The score is divided into two systems, each with four lines of music.

- 1 Let God arise, and let his ene- • mies be | scattered; *
let those who | hate him | flee be - | fore him.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re- | joyce be- • fore | God; *
let them | also • be | merry • and | joyful.
- 5 Father of orphans, de- | fender • of | widows, *
God in his | holy | habi- | tation!
- 7 O God, when you went forth be - | fore your | people, *
when you | **marched** | through the | wilderness,
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | your in- | heritance; *
you refreshed the | land when | it was | weary.
- 33 Sing to God, O | kingdoms • of the | earth; *
sing | praises | to the | Lord.
- 35 Ascribe | power • to | God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his | strength is | in the | skies.

- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind | drives it • a- | way; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked | perish • at the
presence • of | God.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who | rides up- • on the | heavens; *
YAHWEH is his | Name, re - | joyce be- | fore him!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | into |
freedom; *
but the | rebels • shall | live in • dry | places.
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the | God of | Sinai, *
at the presence of | God, the | God of | Israel.
- 10 Your people | found their | home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have | made pro- | vision • for the |
poor.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the | ancient | heavens; *
he sends forth his | voice, his | mighty | voice.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his | holy | places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! |
Blessed | be | God!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Jesus in Our Neighborhood

This summer, St. Mark's will begin an intentional time of listening and noticing in our neighborhood. Join in the process as we take group walks, rides, and self-directed noticing tours. Together, we will follow the Spirit, look for Jesus, and begin mapping our neighborhood.

Walking	Driving
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• W 5/6 1pm• W 5/27 5:30PM• Th 6/11 10AM• Sun 6/14 11:45AM• Th 7/16 10AM• Sun 7/12 11:45AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M 5/4 5:30PM• T 5/12 11AM• M 6/15 5:30PM• Th 6/18 1PM• W 7/15 5:30PM• Th 7/23 11AM

Francis Park Fellowship

It's that time of year! Stop by and spend some time with your church community. Rockwell offers non-alcoholic beverages, tasty food, and plenty of beer options. See you there!

Thursday May 14 5:00pm
Thursday June 18 5:00pm
Thursday July 9 5:00pm



Summer Coffee Hours

Join your St. Mark's pals and Rev. Delaney for coffee:

May 26 10-11:30am @ MountainHouse Cafe
June 9 10-11:30am @ Espresso Yourself

