



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

Two Preludes for Eastertide

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

“Christ the Lord is Risen Again”

“Christians, to the Paschal Victim”

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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.***

Opening Hymn 193 “That Easter day with joy was bright” *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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

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

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the Lord,
 “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
 upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
 it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
 because you are at my side I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
 my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn 209 “We walk by faith, and not by sight” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

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: Gathered as believers in Christ, with the living Christ among us, let us offer prayers to God for the life of all the world, as we pray, Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings God showers upon us: 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 their birthdays with Maggie White, Aaron Odle, and Celeste Kocot. For the splendor of this earthly home God created for our enjoyment and care; for the flowering of springtime. Let us give thanks to the God of Life, who has breathed upon us with God's Holy Spirit, praying, Risen Lord,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that we may carry forward the redemptive works of God, illumined by the light of Christ:

For our clergy and our bishops,

For all the lay people who minister in the Church

And lovingly serve the world as the community of the Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parroquia Ayudada La Ascension in Morovis;

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 this country, for all nations and their leaders, that they may serve with justice, wisdom, and compassion, and for all peoples of the earth who share God's covenant of peace, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; we pray for an end to all wars; praying Risen Lord,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Let us pray for all who are sick, all who suffer, the hungry and homeless, all who are weary, and those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life. We pray for all refugees and immigrants, 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 that we name either silently or aloud [pause], that the hope born of Easter may give them peace, acceptance and renewal, praying, Risen Lord,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of 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 image shows three staves of musical notation. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff contains the melody for the word 'Amen'.

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 174 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" *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 205 “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

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

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Lucy Danieley *Usher:* Matthew Cashen *Greeter:* Ellen Jeffery

Altar Guild: Jon Danieley *Livestream:* Scott Thompson *Crucifer:* Sam Barrett

Chalice: Susan Goen/Sam Barrett *Godly Play:* Schoenberg

Coffee Hour: Scott Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event – Volunteers Needed!

On Sunday, April 26, Emmanuel will host our annual Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging event. Rise Against Hunger will deliver the food supplies in bulk, and together we will package them into smaller meal bags that will be distributed to communities in need around the world. Our goal this year is to package 30,000 meals, and we need your help to reach it! This meaningful service opportunity is open to all ages and abilities; everyone can participate. There are several ways to get involved:

- April 25: Help receive food supplies and set up for the event 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
- April 26: 1st Shift - Meal packaging 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- April 26: 2nd Shift - Meal packaging 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
- April 26: Event cleanup 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Please sign up using the link below for whichever shift (or shifts) work best for your schedule. <https://riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000oOFh8IAG> The signup link also includes an option to make a monetary donation to help fund this event. Please consider contributing to help offset the cost to Emmanuel and support this important mission. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

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Take me out to the Ballgame 2

St. Mark's at the Ballpark is happening again this year. The game will be the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Kansas City Royals on Sunday May 17th. Game starts at 1:15pm. Tickets will be \$20-\$25 per person (based on interest). Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Contact Margaret Hvatum for more information.

Playground Task Force

We are reigniting the conversation about installing a Playground on St. Mark's property. If you would like to be part of that conversation, please sign-up in the Parish Hall. **First meeting date April 26 after service.**

Coffee Hours

Coffee Hours will continue into April. A special Saturday Coffee Hour is next on April 18th, for those of you who can't come during the week. Join Delaney+ for some fellowship and refreshments.





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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, 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, Gene Wilberg, 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 their birthdays with Maggie White, Aaron Odle and Celeste Kocot.

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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