

ST. MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 21, 2023 10:00 AM YEAR A  
KAIROS SUNDAYS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month  
This Sunday's Topic: "Ask your clergy..."

**Prelude**  
"Pastorale"

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"**

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

**The Easter Acclamation**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

*The Lord is risen indeed. 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**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Together let us pray.

***O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.***

**The Lesson: Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “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.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

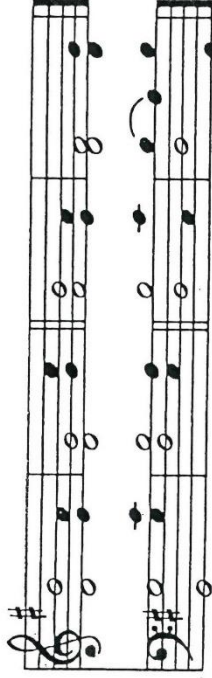
*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

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*Exsurgat Deus*



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- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee be-fore him.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habi-tation!
- 7 O God, when you went forth before 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 upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice 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 provision 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!

**The Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

**The Gospel: John 17:1-11**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed." "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf

of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Mark Kozielec

### **Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us declare our faith in God.

***All: We believe in God the Creator,  
infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of God’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the divine presence in our lives,  
who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.  
We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,  
and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,  
that the realm of God may come upon the earth. 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 their birthdays with Thomas Diekemper and Greg Diekemper and on their anniversary with Kim and Dawn Jungermann. 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 of Prayer, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the people and ministry of Parroquia Ayudada La Ascension in Morovis, and Francisco, their Rector;

In our local Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our sisters and brothers at Gethsemane Lutheran Church;

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters; 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, and our nation that all may be unrelenting in work for justice and peace, 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, and all immigrants and refugees. 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:* 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, Lord, in your glory,

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

*The celebrant 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** *All stand as able. The Presider says to the people*

*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*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem “Hail the day that sees him rise”**

Robert Williams (1781-1821) Text: Hymn 214

*Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Eucharistic Prayer from Enriching Our Worship

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ; you raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death the reign of sin is

ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, Holy S128**                      *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.*

*During the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season it is customary to remain standing for prayer.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before his suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*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.***

**Fraction Anthem 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. Please let the minister 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 the peace of God, which passes all understanding, fill your hearts and minds with the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and 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*     Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

**“Allegro moderato maestoso”**

**Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)**

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## **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP**

*Lector:* Justin Martin

*Usher:* Marilyn Wiethop

*Greeter:* Ellen Jeffery

*Altar Guild:* Tom Bradley     *Chalice:* TBD

*Livestream:* Vicki Stegmann

*Godly Play:* Danieley

## Coffee Hour Hosts



Volunteers are needed to provide Coffee Hour fellowship following the 10:00 AM Sunday worship. Hosts brew the coffee and provide treats and clean-up. Anyone unable to do the full hosting is invited to provide treats (cereal bars, wrapped hostess cakes, etc.) that can be used on Sunday's where we have no host. These can be brought any Sunday and left in the kitchen to be stored. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please contact Melissa in the office for further details at [parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org) or 314-832-3588

## WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND

### Wear Orange Prayer Service



**On Friday, June 2, 2023, 6:00 PM at Tower Grove Park**

The community is invited to a "Wear Orange Prayer Service of Remembrance and Lament" on Friday, June 2, 2023, to remember the victims of gun violence and to pray for a better future. The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, will lead the service, which will take place at 6 p.m. at Humboldt South pavilion in beautiful Tower Grove Park in St. Louis. Along with the prayer service, we will enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and have an opportunity to learn about gun violence prevention efforts around the Diocese.

### Wear Orange Sunday

We also encourage everyone to make a statement on **Sunday, June 4** by wearing orange to church. Get details about Wear Orange / Gun Violence Prevention weekend here: <https://wearorange.org/>

### Gun Violence Awareness and Prevention March

**On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**, there will be a March against Gun Violence. The March will begin at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church: 45 West Lockwood Ave. and end at Emmanuel Episcopal Church: 9 South Bompert Ave. There will be light refreshments at Emmanuel along with Prayers, Speakers and Information. Everyone is welcome.

**We pray for Michael**, our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the holy People of God;

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla;

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**In our local Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for our sisters and brothers at Gethsemane Lutheran Church;

**We pray** for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

**We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind**, especially Stephanie Anderson, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Kelly Borowiak, Helen Carpenter, Steve Chamberlin, Marsha Cornell, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Mary Feldmeier, Barbara Frish, Rob Heritage, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Andrew Hvatum, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Barb Macke, Barbara Raedeke, Marti and Roger Robards, Scott Schmidt, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Bonnie Tesson, Kevin and Kathy Tracy, Ann Vannier, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Jim.

**We give thanks** on their birthdays with Thomas Diekemper and Greg Diekemper and on their anniversary with Kim and Dawn Jungermann.

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

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