

# ***THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER***

**March 30, 2024 Year B**

**7:30 pm Service**



**St Mark's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
love is our tradition

## ***Great Vigil of Easter:***

*Beginning in darkness, then with the lighting of a new fire and the processional of a new paschal candle, we recall the story of salvation. We focus on baptism and the renewal of our baptismal vows and covenant. We celebrate Christ's resurrection.*

---

**St. Mark's is a community of believers who express our love for God  
by welcoming everyone, serving our community,  
and celebrating our Episcopal worship.**

### **Meeks Blurb**

#### **We Love God**

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

#### **We Love Each Other**

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms—regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation or social status.

#### **We Love Our Community**

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

#### **We Love Our Faith**

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

**520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220  
804-358-4771    stmarksrva.org**

# The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

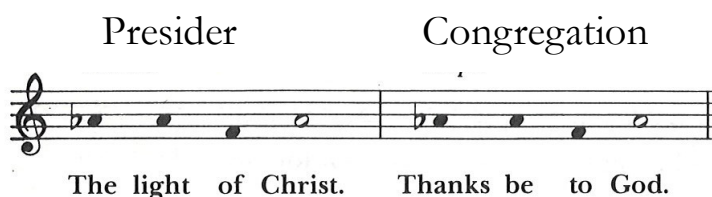
*In darkness outside, fire is kindled. The Presider then addresses the people in these words.*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the person appointed bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:*



*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Other candles are now lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*The Cantor sings the Exsultet.*

## **The Exsultet & Responses** *(All standing)*

Book of Common Prayer page 286

*The person appointed, standing near the Candle, chants the Exsultet:*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Cantor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Cantor:* It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people. This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*(Be seated)*

*Presider:* Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how God saved the people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

### **The Creation** *(Lector 1)*     **A Reading from the Book of Genesis**     *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. *(Continued Next Page)*

God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider:* Let us pray. *(Please stand as you are able)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*(Be seated)*

## **The Flood**

### **A Reading from the Book of Genesis** (*Lector 2*)

*Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13*

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind-- every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-- birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth-- so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,

from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.  
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.  
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav - en - ly way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*(Be seated)*

## **Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea**

### **A Reading from the Book of Exodus** *(Lector 3)*

*Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

*(Continued Next Page)*

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



1 Crash - ing wa - ters\_\_\_ at cre - a - tion  
 2 Part - ing wa - ter\_\_\_ stood and trem - bled  
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter\_\_\_ once at Jor - dan  
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter,\_\_\_ nev - er end - ing,

or - dered by the\_\_\_ Spi - rit's breath, first to wit - ness  
 as the cap - tives\_\_\_ passed on through, wash - ing off\_\_\_ the  
 closed a - round the\_\_\_ One fore - told, o - pened to\_\_\_ re -  
 quench the thirst and\_\_\_ flood the soul. Well-spring, Source of

day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
 chains of\_\_\_ bond - age\_\_\_ chan - nel to\_\_\_ a life made new.  
 veal the\_\_\_ glo - ry ev - er new\_\_\_ and ev - er old.  
 life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

*Presider:* Let us pray. *(Please stand as you are able)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**

*(Be seated)*

**Salvation Offered Freely to All:**

**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah** (*Lector 4*)

*Isaiah 55:1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing to spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Presider:* Let us pray. (Please stand as you are able)

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

*(Be seated)*

**The valley of dry bones:**

**A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel** (*Lector 5*)

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

***All: Thanks be to God***

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

*Presider:* Let us pray. *(Please stand as you are able)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

# The Proclamation of the Resurrection

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The candles at the Altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle. Bells may be rung. All in joyful celebration.*

Gloria in excelsis S278

Mathias

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

*Presider:* Let us pray

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*(Please be seated)*

**A Reading from Romans** (*Lector 6*)

*Romans 6:3-11*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

**Hymn #178** (Blue Book)     *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*     *Alleluia No.1*

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

*1-4* *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.



## The Gospel

*Mark 16:1-8*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark  
**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise to you Lord Christ**

**The Sermon** (*Be seated*)

Karen Hardison, Worship Chair

*(The People stand and face the Baptismal Font)*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Presider:* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Presider:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***All:* I do.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Father?

***All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***All:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***All:* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***All:* I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***All:* I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **AMEN.**

## **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

Book of Common Prayer page 306

*The Presider blesses the water, saying*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.**

Rite of Sprinkling- *a reminder of the water of our baptism*

Hymn 296 (Blue Book)

*We know that Christ is raised*

*Engelberg*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.\_\_\_\_  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.\_\_\_\_  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.\_\_\_\_  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life\_\_\_\_  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.\_\_\_\_  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.\_\_\_\_  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## Prayers for the Church and the World

*Intercessor:* Let us pray. We gather O God, with your church throughout the world to keep vigil this most holy night, when Christ Jesus passed over from death to life. In our prayers, grant Jesus' prayer in the garden: that we all may be one. In your church, as in Christ, let there be no division.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* With light and word, O God, we remember your mighty works on this Easter night: creating, redeeming, and sanctifying your world, your people, and your church. Through water, bread, and wine, we share in the great mystery of Christ's dying, rising, and coming again. Give your Spirit to those baptized, confirmed, or received into Christ's communion this night throughout the world. Through the waters of baptism, the breaking of the bread, and the sharing of one cup, join us all in your one body.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray, O God, for this nation and for all the nations of the earth. We pray for our communities near at hand, our schools, neighborhoods, and cities. Give us vision, we ask, to face the challenges of our common life. Grant us strength in the struggle for justice and peace, hope for the healing of humanity, and courage for the care of creation.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray, O God, for all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit, or relationship. We especially remember Mike, Fred, Karen, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Marsha, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Versann, Candace, Jerome, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, the Dykes Family, Tyrell, Sandra, Ceily, Wanda, the Hardison and Strite family, Wayne, Clair, Ginny, Debbie, Ronnie, Caroline, Bianca, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, Alice, Garry, Will, Robin, Denise, Gloria, Henry, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Kristy, Martha, Randi, Marion, Hollis, and Donna.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have died, and those who grieve for them.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Presider:* You have led us, O God, through the wilderness from captivity to promise. These forty days you have accompanied us from fast to feast, from the desert of Lent to the river of baptism. For all this we give thanks to you, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God of us all. **AMEN.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

## Invitation to Holy Communion

### Offertory

*Now the green blade riseth*

arr. Simon Lindley

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

### At the Presentation, Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharist Prayer B

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* We lift them to the Lord.

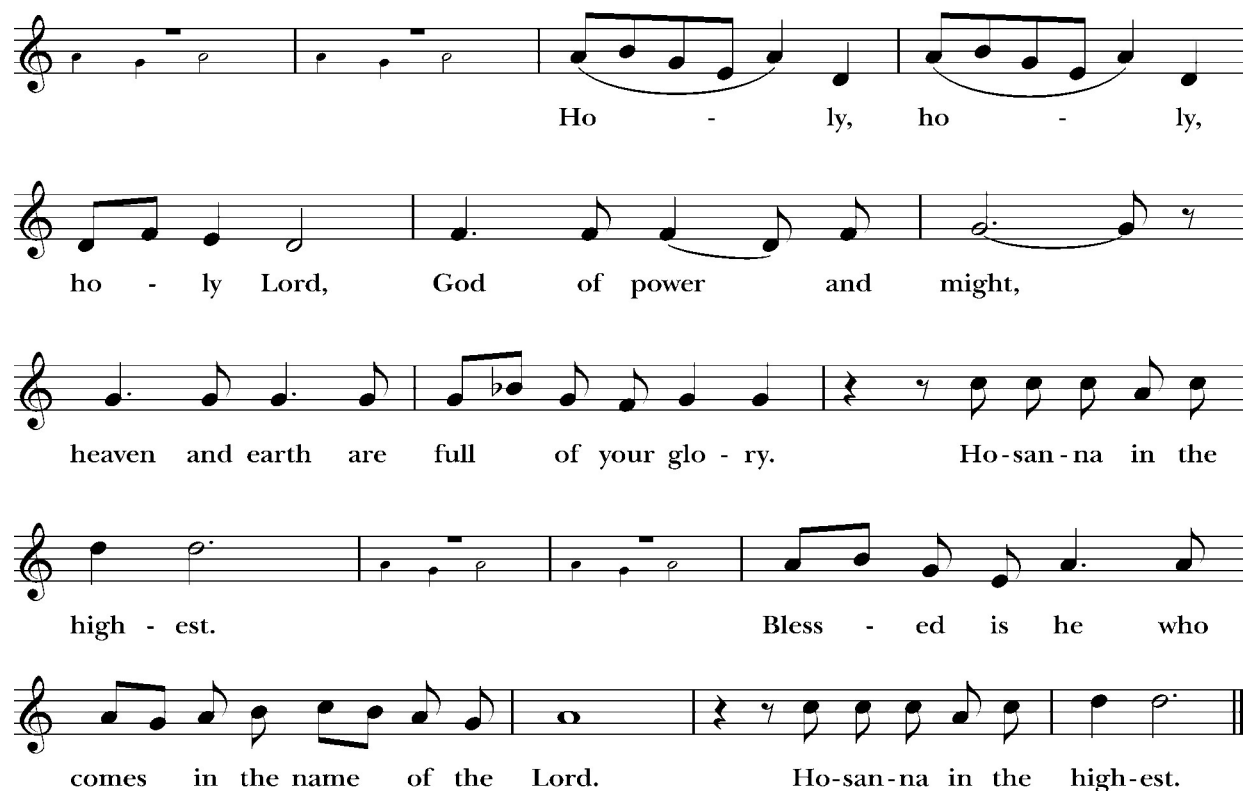
*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus S-128 *(front section of Blue Book)*

Mathias



The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff also continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the section with a double bar line. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

*Presider:* 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, O Father,

**All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider:* 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 St. Mark and 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 unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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,

forever and ever. AMEN.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

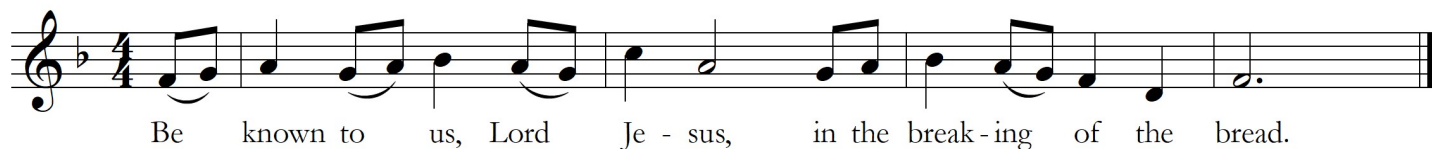
## Fraction Anthem,

**WLP 875 "Be known to us"**

*James*

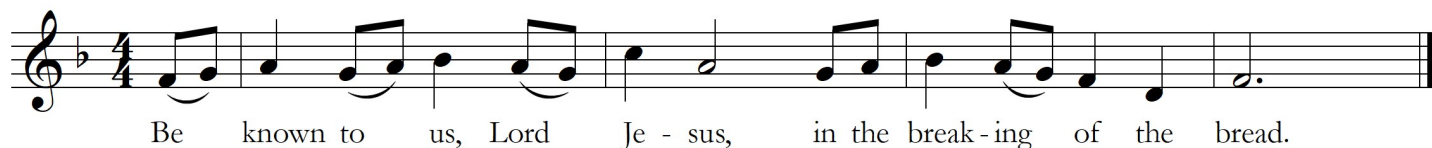
Choir: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

## Refrain (*sung by all*)



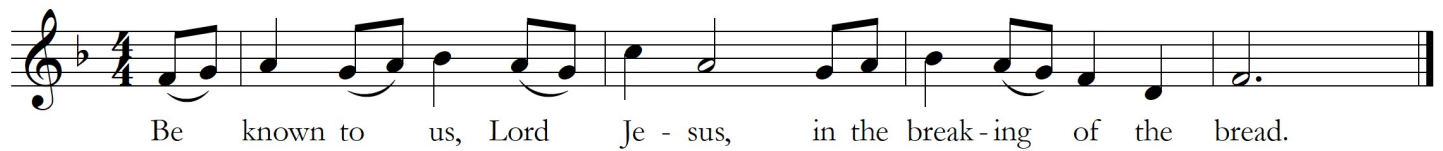
Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

## Refrain (*sung by all*)



Choir: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

**Refrain** (*sung by all*)



*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Holy Communion** *ALL are welcome to share communion.*

**Holy Communion**

Please come forward as the ushers direct you and  
put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer.

For a gluten free wafer please inform your serving priest.

You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from  
the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher  
and the clergy will bring communion to you.



Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the  
 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of  
 There - fore we come now eve - ning rite to of - fer, joy - ful - ly  
 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may  
 Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il, for ev - er



day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give  
 day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens  
 chant - ing hol - y hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the heav - ens.  
 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.  
 rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wear - y.  
 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for - ev - er.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**All:** Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## The Blessing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

**Dismissal**

*Presider:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ, to love and serve the Risen Lord and each other

*All:* Thanks be to God. Alleulia! Alleulia!

**Postlude**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today!*

setting by Gerhard Krapf

*The Bible texts of the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA, and used by permission.*

*Alleluia No. 1 © 1979, Celebration. "We know that Christ is raised" © 1982, Church Publishing, Inc. Gloria and Sanctus © 1976, Oxford University Press. "Be known to us" © 1992 Morningstar Music Publications/Birnamwood Publications.*

***RECYCLE THIS BULLETIN*** by placing it on one of the tables at the side or front entrance.

*Front Image: The bulletin cover is part of a series by Reverend Edward Meeks Gregory, Curate of St. Mark's from 1954 to 1969. Copies of all his silhouettes are in the collection of the Virginia Historical Society.*

***Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:***

Parishioners: Mike Craft, Fred Crowley, Karen Franklin, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Carole Shahda, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Ethel Kutteroff, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juetta Iverson, Marsha Iverson, Diane Hoover, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, Bill Piercy, and Doris Enroughty.

Our extended family and friends: Versann Delva, Candace Franco, Jerome Manigault, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, the Dykes Family, Tyrell, Sandra Pone, Ceily Poh, Wanda Ferguson, the Hardison and Strite family, Wayne Purintun, Clair Schreck, Ginny Jones, Debbie Kaufman, Ronnie, Caroline, Bianca Constance, Shelby, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, Alice, Garry Land, Will, Robin, Denise Early, Gloria Wiley, Henry Pegram, Gene Shelton, Karen Sokohl, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, the Henderson family, Kristy Rose, Martha, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, Hollis Daniels, and Donna Raubenstine.

**Our Service Assistants:**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

**Preacher:** Karen Hardison

**Vergers:** Douglas D'Urso and Paul Shane

**Lector 1:** Beth Wentworth

**Lector 2:** Ryn Kennedy

**Lector 3:** Carter Strite

**Lector 4:** Douglas D'Urso

**Lector 5:** Jennifer McCauley

**Lector 6:** Karen Franklin

**Intercessor -** Dale Salyers

**Chalicer:** Amy Strite

**Acolytes:** Ryn Kennedy, Carter Strite

**Ushers:** Dan Hartman and Howard Pugh

***All are Welcome Here***

*Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented*

**Thank you for joining us.**

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

Founded in 1866 to serve the working people of Richmond, St. Mark’s Church is an active member of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, 110 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA, 23220, 804-643-8451, and the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia  
The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia



**St Mark's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**love is our tradition**

**520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220**  
**804-358-4771      stmarksrva.org**