

The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 Rite 2 Year C

Thank you for joining us in worship. We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

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 "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencton – meaning "spring" or "lengthening" from the time of year when the days grow long. The season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday through Easter Day), covering 40 days (excluding Sundays which are little feasts of the Resurrection). In the early church, Lent was the time of preparation for the Easter baptism, our sacrament of initiation into the Body of Christ. Persons were to receive the sacrament of "new birth" following a period of fasting, penitence and preparation.

--Sharon Pearson

Holy Week Services:

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 13th:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17th:

Service at 6:30 pm (with Washing of Feet)

Good Friday, April 18th:

Services at 12 pm and 6:30 pm

The Great Vigil, Saturday April 19th:

Service at 7:30 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 20th:

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am.

Today we celebrate with those being confirmed and received into the Episcopal Church:

Hunter Marie Boschen
Reeves Alexander Boschen
Feild Dalton Brown-Pennington
Luna Michelle Cilyk
William Wade Cline
Tess Elizabeth Downey
Lauren Jane Frazier
David Michael Herman
Jennifer Noel McCauley
Julia Anne McCauley
Grace Kingery McDuff
Macee Robertson Moseley
Jackson Marshall Neal
Nicholas Valner Roberts
Miles Gabriel Tucker

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two with The Rite of Confirmation

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

A Word of Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 142 (1982 Hymnal-Blue Book)

Lord, throughout these 40 days

St. Flavian



Bishop: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Bishop: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Bishop: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 43:16-21

Beth Wentworth

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.



The Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

Psalm 126

In convertendo



When the Lord restored the fortunes of <u>Zion</u>, then were we like those who <u>dream</u>. Then was our mouth filled with <u>laughter</u>, * and our tongue with shouts of <u>joy</u>.

Then they said among the <u>nations</u>, "The Lord has done great things for <u>them</u>." The Lord has done great things for <u>us</u>, and we are glad in-<u>deed</u>.

Restore our fortunes, O <u>Lord</u>, like the watercourses of the <u>Negev</u>. Those who sowed with <u>tears</u> will reap with songs of <u>jov</u>.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the <u>seed</u>, will come again with joy, shouldering their <u>sheaves</u>.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 94 Voices Found





The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

The Gospel John 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters: I present these persons for Confirmation.

Presenter. I present this person for Reception.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: 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.

Prayers for the Candidates

Cameron Cutro

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. **AMEN**.

For Reception

Bishop: N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **AMEN.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Peace

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able. All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



SCAN ME TO DONATE

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

The loose plate offering for today will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.
The fund supports various needs throughout the Diocese.

Offertory Ubi caritas

Text: Paulinus of Aquileia Music: Ola Gjeilo

Translation of the Latin:

Where charity and love are, God is there. Love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Where charity and love are, God is there.

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

The Eighth Tune

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.



The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or "host"), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

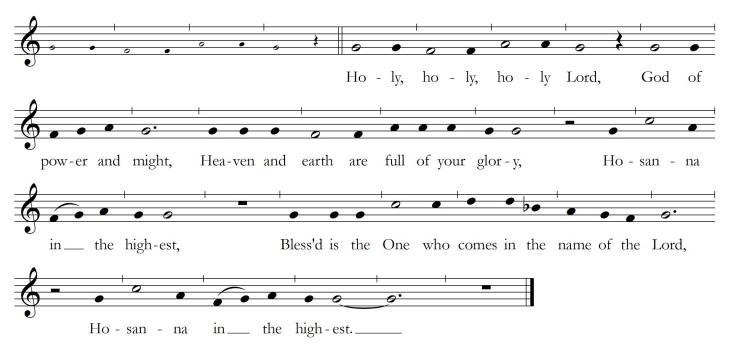
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 Hirten



Bishop: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper 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 shed 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:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Bishop: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop: 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.

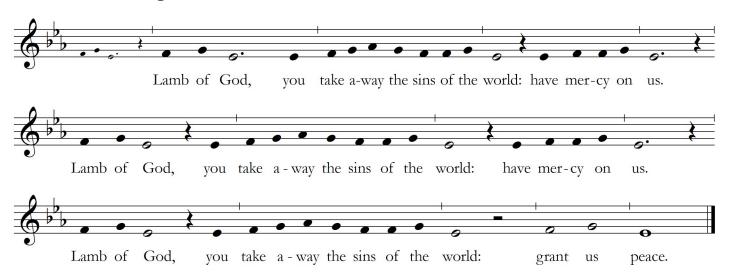
The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Hirten



Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion: You are welcome to share in Communion.

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the front you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. 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 require gluten free bread, please let the priest know when you come forward. If you have any mobility concerns alert the usher. Clergy will bring communion to you.

Prayers for Healing are available prior to, or after receiving communion. A minister will be available to the right of the stage/chancel area.

Communion Hymn

When Jesus Speaks Jessica Voutsinas, soprano

Lowell H. Prescott

When Jesus speaks, may I listen.
When Jesus calls, may I respond.
When Jesus teaches in story, may I wonder.
When Jesus leads, may I follow.
When Jesus shows the Way, may I take it.
When Jesus sits with me, may I keep still.
When Jesus nudges, may I move.
When Jesus gives me hope, may I give thanks.
When Jesus breaks bread, may I taste it.
When Jesus pours, may I drink.
When Jesus prays in the garden, may I keep vigil.
When Jesus suffers, may I weep.
When Jesus speaks, may I listen.

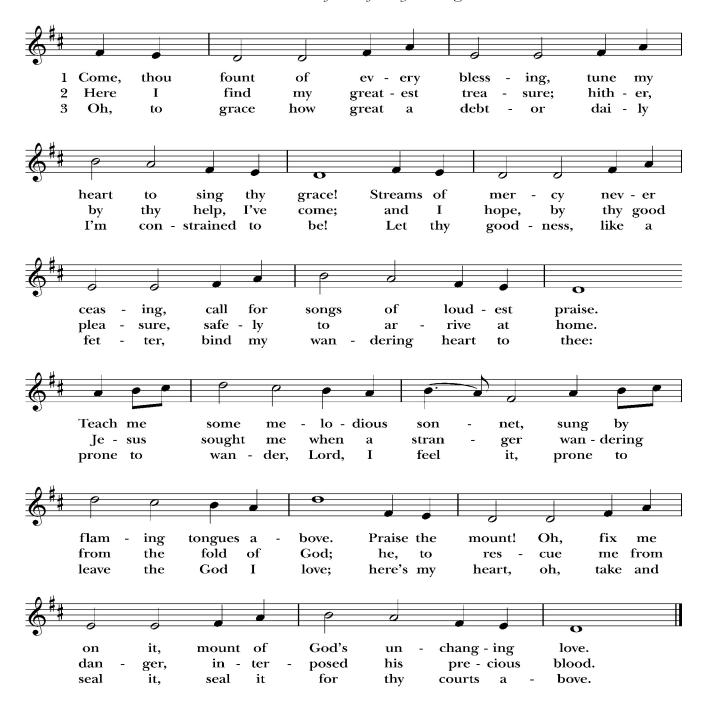
Post Communion Prayer

Bishop: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Solemn Prayer Over the People

Bishop: Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord., and one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

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The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

<u>Those being confirmed and received:</u> Hunter Marie Boschen, Reeves Alexander Boschen, Feild Dalton Brown-Pennington, Luna Michelle Cilyk, William Wade Cline, Tess Elizabeth Downey, Lauren Jane Frazier, David Michael Herman, Jennifer Noel McCauley, Julia Anne McCauley, Grace Kingery McDuff, Macee Robertson Moseley, Jackson Marshall Neal, Nicholas Valner Roberts, and Miles Gabriel Tucker.

<u>Parishioners</u>: Sam Shute, Anne Kambourian, Max Williams, Jennifer McCauley, Meredith Franklin, the Tucker family, Jerry Long, Kenneth Decker, Garry Land, Bobbie Aiken, Jo Tyler, Mike Craft, Keith MacKay, Betty Leviner, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Steve Row, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Juette Iverson, Marsha Iverson, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, and Bill Piercy.

Our extended family and friends: Daniela and her family, Vanessa Clemons, Conor, Louis Morris, Karen Sokohl, Candace Franco, Andrew and Gretchen Curtain, Debbie Abernathy, Jeffrey Matthews, Sandra Painter, Frank Eberly and family, Ron, Pam, John Golden III, Kathy, Barbara Taylor, Corey Sims, Florence, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Lee Hyden (Anne Kambourian's daughter), the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David Hardison, Ginny Jones, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy Burks, Kristy Rose, Randi Smith, Marion Broome, and Hollis Daniels.

<u>Those celebrating birthdays:</u> especially Anson Matthews, Jeffrey Matthews, Ian Badgett, Mickie Jones, Suzanne Long, Patti Fraser, Eleanor Herman, and Margie Costas.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Anne and Haig Kambourian.

Those who have died:

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> Pray for the congregations and clergy of Christ Church, Alexandria; St. Mark's, Richmond; St. Paul's, King George; and The Fork Church, Doswell.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name.

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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.

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