

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 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 The great fifty days of Easter are intended to be the most joyous and festive days in the whole year. We sing and live the story of a new world of possibility. God's longed for reign has begun. We live between the already and the not yet. We do not need to build God's reign, we need only to abide in it, to live as if it is already within and among us, thereby cooperating with God until it comes in its fullness.

-John Westerhoff

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

(1) The Liturgy of the Word

- The Gathering Rite

- The Lessons & Sermon

- The Creed

- The Intercessions and Confession

- The Peace

(2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

- The Offertory

- The Eucharistic Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

- The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread

- Holy Communion

- The Post-Communion Prayer

- Blessing and Dismissal

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

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 The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

A Word of Welcome



Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 in Excelsis Mathias





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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**. (Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 16:9-15

Kent Slonaker

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

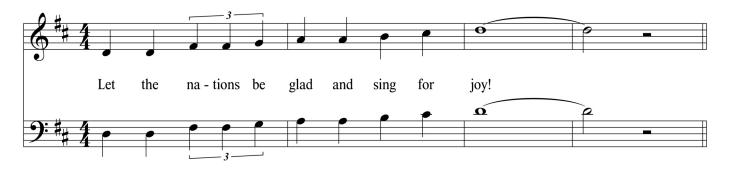
We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur



Psalm tone - chanted by Choir and Congregation



May God be merciful to us and <u>bless us</u>, show us the light of his countenance and <u>come to us</u>. Let your ways be known upon <u>earth</u>, your saving health among all <u>nations</u>.

Let the peoples praise you, O <u>God;</u> let all the peoples <u>praise you.</u>
Let the nations be glad and sing for <u>joy,</u> for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon <u>earth.</u>

REFRAIN

Let the peoples praise you, O <u>God;</u> let all the peoples <u>praise you.</u>
The earth has brought forth her <u>increase;</u> may God, our own God, give us his <u>blessing.</u>

May God give us his *blessing*, and may all the ends of the earth stand in *awe of him*.

REFRAIN

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

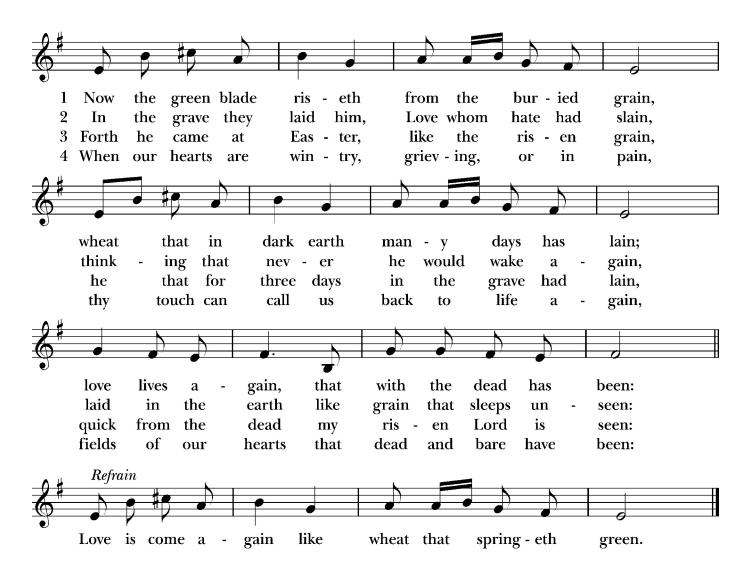
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day— and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 204





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 5:1-9

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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 Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price



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.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

Prayers of the People

Amy Strite

Intercessor: During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, we offer our prayers to God with the refrain: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for the Church of God around the world and across time. We remember especially, our friends in mission: all Christian Formation leaders and seekers. May we, as the living Body of Christ, make God's love known near and far:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for our nation and its leaders here at home, remembering especially: Donald, our president, Glenn our governor, and Danny our mayor. We pray for all nations and leaders around the world. May we do our part to see that the boundaries of division be overcome by God's shining light of grace, mercy, and peace:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for the earth and all creation. We ask for the courage to reconcile ourselves to one another and for the compassion to care for those in need. May we seek and serve our lord Jesus in all whom we meet:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for our local community and those on our parish prayer list, remembering especially the Tucker family, George, George and Malinda, Sam, Haig and Anne, Jennifer, Meredith, Jerry, Kenneth, Garry, Bobbie, Jo, Mike, Keith, Betty, Lisette, Becky, Steve, Margaret, Phyllis, Juette, Marsha, David, Samantha, Bill, Christy, Meer and the Kisra family, Peggy, Dave, Kim, Mary, Robert, Sally, Daniela and her family, Vanessa, Conor, Louis, Candace, Andrew and Gretchen, Debbie, Jeffrey, Sandra, Ron, Pam, Kathy, Barbara, Corey, Florence, Edward, Stefan, Olivia, Michelle, Lee, the Dummitt family, the Downey family, Elizabeth and David, Ronnie, Nicholas, the Sonant family, Amy, Kristy, Randi, Marion, and Hollis.

Additional petitions may be made silently or aloud.

Pause

May our fellowship in Christ be a source of healing and love for those in need:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We remember and celebrate those who have died, remembering especially Ginny Jones, and those that we now name, either silently or aloud.

Additional petitions may be made silently or aloud.

Pause

That they may dwell in eternal peace and be raised to new life in Christ.

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We thank you for all the blessings of this life: especially Kenn and Steve, who celebrate birthdays, and those who celebrate anniversaries this week.

Additional petitions may be made silently or aloud.

Pause

And most of all, we thank you for the love you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: may our gratitude be a beacon of hope for the world whom you have redeemed:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

(All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community (Vestry Member Kent Slonaker)



Update on Renovations:

Renovations upstairs are coming along nicely. Contingent on the timely delivery of new marble for the sanctuary, Brent hopes work on the sanctuary and nave will be complete and we will be worshipping upstairs by the end of June. The final phase of renovations focusing on the narthex will begin as soon as we have the funds in hand. For more detailed information, please pick up a Raise to Renew booklet or speak to any member of the Capital Campaign committee.

Pic: Marble samples are in place in the sanctuary, allowing us to select the optimal colors.



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 to DONATE

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Offertory Ave verum, K. 618 W. A. Mozart

Translation of the Latin:
Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!

(Please stand as you are able)

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!



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.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

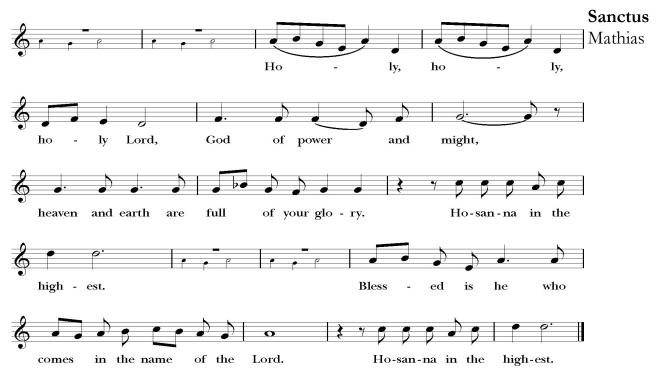
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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:



(Please stand 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 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 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 Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

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.

- 1 The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit, and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.
- 2 His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
- 3 For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
 - 4 I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
- 5 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: 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 Savior. AMEN.

The Blessing



Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Thomerson



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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.

Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

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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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