

Welcome to SAINT MARK'S

April 28, 2024 8:00 & 10 AM Morning Prayer (Rite Two) The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Red" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal

(Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

*--A Parishioner's Favorite Hymn

Please silence your cell phone

Welcome to Saint Mark's Church. On the final Sundays of Easter, our attention is directed to the results in our lives of Jesus' dying and rising: the results of Baptism and Eucharist. The Gospel reading today describes our life in Christ. That life is characterized by our love for Jesus as the ground of our faithfulness. We are as intimately bound up in the life of the risen Jesus as the branches of a plant, drawing our new life directly from him. Like a vine growing new branches, the early Church began to spread beyond Jerusalem almost immediately, bound together in Christ's love and led by the Spirit. In today's reading from Acts, Philip, one of the seven ordained with Stephen, preaches the Gospel to an official of the Queen of Ethiopia. This preaching was prompted by the official's reading of the "Suffering Servant" passage from Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The Ethiopian is converted and baptized on the spot. Today's reading from First John carries on his theme of our share in God's self-giving love (agape). We are to reflect in our own living and ministry that same love which was manifested to us in Jesus' dying and rising. This is the life he shares with us. We, the People of God, gather in Eucharist to remember and share the story of God's love for us. Our actions in Eucharist are a liturgical expression of self-giving love toward God and others. As we receive Holy Communion, God implants in us Jesus' own life and equips us to extend the divine love to all people in concrete actions of ministry and proclamation.

From the Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year.

Prelude



Opening Sentence

The Officiant says,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant + Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER Pascha nostrum (1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The people sit.

- ²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; * *I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.*
- ²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:*

 "May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; * *he rules over the nations.*
- ²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * *all who go down to the dust fall before him.*
- ²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * *they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.*
- ³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * *the saving deeds that he has done.*
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST REXDING Acts 8:26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the

good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

The people stand as they are able.

THE SECOND REXDING 1 John 4:7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God



THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8

A reading from the Gospel of John.



Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides

in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People say together, all standing as they are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

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.

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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The people stand as they are able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your name for ever.
- *V.* Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
- *V*. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

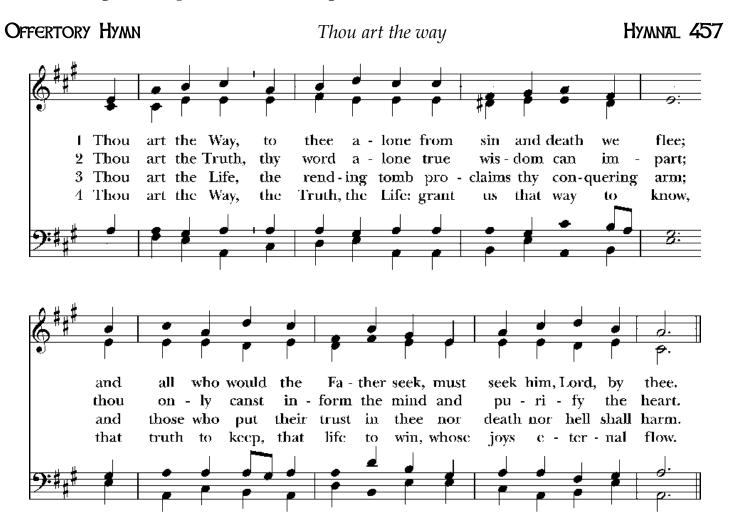
Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Officiant says,

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Officiant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE DOXOLOGY (AT 10:00 A.M.)



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, we seek to abide in the Spirit of love and bring our prayers to God, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer*.

LEM

For the Church: that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound as we draw our life from the Risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may rejoice in the knowledge that perfect love casts out fear, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For peace in all troubled places in our nation and throughout the world, that through greater understanding of all that we share as part of the human family, we may work for the safety and dignity of all God's people, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the grace of letting go, that God will help us to let go of those things which need to be pruned so that life and love may flow through us as signs of God's love, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer*.

For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Armenia, Haiti, and those on our Prayer List. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray that Christ will renew the gift of life within them and restore them to health, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all the departed (*The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.*) May they abide in the love of God for ever, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*The people may name their own thanksgivings*). We give thanks this week for Kelly Tessitore, Fred Meyer, Paul Okula, Bill Glover, Hannah Love Quinn who are celebrating their birthdays and John and Elizabeth Platé who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Kelly, Fred, Paul, Bill and Hannah as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF A MARRIAGE

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon John and Elizabeth that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kate Gabrielsen in celebration of her son Terence' birthday and by the Schermeyer Family in celebration of Michael Jr's birthday.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the apostles Philip & James, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace so that loving one another we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. AMEN.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

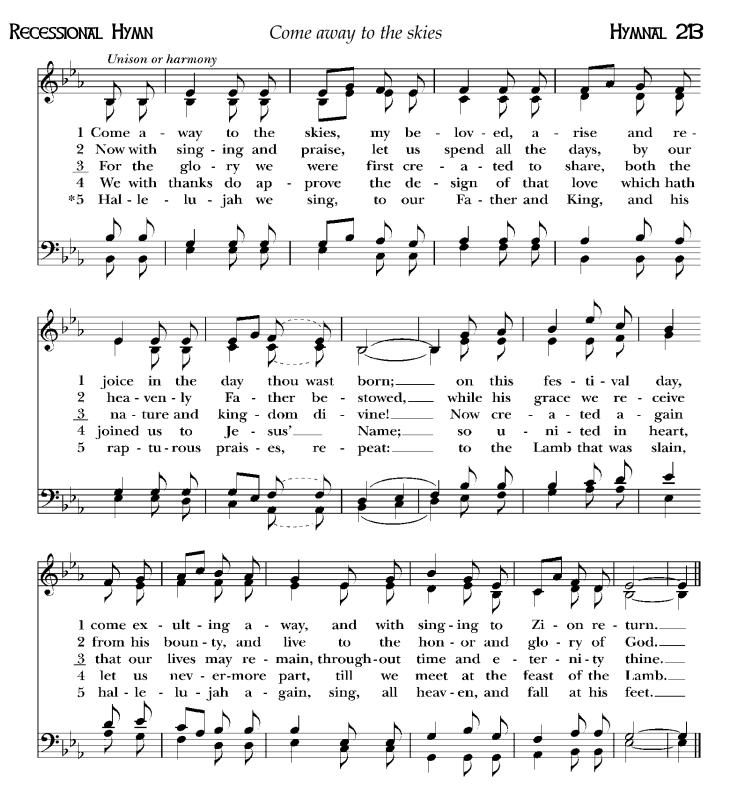
Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Officiant says

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

+ Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians* 3:20,21





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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

Thursday Midweek Service
11:00 a.m. in the Rector's Office

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—Bishop of Long Island
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf—Assisting Bishop
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Diane Stewart—Warden
Sandy Wyman—Warden

Vestry Members: Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover Tom Hadlock, Tom Horan, Marjorie Kulesa,

Ashley Lueck, Barbara Pettus and Steve Turner.

Thomas Simson—Treasurer Carol Fitton—Clerk of the Vestry





THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 04/29 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, 04/30 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 05/01 5:00 p.m. Walking Club

7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting

Thursday, 05/02 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Service – Fr. Chris' Office
12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers (Atwater Room)
6:00 p.m. Cinema & Soup Gathering

Saturday, 05/04 9:00 a.m Men's Breakfast Gathering

Sunday, - 05/05 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting and Election

Followed by Coffee Hour

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants

LEM Sundy Schermeyer

UsherTom SimsonCoffee HourDiane Stewart

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Participants

LEM John Kern

Ushers Sandy Wyman, Paul Okula

Coffee Hour Diane Stewart

May Birthdays

| Kelly Tessitore | 05/01 |
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| Fred Meyer | 05/01 |
| Paul Okula | 05/02 |
| Billy Glover | 05/04 |
| Hannah Love Quinn | 05/04 |
| Barbara Callahan | 05/07 |
| Ronald Marwood | 05/08 |
| Susan Hawkins | 05/09 |
| Hope Kaufman | 05/10 |
| Nathan Tessitore | 05/13 |
| Ridgie Barnett | 05/15 |
| Kristine Smith | 05/19 |
| Elizabeth Wolgemuth | 05/23 |
| Paige Feil | 05/27 |
| Chris Adams | 05/28 |
| Dr. Laureen Andria | 05/29 |

April Anniversaries

John and Elizabeth Plate 04/28

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Pray for your parish everyday at 12:00 Noon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 5th following the 10:00 a.m. service.</u> We thank Diane Feil, Ashley McLean and Sandy Wyman who are running for Vestry. Anyone else who is interested in serving your parish on the Vestry, please let Fr. Chris as soon as possible.

Please Note: There will only be one service at 10 a.m.

Walking Group meets on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.(weather permitting). Please meet at the church.

<u>Cinema & Soup Gathering</u> meets on Thursday at 6:00 p.m in the Atwater Room. The movie we are watching is The Chosen. If you plan to attend kindly contact Kate in the church office so we can plan the meal accordingly.

<u>Bocce Ball on Monday evenings June through September</u>. For men and women, no experience necessary. You'll have lots of fun! Please contact Larry Andria at lawaterinc@yahoo.com

<u>Parish Survey - If you are a new member of the church, please fill out the Church Parish Survey. They can be found at the front & back of the church and on the table outside of the church office.</u>

<u>Coffee Hour:</u> Host/hostesses are needed for <u>Sunday's in</u> May or to assist. The signup sheet is on the table outside of the parish hall. **Also, please note**, if you have not signed up but are generously bringing some goodies to add to one of the coffee hours, contact Diane Stewart at <u>grandma3stewart@gmail.com</u> so she knows how to plan, preferably before the weekend. Thank you.

<u>Altar Flowers -</u> If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>Laura.bott17@gmail.com</u>. There are two vases available on <u>May 19th</u>. The flowers are \$40.00 each. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

Mark Your Calendar:

May 1 Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Walking Club

May 2 Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Cinema & Soup Gathering

May 5 Annual Meeting and Election following the 10 a.m. Church Service

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

John Andren (Parishioner), Aubrey (Req. by Margie DeCaro), Bentley (Req. by Margie DeCaro), Noah Berger (Req. by Jenn Kast), Stan Billie (Req. by Jenn Kast), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Abby Connett (Req. by Nancy Connett), .), The Most Reverend Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, Marilyn Dorsa (Req. by Drew Clark, David Fridae, Owen Foster (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), Fred Rees Garcia (son of Victoria Garcia), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Jason Gordon (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Elaine Hanes (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Christina Kouris (Req. by Sandy Wyman), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), John Martinelli (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Fred Meyer (Parishioner), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Req. by Jock McLean), Sudie Nostrand (Carol John's Sister), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Jean Scopinich (Parishioner), John Stewart (Parishioner), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Stephen Wyman (Req. by Sandy Wyman. (If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.)

<u>We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:</u> Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.