

# St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

## Fairland Parish



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

May 8, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

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*The People enter, masked and maintaining physical distance.*

*The People stand. The Celebrant says the opening rites.*

### Opening Rites

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed Alleluia!

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto 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 thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Old Testament Lesson**

Acts 9:36-43

<sup>9:36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

<sup>9:37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

<sup>9:38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

<sup>9:39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made

while she was with them.

<sup>9:40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

<sup>9:41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

<sup>9:42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

<sup>9:43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader:        *The Word of the Lord.*

People:        Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm of the Day**

## **Psalm 23**

*The Cantor chants the psalm*

<sup>23:1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>23:2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>23:3</sup> He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>23:4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>23:5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>23:6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### **The New Testament Lesson**

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>7:9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>7:10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>7:11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

<sup>7:12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>7:13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

7:14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

7:16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

7:17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader:        *The Word of the Lord.*

People:        Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

John 10:22-30

10:22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

10:24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will

you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>10:25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

<sup>10:26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

<sup>10:27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

<sup>10:28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

<sup>10:29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

<sup>10:30</sup> The Father and I are one."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: My Sheep Hear My Voice**

*The LEM leads the People as they say*

## **The 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 human.  
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 sitteth 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 proceedeth 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Intercessor prays. In the silence after each bidding, the People may add their own petitions.*

I ask your prayers for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.  
Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially the victims of intolerance and war [*and N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on the prayer list of this parish, and those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*Prayer for Sri Lanka and Ukraine:*

O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those in Sri Lanka, Ukraine, and elsewhere whose lives are being wounded or cut short by swords of anger and spears of hatred. Teach us how to be free from injustice, terror, war, and civil strife. Cleanse us of all fear, deception, and despair. Pour your spirit upon those who rule, that they may use their powers for the common good, to put an end to strife, and to set forth a just and lasting peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Celebrant then says*

*Please take this bulletin with you or place it in one of the blue recycling bins.*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things,  
judge of all people:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our  
misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the  
burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for  
thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in  
newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath  
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance  
and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Words of Comfort

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Mt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but the sins of the whole world. *1 Jn 2:1-2*

## The Peace

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another.<sup>1</sup>*

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

*The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken

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<sup>1</sup> *Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.*

away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand. The People hold forth their gifts, if any. The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire that thou mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the LEM, pray*

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence.*

*The Celebrant continues*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*The LEM may then lead the People in this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great  
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is  
always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of  
thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may  
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

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

*The People come forward to the altar rail to receive communion.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM then leads the People in this prayer*

Almighty, ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us, members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of the faithful; and heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. We beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou preparest for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## **Announcements**

*Please see page 20*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus

Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

**The Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Chuck and Janis Smith, in thanksgiving for their 41st wedding anniversary on May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### **St. Mark's Announcements**

1. **At-Home Covid-19 Self-Test kits** are available, free of charge, in the church office.
  - a. There are 2 kits in each box; we will provide one box per person.
  - b. Please contact Janis Smith, our Parish Administrator, if you would like a box of test kits. Contact number: 301-622-5860.
  
2. **Tending Our Soil**: St. Mark's has applied to be part of the diocese's Tending Our Soil Initiative in the 2022 cycle. In this program, small teams from participating churches work together to better understand their churches, their neighborhoods, and their opportunities for ministry. For more information or to join St. Mark's team, please see Beth Walton or Rev. Christopher.

3. **Please consider hosting Coffee Hour:** volunteers are needed to host coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is located on the wall beside the coffee pot. Instructions on what needs to be done as a host is also located on the clipboard.
  
4. **Mother's Day Coffee Hour:** Sunday, May 8, 2022 – St. Mark's Parish Hall from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Please check your e-letters and the website for the most up-to-date information.*

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you, and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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