

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 - 10:30 am, April 14, 2024



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

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Prelude

The Celebrant says.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Please rise. Our worship begins with [the entrance hymn].

The Altar party processes as the Choristers lead the People in singing

Entrance Hymn: *Now the green blade riseth*

Hymn #204

Refrain: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

1. 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: *Refrain.*

2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, thinking that never he would awake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: *Refrain.*

3. 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: *Refrain.*

4. 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: *Refrain.*

Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: 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.*

Song of Praise: *Pascha nostrum*

Wonder, Love and Praise 880

**Please see musical sheet insert.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ “And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Celebrant: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: *Cum invocarem*

Psalm 4

The Choristers will chant the Psalm.

¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

³ Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

3 ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Celebrant: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: *Children of the heav'nly Father* LEVAS 213 vss. 1,3,5

1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling
bird nor star in heaven, Such a
refuge e'er was given.

Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;

5. Tho' He giveth or He taketh, God
His children ne'er forsaketh; His the
loving purpose solely to preserve
them pure and holy.

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Ghost Stories

The Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate(s) are presented by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor I present N.(N.) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate able to speak for themselves

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate(s) or their sponsor(s).

Question Do you renounce Satan and the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

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

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

People We will.

Celebrant Let us now make or renew our own Baptismal Covenant.
Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the People

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The LEM or other minister leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant raises a hand above 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 forever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N.(N.), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The People stand.

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

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in silence and at physical distance.

**Choral Anthem: *Our Lord is Risen with Flag Unfurled* Surrexit Christus
Hodie, setting Hugo Distler**

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

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, giver of life and light. You fill us with your blessings and feed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Christ Jesus, renewed us in your Spirit, and brought us into everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-127

The Choristers lead the People as they sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, maker of all things, judge of all who live. You made us in your image and to live in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care and bade us be faithful stewards of its bounty. But we honored not your gifts, misused your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us. You called us into your promise, delivered us from bondage, sustained us in the wild, and sent prophets to bid us repent and return.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made human in Christ Jesus, to live as one of us, and to reveal your glory. Giving himself up to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and opened for us the way of everlasting life.

On the night before he died, as he sat at table with his friends, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.”

‡

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” ‡

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The LEM leads the People as they say:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

In that mystery we offer to you this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. May they become for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. May we who share them be filled with that Holy Spirit to live as Christ's Body in the world. May we come to the everlasting heritage of your children, and with the apostles and martyrs and all your saints, enter into the joys of your salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

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

The Lord's Prayer

LEVAS 264

The Choristers lead the People as they sing:

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
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 Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal #S-154

The Choristers lead the People as they sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Communion Hymn: *Baptized in Water*

LEVAS 121

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising. freed

and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King: Born of one Father, we are his children, Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

The People consume their gifts. After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

Eternal God, holy Lord, 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.*

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

Withdrawal Hymn:

Hymn #193, vss. 1-4

That Easter Day with joy was bright

1. That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

2. His risen flesh with radiance
glowed; his wounded hands and feet
he showed; those scars their solemn
witness gave that Christ was risen
from the grave.

3. O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou
thyself our hearts possess that we may
give thee all our days the willing
tribute of our praise.

4. O Lord of all, with us abide in this
our joyful Eastertide; from every
weapon death can wield thine own
redeemed forever shield.

The Altar Party withdraws.

The LEM says

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

**The Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Pamela J. Gibson
in Thanksgiving for Brianna Rebecca Gibson's Birthday.**

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If you would prefer not to be shown on camera, please sit on the pulpit side of the nave, behind the videographers.

Readers, LEMs, Intercessor and Altar Guild

1st Reader: Uloma Nwauche-Unonu

2nd Reader & LEM: Olivia Lee

Intercessor: NAME

Altar Guild: Lee Mericle & Mala Rowland

St. Mark's Announcements

1. **Sunday Adult Study and Discussion:** in the Parish Hall and via Zoom, Sundays, 9:05-10:10am. All are welcome. Please see Rev. Christopher for more information.

Our new topic of study: Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel Movement.

Reading: A Theology for the Social Gospel, "Foreword" and Chapter One, "The Challenge of the Social Gospel to Theology". Link to a free PDF copy of the text: <https://dn790006.ca.archive.org/0/items/theologyforsoc00raus/theologyforso c00raus.pdf>

2. **Altar Flowers:** Beginning with Easter and through the season of Epiphany, you may sponsor the Altar Flowers for any Sunday or major feast day in memory of your loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or any other suitable occasion – or even just because. The sign-up book with details is in the church office or, on Sundays, in the narthex

(at the back of the church). Please contact the office for more information or to support this part of our worship.

3. **Assisting with Worship and Other Ministries:** We welcome and encourage you to serve at either worship service as Lector (Reader), Intercessor, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV), Acolyte, Usher, and Greeter. We also would welcome a new Head of Outreach, or a team of leaders, to lead this ministry, and new members to the Fellowship Committee, Counter Team, and Altar Guild. Please see Rev. Christopher if you would like to serve in any of these roles.
4. **Tending Our Soil:** Tending Our Soil is putting together a small team to take input from the congregation and public on the “Welcoming Children” project and then design it. This project should take fewer than 90 days. To express interest, please contact Beth Walton in person or by texting 240-461-1647.
5. **Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:** On the 3rd Sunday of each month (April 21, 2024), following the 8:00am service, St. Mark’s Outreach ministry makes bag lunches for those in need at Elizabeth House. St. Mark’s is looking for volunteers to help make these bag lunches. Please contact Linda Toran or the office if you would like to volunteer.
6. **Coffee Hour Hosting:** Please consider helping to host the *Coffee Hour* following the 10:30 service. Help is needed with setup, cleanup, and purchasing. There is a sign-up notebook located on the wall beside the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. The notebook includes instructions on what a host needs to do. We give thanks for all those who help with this ministry of hospitality.
7. **Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
8. **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting Zoom.

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

St. Mark's Mission & Vision

Mission

- ❖ To love God, love our Neighbors, and serve Christ in all persons.

Vision: St. Mark's

- ❖ Invites, welcomes, and connects people to God and one another in a thriving church community.
- ❖ Fosters opportunities for people to serve those around them.
- ❖ Promotes equity, justice, accessibility, and care for creation.

Adopted February 27, 2024

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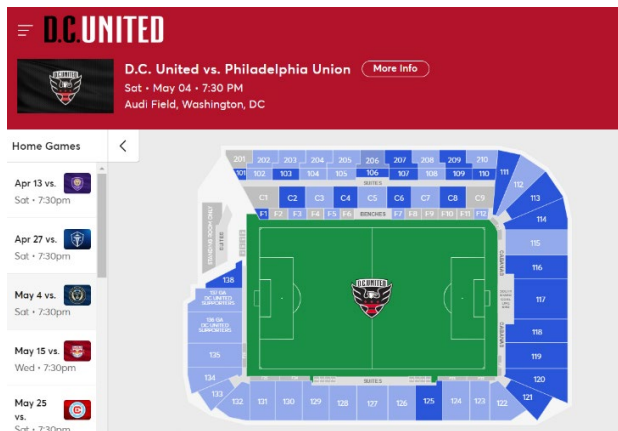
We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

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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Join St. Mark's for D.C. United's "Celebration of Faith Night" at Audi Field Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 7:30pm \$35.00 per person*



St. Mark's Reserved Seating will be in Section 111



View of the field from Section 111

Join the FUN and FELLOWSHIP with members of the congregation, family and friends for an evening of Major League Soccer (MLS) as the D.C. United take on the Philadelphia Union in regular season play, bringing our church community together with groups from other area churches for a night of faith, fun, and fundraising for our parish!

Contact the church office no later than April 19th to purchase your tickets. A portion of the proceeds from every ticket sale will be donated to St. Mark's, and there are no ticket processing fees or surcharges when you buy tickets directly from us (if you purchase tickets

from Ticketmaster or another vendor, we cannot guarantee seating with the St. Mark's group and you will be charged processing fees). We accept cash, checks, PayPal, VISA, Mastercard, Discover and American Express.

*Children 2 and under are not required to have tickets.

Everything you need to know about match day (how to get there, stadium rules, etc.) is here:

<https://www.dcunited.com/matchday/>.

Please let the Rector know if you'd like to attend but need assistance with the ticket cost.

