

# Second Sunday of Easter

*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 – 10:30 am, April 7, 2024*



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector



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## *Second Sunday after Easter*

### 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: *This joyful Eastertide***

**Hymn #192**

*Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. *Refrain*

2. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lord of

all life, from ill my passing life deliver. *Refrain*

3. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *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.*

**Gloria in excelsis:**

**Hymnal #S-204**

1. Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
3. O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.
4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
- 5 that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.
6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.
7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.
8. For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;
9. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm of the Day: *Ecce, quam bonum!***

**Psalm 133**

*The Choristers will chant the Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup> Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

<sup>3</sup> Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

<sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

<sup>5</sup> For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## **The Second Lesson**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

**1** We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup> what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**2** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn: *I want to walk as a child of the light***

**Hymn #490**

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my

path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

**The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

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

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: Fear Not, Thomas – or Fear Not Thomas**

*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 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The LEM says or Reader says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering,  
and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

*Silence*

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

We pray for those who have lost their faith, or who have never known it. Pray that God may open their minds, and grace move their hearts, to know and to follow Christ's way of love.

*Silence*

We pray for the departed [especially N.N.]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **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: *O sons and daughters, let us sing*      J. Tisserand, tr.  
J.M. Neale/17<sup>th</sup> century French melody**

*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-125**

*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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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-155**

*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: *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face***

**Hymn #318**

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

2. Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3. I have no help but thine; nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon; it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

4. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace; thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God!

*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: *We walk by faith, and not by sight***

**Hymn #209**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound, to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

*The Altar Party withdraws.*

*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.*

**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.**

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Charlene Langley

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader & LEM: Janis Smith

Intercessor: Gail Soulea

Altar Guild: Charlene Langley & Kris Taweel

## 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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, 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.

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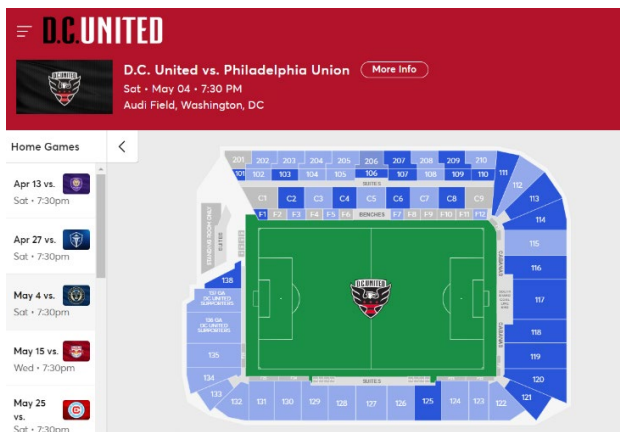
We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

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.*

