

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428

stmarksconshy.org



*Second Sunday in Easter*

*April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

## **Assisting with Worship Today:**

Presiding Minister *The Rev. Bryan Penman*  
Director of Music Ministries *Emily Ballentine Erb*  
Pastoral Intern *Vicar Lenny Duncan*

Assisting Minister *Garret Kriebel*  
Communion Assistant *Karen Hanna*  
Reader *Alison Fike*  
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Altar Guild *Jen Ramsden*  
Ushers *Bill Portzer & Joanne Copestick*  
Counters *LJ Kriebel & Matt Fiore*  
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Altar Flowers *Provided by Luella Claffey in loving memory of her husband Tom.*

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# Welcome to St. Mark's, we are so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. ***This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.*** We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

**Children are always welcome** to participate in worship. We invite all children to try to be in worship through the children's sermon (about 20 minutes) and then invite the children, if they want, to head to the nursery, but we love to have the children with us through the whole worship service! To help our youngest worshipers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a children's bulletin that has puzzles and activities for little worshipers to work on during the service, and we offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

**Restrooms** are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

**Cell phones** and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the Good News you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshipers.

**Our team of ushers** is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

**Are you new or visiting St. Mark's?** If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us. At the entry ways to the sanctuary, you will find our guest books in which you can leave your name and contact information, or in the pews we have blue cards that you can fill and place in the offering plate, or if you like, you can sign our electronic guest book. We'd be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again. For the electronic book, open your mobile device to the bar code scanner and take a picture of this square QR code; it will take you to our electronic guest book.



*Instructions*

Leader says

**We all say together**

## **+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us together for worship*

**Introduction** *The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

**Prelude** *Dunlap's Creek*

setting by James Biery

**Dialogue** Christ is Risen!  
**He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**  
*May be repeated several times*

**Confession and Forgiveness** *The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and the assembly may stand or kneel for the confession.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness*

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal;  
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARTIER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

### Apostolic Greeting

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other as we begin a time of prayer*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

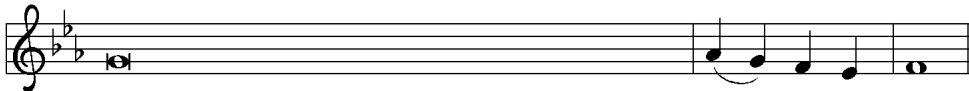
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



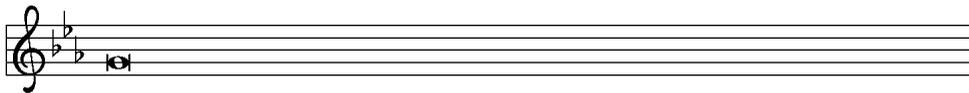
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



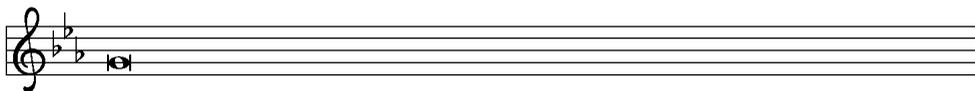
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Assembly may be seated*

**+ Word +**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, song and prayer*

**First Lesson**

*Acts 4:32-35*

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

<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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

Psalm 133

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 133. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "How good and how pleasant it is to live together in unity." The first staff contains the first line of the melody, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the final line of the melody.

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- | ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the  
beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his  
robe. **R**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for-  
| evermore. **R**

## Second Lesson

1 John 1:1--2:2

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John,

<sup>1</sup>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>we declare to you what we have seen and heard 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.

<sup>21</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel  
Acclamation**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel  
Reading**

*John 20:19-31*

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked 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, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**Children’s  
Sermon**

*Children are invited forward for a short lesson before the sermon. After the children’s sermon, the children are invited to return to their seats with their parents or leave to spend time in the nursery.*

**Sermon**

**Rev. Bryan Penman**

## Hymn of the Day

ELW 390

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952  
Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex, 1877–1949  
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## Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

**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 into hell.\***

**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**

**Prayers of  
the People**

*Prayers reflect the  
wideness of God's  
mercy for the  
whole world.*

*The Assisting Minister invites us into prayer*  
On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the  
life of the church, the world, and all  
people in any need.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with:*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with  
these words:*

Into your hands, O God, we commend  
ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new  
and everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

***For our friends and  
family:***

*Jenny, Donnie, Nancy, Joan,  
Luella, Joanne, Don Dunn,  
Katie Gresh, Dottie Woodring,  
Ann Beatty, Linda Jara, Sandy,  
Baby Naomi and her Mother  
Amy, Debbie Ruckles, Jay S.,  
Lysee G., Cam.*

***We give thanks for:***  
*Dietzel and Donaldson Families*

***We remember and pray  
for those grieving this  
day:*** *We pray for the country of  
South Africa and the family of  
Winnie Mandela*

**Sharing of  
the Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.  
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be  
with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

# + Meal +

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play*

## Offertory

*Gaudeamus Pariter*

setting by Edwin T. Childs

## Offertory Canticle

*The assembly  
stands as the  
gifts and  
offerings are  
brought forward*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song

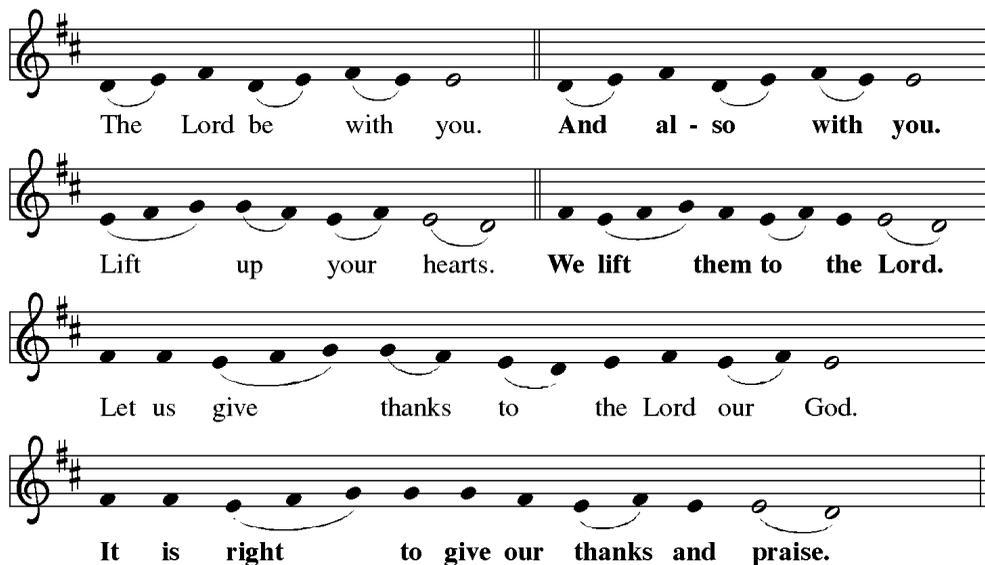
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
as you were made known to the disciples.  
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,  
that we may be your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

## Dialogue

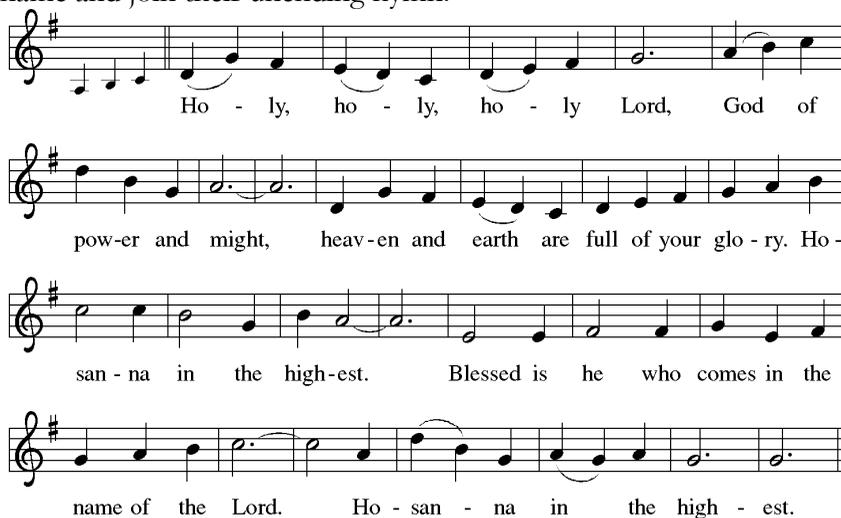


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

### *The Presiding Minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Sanctus

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.  
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

*Words of  
Institution*

Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we are bold to pray in the words  
our Savior taught us,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Assembly may be seated.*

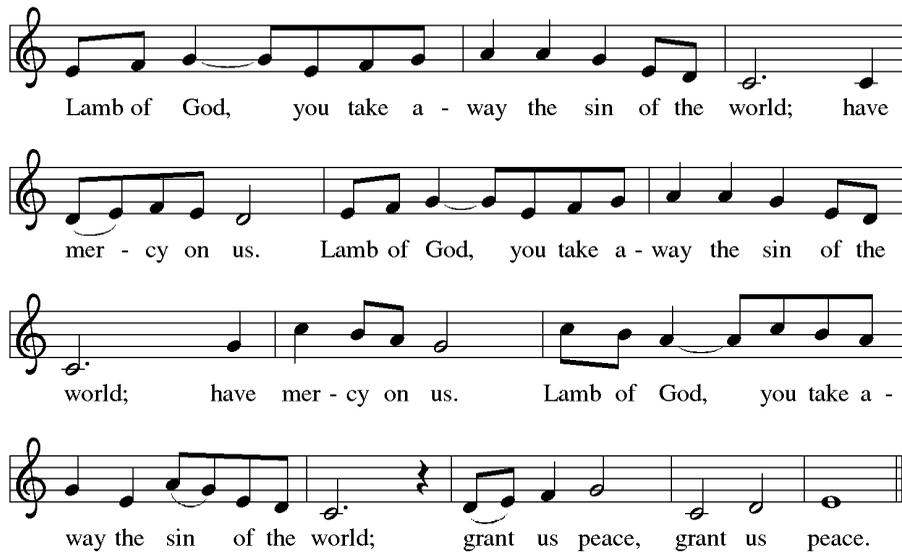
**Invitation to  
Communion**

*Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are  
on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine  
– all are welcome to commune.*

Now let us feast this Easter day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah

*The bread may be broken for the communion*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution of Communion

*Today we will receive communion around the altar rail. At the direction of the usher you are invited forward to receive communion. We invite our young ones and families heading off to faith formation to the Altar Rail first, followed by the rest of the assembly.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond -- Amen.*

*When you have finished communing you are invited to return to your seat by the side aisle and join in singing the communion hymns printed in the bulletin.*

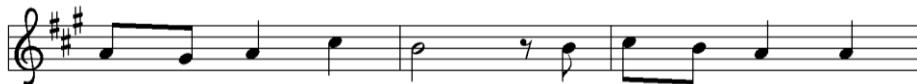
# Communion Hymn

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## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Communion  
Hymn  
ELW 388

Be Not Afraid

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, continuing the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community  
Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## Post Communion Canticle



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## Communion Prayer

Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection  
that we may show your glory to all the world;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**+ Sending +**

# The Spirit sends us into the world to serve

**Announcements** *Ways for you to be sent to do God's work this week with your hands.  
Announcements are made behalf of the community.*

**Blessing** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Closing  
Hymn**  
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## Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
God has called us to re - ceive;  
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
to re - lease and to con - sole.  
Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958  
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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Dismissal**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sonne der Gerechtigkeit*

setting by Edwin T. Child

**Postlude**

## **Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:**

*Ways you can develop your faith life, learn about God and develop as disciples*

### **Worship Assistant Training Day-April 28<sup>th</sup> 10am**

Ready to brush up a few worship leading skills? We are inviting all those who volunteer as a worship assistant to a Worship Assistant “Reboot” Day. During the training we will again go over duties and responsibilities of various worship assistant roles and provide a larger framework for how all these roles function together to bring our worship to life each Sunday. This is also a great opportunity if you are thinking about becoming a worship assistant to join us as we go over a bunch of various worship roles you could discover where you might like to serve. Also we will be covering some new ground at this training and going over the basics, so it’s a good time to refresh and remember what it is that we are to do on Sunday morning. The worship assistant roles that we are calling together for this are: Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, and Acolytes. We plan to gather at 10am at the church, spend about 90 minutes in training and conversation, and then venture out in town for brunch together at 11:30. All are welcome for any or all of it as we spend the day learning about serving the Lord through worship.

### **Worship Ministry Announcements:**

*Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark’s*

### **Farwell and Godspeed for Vicar Lenny**

Where have two years gone? But Vicar Lenny’s time with St. Mark’s is drawing to a close. On Sunday April 22nd in worship we will wish him farewell and God speed as we celebrate his time and ministry among us. Vicar Lenny will be finishing his seminary studies this spring and has been assigned to the Metro NY Synod of the ELCA. Additionally, Lenny will be serving as a pastoral mission developer of a new and emerging ministry called Jehu’s Table in Brooklyn, NY. His ordination to the office of word and sacrament ministry is scheduled to happen at the NY Metro Synod assembly on May 11th on Long Island. We are planning to coordinate rides for those who wish to be part of this celebration. We invite all to be part of this celebration at St. Mark’s on the 22nd by joining us for worship and a luncheon reception following worship.

## Service Ministry Announcements:

*Learn about ways you can do God's work with our hands*

### **Kid's Helping Habitat for Humanity**

During Lent and Easter this year our kids are working to help collect funds to support the latest Habitat for Humanity build in Bridgeport. We set a goal of raising \$1,000 to support the construction of this new home for a family in need. More ways to support this house will become available as we get closer to the actual construction of the house – so be on the lookout!

### **CNC**

As many of you know we collect items for Colonial Neighborhood Network and sometimes toiletries. Right now they are in dire need of Cereal and Fruit. We are asking that you bring in as much as you can next Sunday or during office hours this week.

## Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

*Learn about ways that you can help spread the "Good News"*

### **Easter Egg Industry Anniversary Banquet- April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

100 years is something to celebrate! And we have just wrapped up our 100<sup>th</sup> year of Easter Egg candy production! On Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a special anniversary banquet dinner and fundraiser. Tickets are \$12 and \$5 for kids, volunteers with the industry are free of charge as a thank you for helping with our fundraiser. A 50/50 raffle and basket items will also be part of the fundraiser as we raise funds for new equipment. To RSVP, email [info@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:info@stmarksconshy.org) or sign up in the McCarney Room. We hope to see you there!

### **Tweeners**

You know the saying, "the more things change, the more they stay the same." Join us as we explore the early life of Christians as it appears in the days after Christ resurrection as we explore the book of Acts. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm here at the church on (4/17, 4/24, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29).

Throughout the study we will be exploring the ways in which early Christians gathered as community, proclaimed the Good News of Christ's resurrection and helped those in need.

## This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i>		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>7pm – Boy Scouts</i>
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<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am-2pm Office Hours</i>	<i>7pm-Council Meeting</i>	<i>7pm – Cub Scouts</i>
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<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:45pm Homework Star Tutoring</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>7pm-Theology on Tap/ Dinner Out</i>	
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<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6pm – Dinner Church</i>	
<i>2-8pm Office Hours</i>	<i>7pm – Adult Choir</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
	<i>7:45pm-Bell Choir</i>	
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<i>Friday</i>		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am-2pm-Office Hours</i>		<i>6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</i>
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<i>Saturday</i>		<i>7pm – AA Group</i>
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:30am – Worship Service</i>	
	<i>10:30am – Faith Formation Hour</i>	<i>7pm – Venture Crew</i>
	<i>10:30am – Fellowship Hour</i>	

### Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Kim Kriebel</i>
Communion	<i>Jo Popowicz</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Nate Ramsden</i>
Nursery	<i>Hoffman Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jacob Fazzari</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Erin Orekar</i>
Ushers	<i>Aaron Maul &amp; Meagan Moul</i>
Counters	<i>Susan Dryburgh &amp; Susan Jacovino</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Pam Keebler</i>
Fellowship Hour	

#### Readings for next week:

#### **Acts 3:12-19**

*Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

#### **Psalms 4**

The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

#### **1 John 3:1-7**

*The revealing of the children of God*

#### **Luke 24:36b-48**

*Eating with the risen Christ*