

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Easter
May 12, 2019

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Bradbury

setting by Zach Unke

Acclamation

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

Christ is Risen!

He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

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 of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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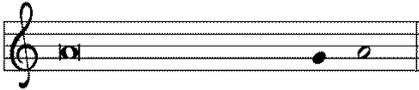
Greeting

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

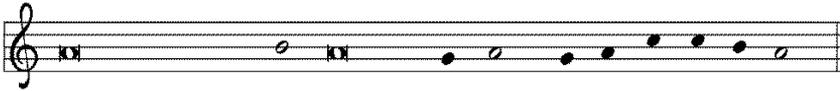
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



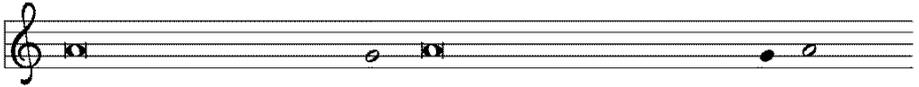
Lord, have mer - cy.



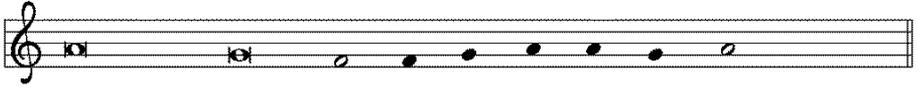
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



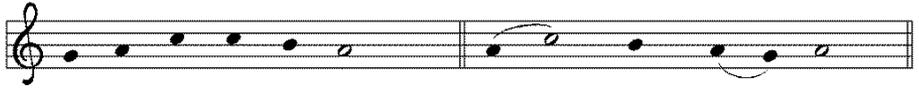
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

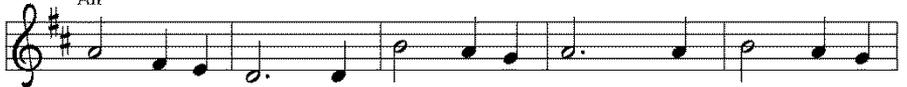
Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

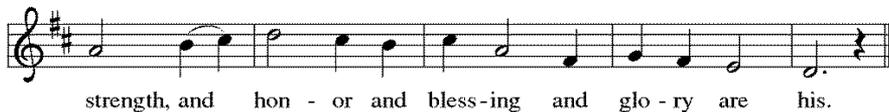
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1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



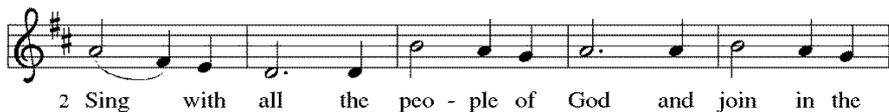
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



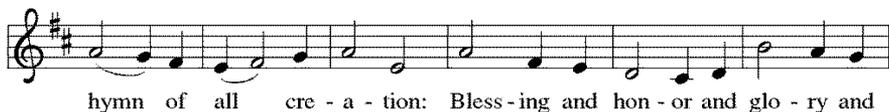
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal

covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

The First Reading is from the 9th chapter of Acts:

³⁶Now 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. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since 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.” ³⁹So 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. ⁴⁰Peter 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.



¹The Lord | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

The Second Readings is from the 7th chapter of Revelation:

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I 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.

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

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

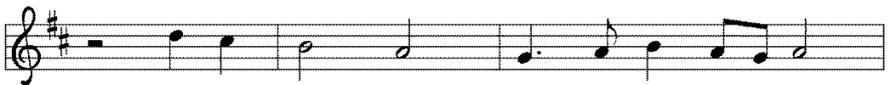
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Judeans gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon

We invite our children forward for a lesson before either returning to their seats or heading off to the nursery.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

The Lord’s My Shepherd

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Apostles Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:

God of Mercy, **Hold us in love.**

The prayers are concluded:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

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.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Announcements

Announcements are made on behalf of the community

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. If you give electronically we invite you to take one of the green slips and place it in the offering plate as a way to include your electronic gifts in the offering time.

Offertory

Let Everything that Breathes

by Mark Burrows

Faith Formation Singers

Musical selections are offered to the glory of God.

At the conclusion of the Offertory music, the gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward, the congregation sings "Let the Vineyards be fruitful"

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 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.

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Offering Prayer

Risen One,
 as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
 meet us now in this meal.
 Nourish us to follow you,
 using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
 and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks

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.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy.... join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ELW p. 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal ...
Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Sonall our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one... sharing your bounty with all the world. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God ... with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

The bread may be broken for the communion

Agnus Dei

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.

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.

Communion Hymns

ELW 502 – The King of Love my Shepherd Is

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ELW 388 - Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

Post Communion Blessing

When all have communed, the Assembly stands.

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

Prayer after Communion

Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the
body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us
now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of
our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

Blessing

The blessing of the living God,
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.
Amen.

Sending Song

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Gelobt sei Gott

setting by John Leavitt

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Leading Us in Worship

Presiding Minister:
Director of Music

The Rev. Bryan Penman
Emily Ballentine Erb

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
		Bells
Assisting Minister	Sheldon Erb	Stella Ruggerio
Communion Asst.	Lara Hoffman	Joe Jacovino
Reader	Nate Ramsden	Lauren Parkin
Nursery	Matt Fiore	Lara Hoffman
Acolyte	Don Turkowski	The Ramsdens
Altar Guild	Pam Keebler	Stef Conklin Sandy Portzer
Ushers	Pam Keebler Theodora Morley	George Pokalo Joanne Copestick
Counters	Pam Keebler Lauren Parkin	Susan Jacovino Debbie Eskate
Offering Recorder	Nate Ramsden	Kathy Pokalo
Fellowship Hour	The Fikes	The Inderbitzens
Faith Formation	Joe Ruggiero Matt Hoffman	Gail Penman Beth Patruno

Altar Flowers are given today by Mary Konopka to the glory of our mothering God and in honor of all the women who have mothered us on life's journey.

Worship Ministry:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers on May 25th and a few openings in June as well. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. The Sign Up sheet is in the hallway. The cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to take the flowers home with you or have them given away to other members or homebound members as well.

Faith Formation Ministry:

Ways you can deep your faith life

Faith Formation Sunday Morning Class

Our last class for the program year will be on Sunday May 19th – thanks to all who have helped make this a great year of learning for all!!

Vacation Bible School

Mark you calendars for this summer's Vacation Bible School: Sunday on July 7th during and directly after worship on that day, continuing Mon., July 8- Thurs., July 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This year's theme is, "Who is My Neighbor?" exploring how we can care for our neighbors near and far.

We're currently look for adult volunteers to lead each of the centers during VBS:

- Story time
- Games
- Snacks/ Crafts
- Simulation Station
- Folks to serve as rotation leaders

A sign up sheet is in the signup hallway.

Service Ministry:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Habitat for Humanity – Lunch for Volunteers

St. Mark's will be providing lunch for workers on the Habitat for Humanity House in Bridgeport on Friday, 5/17 for around 20 people and Saturday 5/18 for around 15 people. We are looking for volunteers to go with us to the site between 11:30 and 1 pm on both Friday and Saturday. The houses are located at 451 Bush Street in Bridgeport

We are looking for donations of:

- Monies to pay for trays of sandwiches
- Bags of chips (wither individual or big bags)
- Salads
- Drinks
- Cookies/hand friendly desserts

Food Collection Items Needed

Our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council is in urgent need of tuna, fruit, jelly and, as always, toilet paper. Baskets are located at the rear of the sanctuary to collect items that will be taken over each week to the food bank.

St. Mark's Community Garden

Now that the warmer weather is starting to roll in, it is time to start thinking about our St. Mark's community garden plot. Similar to years past, we are again going to be tending to a 10'x10' plot in the Conshohocken community garden; located near Edwards Freeman Nut Company. We donate all of the fruits and vegetables that we grow to Colonial Neighborhood Council as part of our Stewardship drive. In the coming weeks, we will start by preparing the plot and doing our initial planting. Then over the duration of the summer, we need volunteers to help with weekly upkeep such as watering and weeding the plot. This project requires a great deal of time, so if you would be interested in helping, please reach out to Matt Hoffman.

Capital Appeal: Pipe Organ Repairs

We continue to raise funds for our current Capital Appeal to renovate and refurbish our Pipe Organ. This spring we enter the critical period of this appeal as we will soon begin payments for the work to be completed over the summer. We are roughly halfway to our goal of raising \$53,000 for this work, but we need your help to get us the rest of the way there! We invite you to consider making a gift donation to help us with these much needed repairs to our organ.

Over the summer the organ will be completely disassembled and the pipe chamber completely rebuilt. The results will be a refurbished pipe organ that will be brought back to its full potential. Currently, there are a significant number of pipes and ranks that are no longer working due to age of the mechanicals that operate the various pipes.

Upcoming Fundraisers Supporting the Capital Appeal

Taco & Trivia Night Event Cancelled.

Due to low ticket sales, our Taco and Trivia Night has been canceled. Those who purchased tickets so far should have them refunded to them in the coming days. We're sorry for this – but trust that we can rally and support the Hand Bag Bing fundraiser on June 2nd!

Sunday, June 2nd for a Hand Bag Bingo event

\$30 a ticket for 15 games. BYOB permitted, Food Permitted and Snacks for purchase. Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes, 50/50. Bring a food donation for CNC and get 3 free raffle tickets. Raffle Basket items are needed and a sign-up sheet for that is in the back of the sanctuary.

Evangelism Fellowship Ministry

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Lutheran Night at the Phillies 2019

Mark your calendars: Friday, June 7, 7-11pm. The Phillies take on the Cincinnati Reds. Cost: To be determined: approx.. \$20-48. Signup sheet in the hallway



This Week at St. Mark's

Monday <i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday <i>3pm – 7pm</i> <i>Office Open</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday <i>10am – 12N</i> <i>Office Open</i>	<i>7pm - Confirmation</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8:00pm: AA Group</i>
Thursday <i>3 – 7pm</i> <i>Office Open</i>	<i>6pm : Dinner Church</i> <i>7pm: Theology on Tap</i> <i>7pm: Choir Practice</i> <i>7:45pm Bell Choir</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
Friday <i>10am – 12N</i> <i>Office Open</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i> <i>8:30 .AA Group</i>
Saturday		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
Sunday	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30 Faith Formation and Fellowship Hour</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>

Welcome to St. Mark's, We're 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. To help our youngest worshippers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. 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 worshippers.

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: Visitor books at the entrance to the sanctuary or Yellow Visitor Cards in the pew backs which can be dropped in the offering plate We would be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again.