ST. MARK'S Reformed Episcopal Church

EASTERTIDE
The Third Sunday after Easter



April 21, 2024 Holy Communion & Sermon

Family Ministry at St. Mark's Church

We are glad that you are here! The following are ministries offered to help you and your children feel welcome here:

Young children are welcome to remain with their parents during the service, however please be mindful of your fellow worshippers and step into the narthex to comfort or calm an unruly or noisy child. If you should need to step out - speakers in the narthex will allow you to continue to hear the service.

A "crying room" at the end of the narthex provides a place of privacy for nursing mothers or other parents who may need to make use of it (this room is also equipped with speakers so as to hear the service).

Sunday School for all ages is offered weekly September - June (11:20-12:10).

Descriptions of all of the above can be found on the information table in the narthex.

For help finding any of these rooms - please do not hesitate to speak to an Usher.

ST. MARK'S Classical Academy

(Pre-K - 8th grade) is an integral part of our ministry to families and children. Learn more at *stmarksca.org*

WELCOME!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

to all who mourn and long for comfort;

to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want a home;

to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

(Please see bulletin insert)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #98 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright (Puer Nobis)

ANTE-COMMUNION

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant. Let us pray.

¶ The people kneel.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Minister. Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

 ${f B}^{\rm ELOVED}$, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Reader. The Word of the Lord. Response. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #97 Christians, to the Pascal Victim (Victimae Paschali)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.

People. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

A LITTLE while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little

while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to St. Marks! - We are glad you are here! Please do not hesitate to make an usher aware of how we can serve you this morning. Welcome packets are available for our visitors in the narthex - please take one with you to find out more about our ministry here. Bathrooms are located on the lower level.

Receiving Holy Communion at St. Mark's Church - Visitors who are baptized and already admitted to Communion in their own churches are invited to receive the Sacrament in faith, repentance and charity. To receive a Blessing, non-communicants are invited to kneel at the altar rail and cross their arms over their breast.

Crying Room. Your children are welcome to remain with you in the service, but please be mindful of your fellow worshippers and step into the narthex to comfort or calm an unruly or noisy child. More information is printed on page 2 of this bulletin.

To give flowers to adorn the altar, please speak with Robin Foedisch (the recommended donation is \$50).

Today we welcome Alessandra Jane Falbo into Christ's Church, through Holy Baptism. After the service please congratulate her proud parents, Briana and Anthony, and also her godparents, Michael Falbo, Kira Moser, and Paige Hart.

Congratulations to the Reverend Benjamin P. Pearce, who was ordained as a Deacon yesterday. Please keep Mr. Pearce in your prayers as he begins this new season of life and ministry here. Mr. Pearce graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He is a teacher in our parish school, where he will continue to serve this next academic year. Please anticipate seeing him in the pulpit here on a regular basis and also to his involvement in the pastoral ministry of our parish. (A special thanks to those who arranged for the lovely dinner reception last evening in honor of the ordination.)

The Altar Flowers this morning are in celebration of the ordination of Mr. Pearce, who is joining our pastoral staff as a Deacon.

ON THE CALENDAR:

- The Feast of St. Mark (April 25) is our "feast of title" and we will celebrate the day with a service of Holy Communion at 6 pm, with a dinner to follow. If you plan to attend the dinner, kindly RSVP to Fr. Maule so that we can plan accordingly.
- **School Play.** Students from St. Mark's Classical Academy will perform this year's school play, *Pinocchio*, on Friday May 3rd (7 pm) and Saturday, May 4th (2 pm). Please consider joining us. Tickets are for sale online (via the school or church website).
- The Feast of the Ascension of Christ is Thursday, May 9th. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6 pm, with a dinner to follow. If you plan to attend the dinner, kindly RSVP to Fr. Maule so that we can plan accordingly.
- **Choral Evensong,** in the Octave of Ascension, will be sung on May 11th at 5 pm. A reception will follow. Please join us for this final Evensong of the season.
- Our Annual Church Picnic at nearby Alverthorpe Park will be on Sunday, June 9th (following the worship service). Please dress casually and join us for this time of great food and fun.

THE SERMON HYMN #89 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	(Salzburg)
THE SERMON Fr.	. Patterson
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OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Lord is My Shepherd J. Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

AT THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS (TITHES)

The Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

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

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Presbyter say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you (St. Matthew 11:28).

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

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins (1 St. John 2:1, 2).

SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

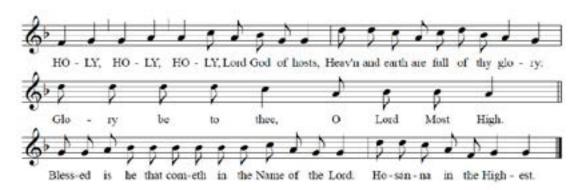
Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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



CONSECRATION: INSTITUTION, OBLATION, INVOCATION

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

¶ Then shall be said the Oblation.

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

¶ Then shall be said the Invocation.

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

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Instructions for Holy Communion:

Christians who have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost and who are duly prepared to receive Holy Communion will be invited so to do after the Prayer of Humble Access (the first prayer on the next page).

Those unable to receive the Sacrament today (or who desire to receive only the bread but not the wine) may simply cross their arms across their chest and receive a blessing.

You may receive the bread either directly upon your tongue or in your hand. If you desire to receive the cup, please hold the bread in your open palm - the deacon will dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue.

After receiving the sacrament, you will be dismissed to return to your seat with the words "Beloved, go in peace."

Like so many of the prayers in the Anglican liturgy, the words and concepts expressed here are taken from the Bible. See 1 Peter 1:3; St. Matthew 15:27; and John 6. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

¶ Then all may join in singing the Agnus Dei, as follows.



¶ The Celebrant shall receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishop and other clergy (if any be present) and after that to the People, all devoutly kneeling. When he delivers the Bread and the Cup, he shall say,

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

HYMN DURING HOLY COMMUNION

The congregation is invited to kneel and join in singing:

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (Please see page 14)

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ All stand and sing the Gloria In Excelsis.

LORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE BLESSING (all kneeling)

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #356 At the Name of Jesus (King's Weston)

All are invited to kneel in prayer as the candles are extinguished.

DISMISSAL

 Deacon.
 Let us go forth, in the Name of Christ.
 People.
 Thanks be to God.

 POSTLUDE All Glory Be to God on High.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries in April

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 Ying Jiang, Anna Li
- 6 Matthew Maule
- 8 Xuezhu Zhuang
- 11 Amelia Gliba, Juan Ying Huang
 - 4 Zhuying Lu
- 18 Liam Nigro
- 17 Shirly Philip
- 20 Xiaowu Zhuo
- 20 Alaowu Ziiuo
- 22 Melanie Bartlett
- 25 Zachary Chen
- 28 Sarah Ford, Tina Li
- 29 Tony Carpenter

WEEKDAYS (when SMCA is in session):

Services at St. Mark's

SUNDAYS

Holy Communion 10:00 am

(1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:00 am

(2nd & 4th Sundays)

Adult Forum 11:20-12:10

Children's Sunday School 11:20-12:10

Matins - 8:25 am

Evensong - 3 pm (Litany on Fridays)

Happy Anniversary to:

Ruth and Harry Roemhild (4/4) Jessica and Greg Hoyt (4/6)

Is your birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office so that we can update our records.

	Lay Servers Schedule		
	Today	April 28	
	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER HOLY COMMUNION	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER MORNING PRAYER	
Ushers:	Nathan Hillanbrand & Bob Miller	Joe Gliba & Nathan Hillanbrand	
(Alternate)	Fred Rodgers	Bob Miller	
Door Ushers :	Dan Mainieri, Jr. & Joe Gliba		
ACOLYTE:	Charlie Andrews	John Ford	
Torches:	John Ford & David Patterson		
Crucifer:	David Szomor	Charlie Andrews	
LECTOR:	Daniel Mainieri, III	Jeff Castor	

Welcome, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting St. Mark's Church for the first time, please complete a guest registration card, found in the pew cardholders, so we can have a record of your visit. You'll also find Prayer Request cards in the same location. Please place these cards in the offering plate or give them directly to an usher or the pastor.

Clergy

The Most Rev'd Ray Sutton, *Presiding Bishop*The Rt. Rev'd R. Charles Gillin, *Bishop Ordinary*The Rt. Rev'd William Jenkins, Sr., *Bishop Coadjutor*The Rev'd Jason S. S. Patterson, *Rector*The Rev'd Matthew G. Maule, *Assistant Rector*The Rev'd Benjamin P. Pearce, *Deacon*

Staff

Tom Lever, *Organist* Abigael Castor, *Choirmaster*

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Vestry & Wardens

Jeffrey Castor, Rector's Warden Susan Cassidy, Junior Warden Noëlle Kent (2025) Robert Ford (2025) Debbie Ghrist (2026) Tom Tomer (2027) Dan Mainieri, Jr. (2027)



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