

The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 Rite 2 Year B

Thank you for joining us in worship. We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220 804-358-4771 stmarksrva.org The great fifty days of Easter are intended to be the most joyous and festive days in the whole year. We sing and live the story of a new world of possibility. God's longed for reign has begun. We live between the already and the not yet. We do not need to build God's reign, we need only to abide in it, to live as if it is already within and among us, thereby cooperating with God until it comes in its fullness.

-John Westerhoff

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

(1) The Liturgy of the Word

- The Gathering Rite

- The Lessons & Sermon

- The Creed

- The Intercessions and Confession

- The Peace

(2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

- The Offertory

- The Eucharistic Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

- The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread

- Holy Communion

- The Post-Communion Prayer

- Blessing and Dismissal

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being chalice-bearers.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Ushers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Baptism with Holy Communion The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

A Word of Welcome Prelude

My Shepherd is the Living God Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone

David Pylate, piano Vicky Hamrick, oboe

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 517 (1982 Hymnal-Blue Book)

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brother James' Air





The Lectern

The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 4:5-12

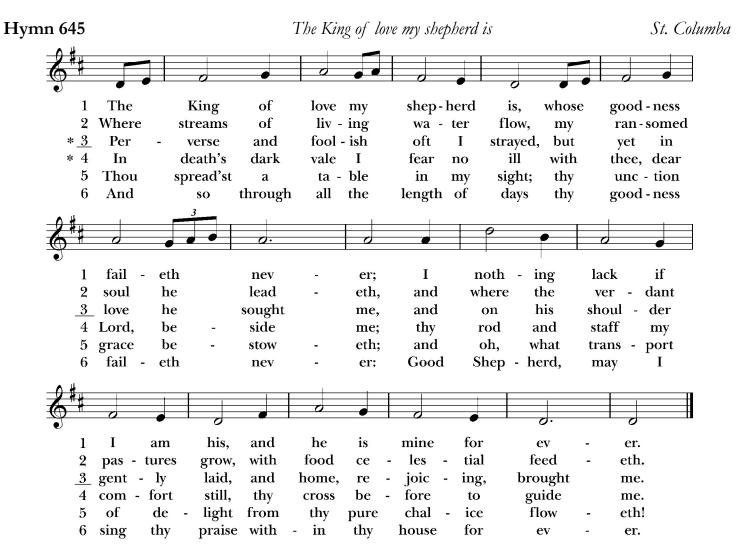
Patrick McDuff

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.



A Reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 3:16-24

Laura Hicks

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.



The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

(Please remain seated)

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate who is able to speak for themselves is presented by their sponsor, as follows

Sponsor: I present Jennifer Noel McCauley to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the candidate

Presider: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel

against God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy

the creatures of God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

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

Candidate: I renounce them.

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

Candidate: I do.



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

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

Candidate: I do.

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

Candidate: I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Jennifer

in her life in Christ?

Congregation: We will.

Presider: Let us join with Jennifer who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Becky Adams

Presider: Let us now pray for Jennifer who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bring her, to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

(Please be seated)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, saying

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Presider: Jennifer Noel, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying

Jennifer Noel, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **AMEN.**

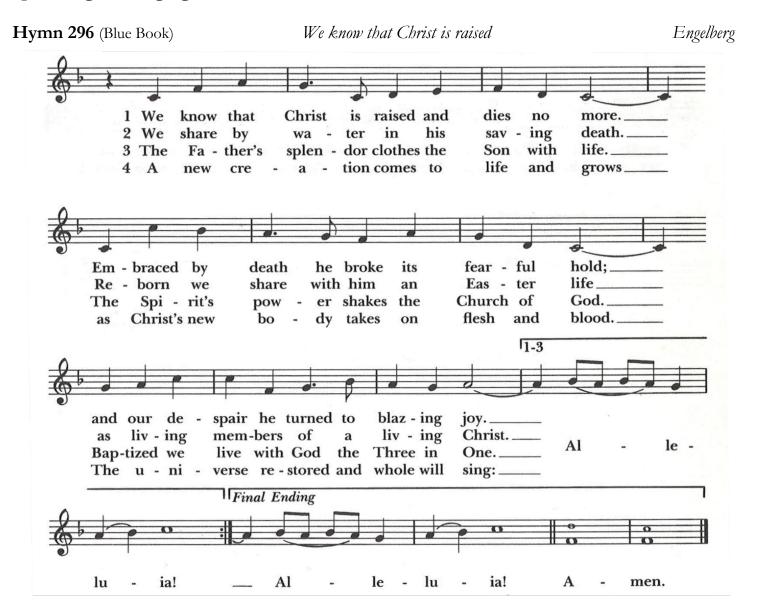
Presider: Let us pray.

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

Presider: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

Sprinkling of Congregation (a reminder of our own baptism)



The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able. All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table



SCAN ME TO DONATE

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)

Offertory The Lord is my Shepherd John Rutter

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace" in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or "host"), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

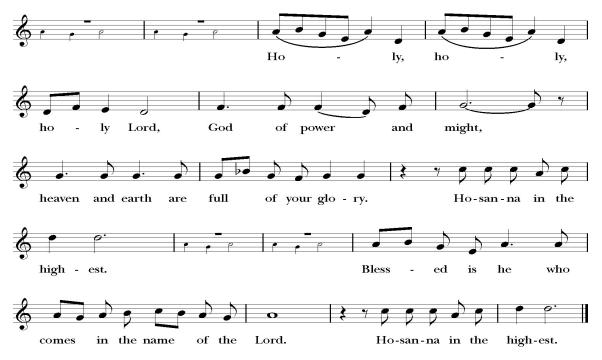
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, S-128 Mathias



(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with ______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

WLP 875 "Be known to us"

James

Choir: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Refrain (sung by all)



Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain (sung by all)



Choir: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Refrain (sung by all)



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

The Holy Communion: ALL are welcome to share in Communion.

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the rail you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher and the clergy will bring communion to you.



Led by the Communion Choir and George Collier, guitar



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Post Communion Prayer



Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.



The Ambry

The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

The Blessing

Hymn 708 (Blue Book)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymns for the Young

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God In Thanksgiving for My Friends, Family, and St. Mark's By Margaret "Mickie" Jones

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Fantasia on Bryn Calfaria

John Innes

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All are Welcome Here

Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

Thank you for joining us.

Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the "Welcome" card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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