

The Seventh Sunday in Easter: The Sunday After Ascension Day

May 21, 2023, Rite 2 Year A

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 Liturgies

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.

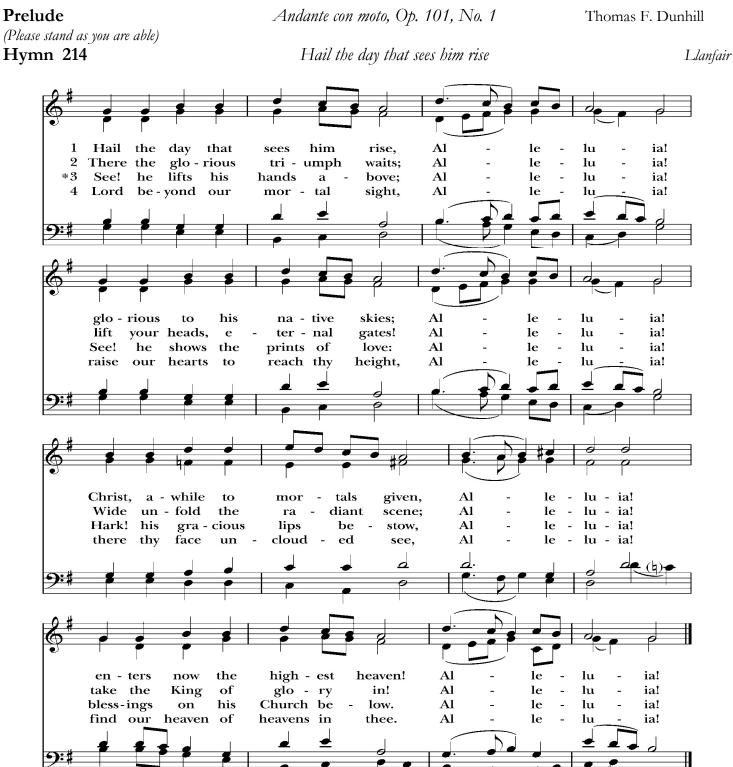
Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

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 Eucharist-Rite Two The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word



Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Gloria in excelsis

Mathias





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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 1:6-14

Carter Strite

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 315 (Blue Book)





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.

The Gospel John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John *All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

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

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price



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.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

Intercessor: During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, we offer our prayers to God with the refrain: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for the Church of God around the world and across time. We remember especially, our friends in mission: the congregations and clergy of St. James's, Richmond, and St. Stephen's Richmond. May we, as the living Body of Christ, make God's love known near and far: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for our nation and its leaders here at home, remembering especially: Joe, our president, Glenn our governor, and Levar our mayor. We pray for all nations and leaders around the world. May we do our part to see that the boundaries of division be overcome by God's shining light of grace, mercy, and peace:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for the earth and all creation. We ask for the courage to reconcile ourselves to one another and for the compassion to care for those in need. May we seek and serve our lord Jesus in all whom we meet:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We pray for our local community and those on our parish prayer list, remembering especially Cheryl, Margie and her family, Becky, Robin, Carole, Terrance, Tamara, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Gray, Phyllis, Juette, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Ron and Pam, Oscar, Rod, Gloria, William, Henry, Rick, Gene, Karen, Rick, John, Serenity, Shanae, Amy, the Henderson family, Mary-Margaret, Paula, Lane, Kristy, Renee, Emily, Martha, Carolyn, Randi, Nancy, Allison, Marion, Hollis, and Donna. May our fellowship in Christ be a source of healing and love for those in need: All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We remember and celebrate those who have died, that they may dwell in eternal peace and be raised to new life in Christ:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Intercessor: We thank you for all the blessings of this life: especially Lisette, Keefer, Francesca, Kenn, Joe, and Dale, who celebrate birthdays, and Suzanne and Brent, and Trudy and Larry who celebrate anniversaries. And most of all, we thank you for the love you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: may our gratitude be a beacon of hope for the world whom you have redeemed:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

(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

Invitation to Holy Communion



SCAN ME TO DONATE

(Remain seated)

Offertory Jesu, dulcis memoria

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Translation of the Latin:
Jesus, sweet remembrance,
Granting the heart its true joys,
But above honey and all things
Is His sweet presence.

(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.

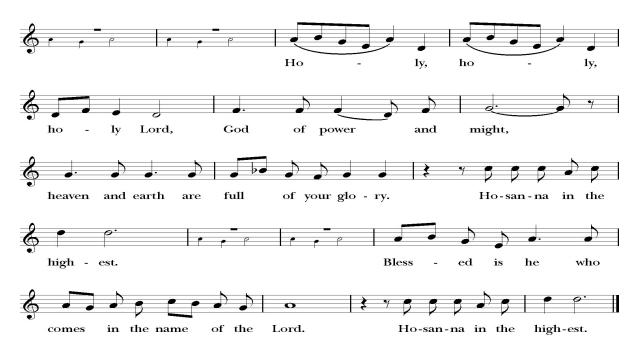
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The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B



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 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.

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In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark 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.

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.

Holy Communion

Please come forward as the ushers direct you and put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer.

For a gluten free wafer please inform your serving priest.

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.



(Please stand as you are able)

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 Blessing





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 Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve the Risen Lord and each other.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude Fanfare in D Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

After this service, the altar flowers can be taken to anyone who would appreciate them.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

<u>Parishioners:</u> Cheryl Hensel-Smith, Margie Costas and family, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Carole Shahda, Terrance Prokosh, Tamara Orr, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Ethel Kutteroff, Margaret Franklin, Gray Morris, Phyllis Iverson, Juette Iverson, Diane Hoover, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, Bill Piercy, and Doris Enroughty.

Our extended family and friends: Ron and Pam Catton, Oscar Cordova, Rod Bost, Gloria Wiley, William Higgins, Henry Pegram, Rick, Gene Shelton, Karen Sokohl, Rick McGeorge, John McTier, Serenity, Shanae, Amy Burks, the Henderson family, Mary-Margaret, Paula, Lane Hopkins, Kristy Rose, Renee Reid, Emily Tafel, Martha, Carolyn Campbell, Randi Smith, Nancy Strite, Allison, Marion Broome, Hollis Daniels, and Donna Raubenstine.

<u>Those celebrating birthdays:</u> especially Lisette Johnson, Keefer Hensel-Smith, Francesca Purcell, Kenn Shirley, Joe Purcell, and Dale Salyers.

<u>Those celebrating anniversaries:</u> especially Suzanne Long and Brent Graves, and Trudy and Larry McCarty.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> For the congregations and clergy of St. James's, Richmond, and St. Stephen's, Richmond.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For all chaplains, staff and volunteers who minister in jails and prisons, half-way houses, work release and after-care programs.

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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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