

Please be seated

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by "intinction" (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Anthems

I will not leave you comfortless Ron Nelson
I will not leave you comfortless. But I will come to you, and your heart will rejoice, for I will not leave you comfortless. Words based John 4:18 and 28; music © Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

If ye love me Thomas Tallis
If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; e'en the spirit of truth. Words John 14:15-17; music © Public Domain

Communion Hymns sung by all

Now the green blade riseth (Noël nouvelet) Hymnal 204
Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly dove (Mendon) Hymnal 512

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (when applicable)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that [those to whom you go] may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
Congregation We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Please stand

Prayer for Mission said by all BCP 366
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession sung by all Hymnal 191
Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise (Lux eoi)

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – Suite in C minor: Allemande Josef Rheinberger

Music Notes

Violinist – Corina Weinmair

Today we continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season with hymns like "Through the Red Sea brought at last", "Now the green blade riseth", and "Hearts and voices heavenward raise" as well as the offertory anthem, "Christ is risen". "All things bright and beautiful" reflects Paul's words about God being the creator of all things in today's reading from Acts, while "Come, gracious Spirit" reflects themes from today's Gospel reading, and "If ye love me" and "I will not leave you comfortless" quote it. Today we also recognize our Choristers, who have worked hard this year to earn the ribbons and medals awarded to them by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM).

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

GIVING INFORMATION

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →



PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan QR code →



Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

Lectors Julie Pope, Leslie Freeman, Helen Willoughby
Acolytes Teddy Wingard, H Burkett, Mamie Burkett, Mary Carol Eyrick, Helen Eyrick
Chalice Bearers Christine Burkett, Linda Crofton, Marcia Simmons, Jess Simmons **LEV** Sherrie Webb
Ushers Will Tutwiler, Mike Davidson, Ben DeVino, Randy Gordon, Andrew Taylor **Verger** Frank Scheu
Altar Guild Leslie Freeman, Stephanie Baker, Dudley Grace, Trisha MacRae, Caroline Mann, Una Pardue, Lindsay Runnels, Barbara Simcox, Tori Tutwiler
Flower Guild Ellen Ball, Caroljo Creighton

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in honor of Mackie Hobby's graduation from the University of Mississippi by Carson, Scott, and Henry Hobby.

*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vision

St. Mark's is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God's world. (Ps 46:4-5)

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God's Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude – Suite in C minor: Cantabile

Josef Rheinberger

The Word of God

Please stand

Hymn in Procession sung by all

Through the Red Sea brought at last (Straf mich nicht) Hymnal 187

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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 sung by all

musical setting: Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 66:7-18 *simplified Anglican chant sung by all* *chant: J. W. Meachen*

7 Bless our God you / peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be / heard;

8 Who holds our souls in / life, *

and will not allow our feet to / slip.

9 For you O God have / proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is / tried.

10 You brought us into the / snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our / backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and / water; *

but you brought us out into a place of re/freshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my / vows, *

which I promised with my lips,

and spoke with my mouth when I was in / trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of / rams; *

I will give you oxen and / goats.

14 Come and listen all you who fear / God, *

and I will tell you what he has / done for me.

15 I called out to him with my / mouth, *

and his praise was on my / tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my / heart, *

the Lord would not have / heard me;

17 But in truth God has / heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my / prayer.

18 Blessed be God who has not rejected my / prayer, *

Nor withheld his / love from me.

Second Lesson – 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn *sung by all*

All things bright and beautiful (*Royal Oak*) Hymnal 405

Holy Gospel – John 14:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.

Sermon – The Rev. Billy Cerveny

Please stand

Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form III BCP 387

Confession BCP 360

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements and Chorister Recognition

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem – Christ is risen Wayne Wold

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!” God the First and Last is with us, Sing Hosanna, everyone!

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Please stand

Offertory Hymn – The Doxology *sung by all* Hymnal 380, verse 3

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.

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues...

Sanctus *sung by all* *musical setting: Hymnal S 129*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord’s Prayer *said by all* BCP 364

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem *sung by all* *musical setting: Hymnal S 155*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.