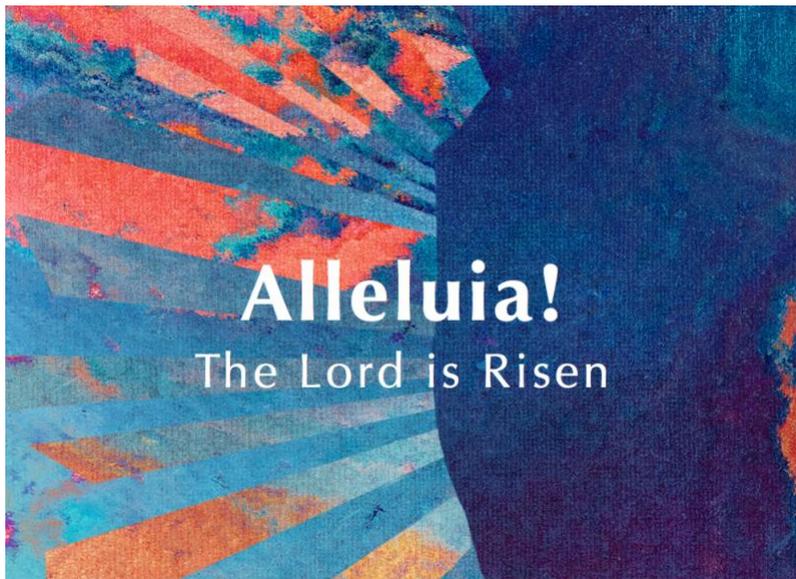


# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



*The mission of St. Mark's Church is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. We seek to fulfill our mission through reverent worship, warm hospitality, and faithful service.*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: Come my Way, my Truth, my Life

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### The Word of God

Processional: Love divine, all loves excelling

#657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



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.*

Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal S280

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.

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

**The Lessons**

A Reading from the Book of Acts Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalms Ps 22:24-30

- <sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- <sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- <sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

A reading from the First Letter of John 1 Jn. 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

# Gradual: God is Love

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*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. It includes a refrain at the beginning and end, and three verses of text in the middle. The notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines.

# Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

## 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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

BCP 387

Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; *That they may be  
faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of  
the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant     O God our God, accept the fervent prayers of your  
people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion  
upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O  
lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

  The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People                                And also with you.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to  
give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly we are 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:

*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.*

Holy and gracious Father:

In your infinite love you made us for yourself,  
and, when we had fallen into sin  
and become subject to evil and death,  
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,  
your only and eternal Son,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,  
and offered himself, in obedience to your will,  
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

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

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

## Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them  
in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your  
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these  
words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

## Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.  
People 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.

## Blessing

Recessional: In Christ, there is no east or west

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*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has three vocal parts (1, 2, 3) and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a single vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system has a single vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score ends with a double bar line.

## The Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

## Welcome to St. Mark's!

### Reminders

**Vestry:** St. Mark's vestry will meet again for its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, May 9, at 12:30 on Zoom.

**Christian Formation:** We will have our weekly Wednesday afternoon meeting this Wednesday, May 5, at 5pm. To join our meeting, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and click "join meeting", enter meeting ID 838 7984 0976. A Zoom invitation will also be included in the announcements at the beginning of the week. Last week, we had a great conversation about the Episcopal Church; this week we will talk about the Book of Common Prayer. I hope you will join us (and feel free to bring any questions you have).

**Family Connections Food Bank Needs Help:** Family Connections Food Bank needs diapers (any size), paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins), travel size personal hygiene items and **JELLY** to continue to help our community. As part of our St. Mark's Community Outreach, we are asking anyone able to help to leave the donations in the Parish House. Mary Moor and friends will deliver them, or you can drop them off to Family Connections Food Bank. If you have any questions, please call Mary Moor at 706-851-4357. Thank you!

**Compline:** Come and join us **every Friday at 7:30 pm for a Compline Service.** This is a great way to end the week, stay connected and worship with each other. To join, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), click "Join Meeting" and enter ID 787 157 737 or use the link in your weekly email reminder.

### Monthly Financial Recap through 4/11/2021

Pledge/Plate Income: \$20,950      Expenses: \$25,036.76

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### 2021 Vestry

Vickie Hartsock, Ginger Mize, Mary Moor, Jim Moore,  
Karen Struss, Martha Temple, and Perry Turner

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Senior Warden: Perry Turner

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### Serving Today

The People Gathered

Lector/EM: Tina Dellaposta

Videographer/Sound: Jim Moore

Instrumentalist/Music: Martha Temple

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### Happy Birthday to:

Bailey Struss – May 1

Mary Adele Davis – May 4

Eric Hiltz – May 7

Angela Hill – May 8