# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 18, 2021 10.00 AM

# SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 East Pecan Street San Antonio, Texas

# Welcome!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with the St. Mark's community. Whether you are in San Antonio, a long-time member, or a visitor who is joining via streaming, we are grateful for your presence. We hope you will look at our many varied offerings.

The website, <a href="www.stmarks-sa.org">www.stmarks-sa.org</a> is regularly updated and your best source of information. Our weekly eNews and parish Facebook page (<a href="www.facebook.com/stmarkssa">www.facebook.com/stmarkssa</a>) also contain helpful information for you to connect with us. If you are visiting, please let us know by filling out an online visitor card.

These months have provided many challenges and we continue to creatively strive to attend to our foundations. Prayer and worship may look different, but they are still available to us. We are reminded of the gift of Jesus Christ and the life of faith and discipleship he offers to all who seek him. He promises to be present and overcome all barriers to bring life to places that seem beyond the love and grace of God.

We are grateful you have joined us today. Given that the current burden of COVID-19 in our city has improved to the green zone, we are now offering streamed worship, in-person worship inside at 10 am with masking and social distancing, and outdoor worship at 11:30 am with masking and social distancing. Our services are Holy Eucharist, with streaming services including a prayer of spiritual communion for those who are not physically present at the church. Please check our website regularly to see where we are in terms of warning levels.

Please see the website and announcements section for details about upcoming Holy Week and Easter services. Our bible studies are meeting regularly and there are regular formation opportunities available by Zoom. Video resources are available for our children. Our youth are also gathering regularly. We also offer Morning Prayer at 8:30 and Compline at 7 pm Monday through Fridays on Facebook Live.

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our community. Our financial gifts support what God is doing at St. Mark's to make ministry possible throughout the week including all of our streaming offerings. Please take a moment now to make a gift to support ministry at St. Mark's.

- Give online. <a href="https://www.stmarks-sa.org/give/">https://www.stmarks-sa.org/give/</a>
- Text your gift amount to 210-399-0072
- Mail a check to the church office at 315 E. Pecan St., San Antonio, TX 78205

We give thanks for you and welcome you wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey!

Peace,

The Reverend Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

All hymns and service music will be sung only by the choir.

VOLUNTARY • Voluntary in C major

Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)

# The Word of God

# The people stand.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 182 • Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro



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#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### THE 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.** 



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.** 

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

THE FIRST LESSON 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

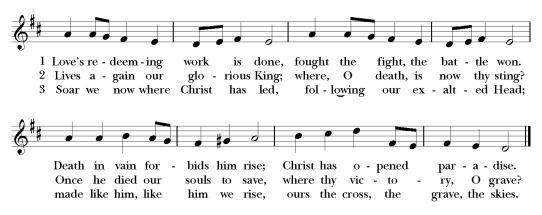
THE GRADUAL

Psalm 4

chant: George MacFarren (1813 - 1887)



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender |of my | cause; \* you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on | me and | hear my | prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dis-|honor . my | glory; \*
  how long will you worship dumb idols
  and | rün | after . false | gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders | for the | faithful; \* when I call upon the LORD, | he will | hear | me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and | do not | sin; \* speak to your heart in | silence . up-| on your | bed.
- 5 Offer the ap-| pointed | sacrifices \* and | put your | trust in . the | LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better | times!" \*
  Lift up the light of your | countenance . up-|on us, O | LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness | in my | heart, \* more than when grain and | wine and | oil in-| crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I | fall a- | sleep; \* for only you, LORD, | make me | dwell in | safety.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Savannah, from Harmonia Sacra, ca. 1760

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

Gosepeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Matthew Wise

#### 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

Celebrant: Standing or kneeling, let us pray for the church and for the world.

The people stand or kneel.

#### Intercessor:

On this day we praise God for the dying which destroyed our death, and we pray for our world in need of life, saying: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

The risen Christ was present with the disciples even when they did not recognize him as the Lord. May the church find, even in our weakness, Christ's call to healing, mission, and the sharing of good news for all.

Risen Lord,

# Hear our prayer.

Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we recognize the risen one in all the wounded of our world. Risen Lord,

# Hear our prayer.

Christ calls us each by name that we might bear witness to the risen life all around us. Let us and all in authority heed his call for justice in the church, in our community, and in our nation.

Risen Lord,

# Hear our prayer.

We are saved by a God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Let us ask for God's light in those places which seem darkest. Let us ask God to enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. Risen Lord,

#### Hear our prayer.

In the power of Christ's resurrection, we experience healing. Let us recall all who need healing, especially.....and for those with long term concerns...and for all who serve in the healing professions.

Risen Lord,

# Hear our prayer.

We remember before you those who have gone before us, especially... May we, like them, share in the fruits of the victory of Christ over the grave, the Paschal lamb who has taken away the sins of the whole world. Risen Lord,

# Hear our prayer.

# Celebrant:

To the one who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. **Amen.** 

# THE PEACE

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

# PARISH NOTICES

# The Holy Communion

# ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY • This joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow. My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen. Dutch Carol; arr. Philip Ledger (1937 – 2012)

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber: Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant:

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 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 & BENEDICTUS • S 128

William Mathias

BCP 361



#### The people stand or kneel.

# Celebrant

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

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.

#### CHRIST OUR PASSOVER • S 155

Gerald Near (b. 1942)



#### PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; as you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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



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#### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY • Prelude in D major, BWV 532a

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

# Prayer List (updated 4/14/21)

# **Immediate Needs:**

Susan Beardslee Aynslie Baird Brown

Barbara Carr Kim Casey Charlie

Chris Jean Dahlgren Vic DeForest Mardi Dunkley Tyler Fakhoury

Charles Field Sunny Fitzsimmons Jennifer Franklin Michael Franklin Ben Haney Jamie Johnson

Kristin Jones Brenda Kingery Carol Lee Klose Chuck Lodek Bill Matthews Rick Meier

Grace Ohlenbush

Ann Reeks

JD Monk

Cathy Robinson

Jane Scaffer Alex White

Kathleen Seale Withers Sharon Cotton Wood

Harold Yochem

#### Those with long-term concerns:

John Beers
Rose Beers
Juan Jose Davila
Mardi Dunkley
Ruby Garza
Fernando Guerra
Harry Guidry
Gloria Guzman
Alice Haney
Anna Jane Hays
Clark Hendley
Eleanor Johnson
Jason Morris
Ruth Peyton

Frank Sitton Patsy Warncke

# Deaths:

Robert Bruni Charles Jenkins Madelyn Hauser Patricia Scott

# Births:

Cordelia Crawford Blount to parents Sage and Rowe Blount and grandparents Linda and Stephen Blount

# **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

#### Preacher:

The Rev. Matthew Wise, Associate Rector

#### Celebrant:

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector

#### Gospeller:

The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, Associate Rector

#### Musicians:

Jon Johnson, *Director of Music & Organist* Samuel Gaskin, *Assistant Organist & Choirmaster* St. Mark's Staff Singers (*Decani*)

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Folbre Steves Pinnell, her mother, by Mollie Zachry; and Pauline Gillespie Gossett, his wife, by Robert F. Gossett Jr.

# **PARISH NOTICES**

# **TODAY AT ST. MARK'S**

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

When we are in the green, as we are now, indoor church services are held at 10.00am. Outdoor services are held at 11.30am in Tucker Courtyard. Sign up for in-person services on the <u>In-Person Worship page</u> of the website or make plans to join us each Sunday via <u>Facebook Live</u>, our <u>website</u>, or <u>YouTube</u>.

#### **FORMATION HOUR**

Easter in Action: Compassionate Care Around the City April 11 - May 2 at 9.00am via Zoom Zoom Registration

The Bread of Life is being blessed, broken, and shared throughout our city. Hear from some of our community partners about what's happening in San Antonio to bring compassion, build relationships, and make the hope of the risen Christ known in new and creative ways in the pandemic era. This Sunday, April 18, we'll hear from the Rev. Gavin Rogers, Executive Director of Corazón Ministries which operates at Travis Park Church serving our homeless and marginalized neighbors through meals, clothing, haircuts, access to medical care, Bible study, and more.

Upcoming Sessions:

April 18: Corazon Ministries

April 25: San Antonio Food Bank - Eric Cooper, CEO

May 2: Communities in Schools - Jessica Weaver, CEO, & Maria Acosta, Field Manager

#### **COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM**

Sundays at 11.15am

Join us on Sundays at 11.15am for Coffee Hour! We'll gather on Zoom for some time for fellowship and to check-in with each other.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### SECOND SUNDAYS at ST. MARK'S

7.00pm: Members of SOLI chamber ensemble

#### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

May 9 at 10.00am Service

Bishop's Visitation with Confirmands, Receptions, and Re-Affirmations

#### **MAY 23: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

10.00am: Recognition and Honors of Graduates

During 10.00am Liturgy, we will recognize and honor graduates from Education for Ministry (EfM) and those who have completed the Sacred Ground Curriculum.

9.00am-2.00 pm: Pentecost Blood Drive

This Pentecost, as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, we have an opportunity to give life-saving gifts and help replenish the supply of blood for our community! The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center will be onsite with a bloodmobile at St. Mark's 9am-2pm, Sunday, May 23. Blood donors must be in good general health, at least 17 years of age (or 16 with form to be provided) and weigh at least 110 lbs (120 lbs if 16 yrs). Blood donation is by appointment; please reserve your spot here.

# JUNE 3: ST MARK'S BOOKSTORE READING BY JAMES R. DENNIS, OP

6.00-7.30pm in the Sanctuary

San Antonio poet and friend of St. Mark's Bookstore has a new volume of poetry coming soon. Listening Devices from Stephen Austin Press is James' second book of poetry. This collection explores the nature of language, love and loss, our history, and the simple joy of being alive. It is organized into four sections, or quartets, each based on a piece of music that sets the mood for the poems in that section. Texas poet laureate Carol Coffee Reposa says of Listening Devices: "a near Renaissance breadth of vision ... Dennis is a poetic wizard."

James R. Dennis, OP is a poet, a novelist, and a Dominican friar. He also writes and teaches on spiritual matters. He lives in San Antonio with two ill-behaved dogs.

#### IMMIGRATION MINISTRIES - FOOD AND PPE KITS NEEDED

As migrants travel from border communities to hub cities on their way to their U.S. sponsors, they have shared a sincere need for food and personal protective equipment (PPE). In an effort to support our neighbors and partner organizations, DWTX Immigration Ministries needs our help to provide PPE Kits to include shelf-stable, individually-wrapped food. How you can help by donating items, volunteering to pack kits, or making a monetary donation.

Your donations must be delivered to St. Mark's on or before Sunday, May 2. If you can help pack the kits we'll do so that day following the 11.30AM service. Kits will be distributed in San Antonio by the Interfaith Welcome Coalition (IWC).

For questions, please <u>email Shea Pollom</u>. If you would like more information or additional ways to support <u>DWTX Immigration</u> <u>Ministries please visit their webpage</u>.

#### MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE

St. Mark's has a growing relationship with several other congregations through some collaborative work in mental health ministries. This month, our downtown San Antonio neighbor - First Baptist Church - is offering a series of panel discussions and Q&A on a variety of mental health topics.

Understanding Mental Health Challenges - Thursday, April 15 at 7.00pm

Let's break the stigma around mental illness. Join us for a panel discussion with mental healthcare professionals where we'll gain a deeper understanding for what mental health conditions look like, how they're treated, and how to have better conversations about these illnesses. This is sure to be a meaningful and educational evening! Childcare available. Learn more or register here.

#### **CONSTRUCTION ALERT**

Be aware of road closures and detours as you make your way back to St. Mark's. Starting April 26 through May 17, 2021, please click on image to view alternate routes when coming in from 281 and Broadway.

# WEEKDAYS AT ST. MARK'S

#### THE DAILY OFFICE

**Morning Prayer**: We are offering Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday. We hope you make plans to join us via <u>Facebook Live</u> at 8.30am. This is a more lengthy service with multiple scripture readings. Resource for Morning Prayer: <u>Mission St. Clare</u> - they also have an app for smart phones.

**Compline:** We are offering Compline, Monday through Friday. We hope you and your family will make plans to join us via <u>Facebook Live</u> at 7.00pm. This is a shorter service and would be great for families to do together! Resource for Compline: <u>BCP Online</u> - on the left side, click "Daily Office", then click "An Order for Compline"

#### **ZOOM GATHERINGS**

Questions about Zoom? Email Priscilla Briones at phriones@stmarks-sa.org.

Monday Morning Bible Study Mondays at 7.00am via Zoom (Meeting ID - 946-349-785, password – stmlion315).

Time Out Bible Study
Thursdays at 10.00am via Zoom
(Meeting ID - 979-222-853, password – stmlion315).

Art Class
Tuesdays at 10.00am via Zoom
(Meeting ID - 359-019-174, password – stmlion315).

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (taking a break on April 7)
Wednesdays at 6.30pm via Zoom
(Meeting ID - 884 4007 6632, password - stmlion315)

