THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 2, 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, www.stmarks-sa.org is regularly updated and your best source of information. Our weekly eNews and parish Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stmarkssa) 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.

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. https://www.stmarks-sa.org/give/
- 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 quartet.

VOLUNTARY • Prelude and Processional (Six Preludes for Organ)

Ernest Bloch (1880 - 1959)

The people stand.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 379 • God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh



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The Word of God

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.**



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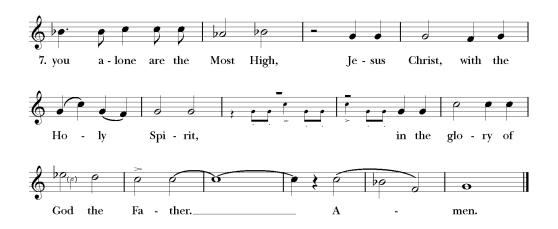
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Lord,

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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. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 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. 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.

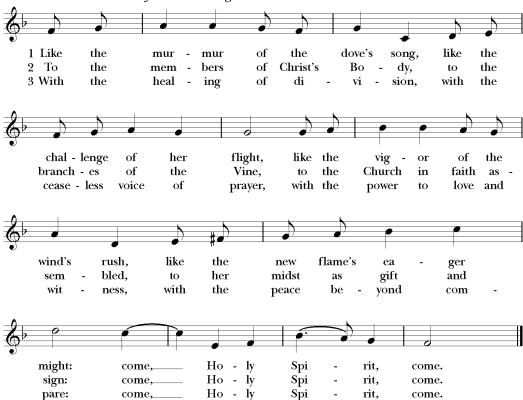
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.



- 24 My praise is of him in the | great as-|sembly; *
 - I will perform my vows in the presence of | those who | worship | him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 - and those who seek the | LORD shall | praise him: *
 - "May your | heart | live for | ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and | turn to . the | LORD, * and all the families of the | nations . shall | bow be-| fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs | to the | LORD; * he | rules | over the | nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in | worship; * all who go down to the | dust | fall be-| fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
 - my descendants shall | serve | him; *
 - they shall be known | as the | LORD's for | ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people | yet un-| born * the saving | deeds that | he has | done.

SEQUENCE HYMN 513 • Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom



THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Gosepeller: The Holy 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 vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

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: Together let us pray for the church and for the world.

The people stand or kneel.

Intercessor:

In this Eastertide we rejoice together at the resurrection of Christ. That the world may be commended to the Risen Lord who is present in our joys and our sorrows, let us pray for the whole people of God saying:

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the nations of the world and for those who lead them, that all may work together for the coming of God's kingdom on earth, and for justice and peace among all peoples.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

For Christian churches throughout the world, that they may experience unity and may follow Christ's way of Love. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the people and clergy of St. Philip's, Uvalde, and St. James', Del Rio.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

For all leaders in the church, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David and Rayford, our bishops, and for our parish clergy, that they may follow in the tradition of all the apostles in their leadership, their preaching, and in the pastoral care they offer.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

For the homeless, the hungry, and the frightened, that they may find comfort in the one who shelters them with holy presence and wipes away every tear from their eyes.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

For all areas of our common life, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live side by side in justice and peace.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have asked for our prayers, especially....and for those with long-term concerns...

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:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 • Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

music: Godfrey Sampson (1902 – 1949) text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast, Such a feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move, Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love.

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.

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



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

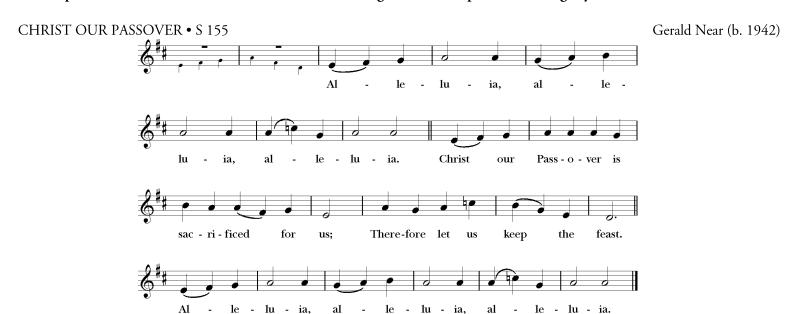
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

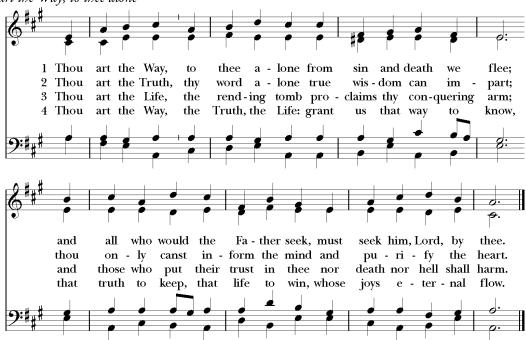
Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; as you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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

HYMN 457 • Thou art the Way, to thee alone





Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt. Music: St. James, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735)

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY • Improvised March on St. James

Prayer List (updated 4/28/21)

Immediate Needs:

Susan Beardslee

Aynslie Baird Brown Barbara Carr

Berta Garcia Chapa Charlie Chris Jean Dahlgren Vic DeForest Tyler Fakhoury Charles Field

Sunny Fitzsimmons

Jennifer Franklin Michael Franklin Walter Goodwin Ben Haney Ann Hutchison Jamie Johnson Kristin Jones Brenda Kingery Carol Lee Klose Chuck Lodek Bill Matthews Rick Meier

Grace Ohlenbush Stephanie Pollom

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

Iuan Iose 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:

Melton Dornbusch

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher:

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector

Celebrant:

The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, Associate Rector

Gospeller:

The Rev. Matthew Wise, Associate Rector

Musicians:

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

THE FLOWERS AT THE are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Russell Hawkins by his wife, Helma Hawkins; 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 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, May 2, we'll hear from Jessica Weaver, CEO, and Maria Acosta, Field Manager for Communities in Schools - San Antonio (CIS-SA). This dynamic organization is the recipient of the St. Mark's Bread of Life grant, through which we partner with Crockett Academy. Join the conversation to hear the incredible scale of impact on the lives of students and families across our city, particularly in the Covid era, as well as how the St. Mark's model of partnership has inspired other groups. Join us on Zoom.

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.

UPCOMING

May 3: Teacher Appreciation

Thank you for your generosity which exceeded our goals so we can serve breakfast tacos and fruit to Crockett Academy staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. If you haven't already done so, please stop by Sunday to sign the Thank You Poster showing Crockett Academy staff they are appreciated!

May 9: SECOND SUNDAYS at ST. MARK'S

7.00pm: Members of SOLI Chamber Ensemble

St. Mark's is pleased to welcome back SOLI Chamber Ensemble to its Second Sunday series, this time with special guest Grammy award-winning electric guitarist DJ Sparr. Contemporary music meets electric guitar in this pre-recorded concert fusing the sounds of diverse music spheres – phasing and loops, meet jazz and contemporary classical harmonies to bring dynamic energy to the ear. The event includes works by Marc Mellits, Olivia Kieffer, and Ryan Brown.

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 parental consent form) and weigh at least 110 lbs (120 lbs if 16 yrs). Blood donation is by appointment; please reserve your spot here https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/129244

June 3: St Mark's Bookstore Reading by James R. Dennis, OP

6.00-7.30pm in the Church

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

Thank you all for signing up for our Immigration Ministries. Your donations and support are very much appreciated - but we still need a few more items and a few more volunteer slots filled. If you can help, we would love to hear from you. Donations must be delivered to St. Mark's on or before this Sunday, May 2. If you can assist with packing the PPE kits we will do so following the 11.30am service. Kits will be distributed in San Antonio by the Interfaith Welcome Coalition (IWC). For questions, please email Shea Pollom

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.

Families and Mental Health - Thursday, April 29 at 7.00pm

Do you have a family member or a loved one struggling with a mental health issue? Do you feel lost or confused around how to help them? You are not alone. For our last week in our mental health awareness series, we're searching for hope for families struggling through mental illness. Join us for a panel discussion where we'll better understand how to move toward healing together. Childcare available. Learn more or register here.

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 pbriones@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)

