



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

April 12 2026

Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.  
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.  
Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold***

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PRELUDE *Allabreve*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 231

*That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.  
*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.**

GLORY TO GOD

*Common Praise, no. 686*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

*Reader:* Wes Turner

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

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Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

*Reader: Wes Turner*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader*        Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Words: Thomas H Troeger (1945-2022)  
Music: Angelus melody Heilige Seelenlust, 1657

These things did Thomas count as real: the warmth of  
 The vision of his skeptical mind was keen  
 His reasoned certainties denied that one could  
 May we, O God, by grace believe and thus the  
 blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of  
 nough to make him blind to any unexpected  
 live when one had died, until his fingers read like  
 risen Christ receive, whose raw imprinted palms reach  
 stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.  
 act too large for his small world of fact.  
 braille the markings of the spear and nail.  
 out and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my

God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Susan MacLaren

*All stand*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant*     Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All*            **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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* Diane Turner

*Leader* In joy and hope let us pray to the Father, saying “in Christ our Lord.”

*People* That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious  
and life giving resurrection; let us pray to the Father,  
**in Christ our Lord.**

*Leader* That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength  
in the good news of Easter; let us pray to the Father,

*People* **in Christ our Lord.**

*Leader* That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter;  
let us pray to the Father,

*People* **in Christ our Lord.**

*Leader* That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world;  
let us pray to the Father,

*People* **in Christ our Lord.**

*Leader* That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,  
the weak, and the dying, especially to comfort and strengthen them;  
let us pray to the Father,

*People* **in Christ our Lord.**

*Leader* That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the  
resurrection, may rejoice in eternal life; let us pray to the Father,

*People* **in Christ our Lord.**

*Leader* That he may send forth the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection;

*People* let us pray to the Father,  
**in Christ our Lord.**



*In order to celebrate the triumph of Christ's Passion,  
the people REMAIN STANDING throughout the Eucharistic Prayer*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, 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, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
*People* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.  
*People* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar  
Gluten free wafers are available. Please make your need known at the altar.  
After communion, all stand for*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Lied*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup,  
bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights,  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
So that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* May the God of peace of God who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

HYMN 216

*Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

VOLUNTARY *“Little” Fugue in g minor*

J. S. Bach

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*The Rector is preaching at St Barnabas, St Catharines this morning*

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The daffodils at the back of the church are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of her late husband Peter, on the anniversary of his death, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

With love from Eve Wylie and family.

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