



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11 2025

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***

PRELUDE *Master Tallis' Testament*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 486

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa- ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the ho - ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Reader: Bob Cross

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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Chant: Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)



The Lord / is • my / Shep- / herd;*
I / shall not / be in / want.

He makes me lie / down in / green / pastures*
and / leads me • be- / side still / waters

--- / He re- / lives my / soul*
and guides me along right pathways / for his / name's / sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death / I shall / fear no / evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your / staff they / comfort / me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of / those who / trouble / me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my / cup is / running / over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the / days of / my / life,*
and I will dwell in the / house of • the / Lord for / ever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: Bob Cross

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Music: *Buckland* Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)

Text: Jayne Elizabeth Leeson (1809-1881)

Lov - ing She - pherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in
 Lov - ing Sa - viour, thou didst give thine own life that
 I would praise thee ev - ery day, glad - ly all thy
 Lov - ing She - pherd ev - er near, teach thy lamb thy
 Where thou lead - est I would go, walk - ing in thy

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safe - ty keep; noth - ing can thy pow'r with - stand,
 we might live, and the hands out - stretched to bless
 will o - bey, like thy bless - ed ones a - bove
 voice to hear; suf - fer not my steps to stray
 steps be - low, till be - fore my Fa - ther's throne

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none can pluck me from thy hand.
 bear the cru - el nail's im - press.
 hap - py in thy pre - cious love.
 from the straight and nar - row way.
 I shall know as I am known

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all else, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

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: James Mainprize

Leader We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.
Jesus, Lord of life,
***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,
***Leader* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way.
Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,
***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,
***Leader* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you.
Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,
***Leader* in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

Leader **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution are omitted for the Great Fifty Days of Easter

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 520

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

Common Praise, no. 690

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar
After communion, all stand for*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

R. McVey

The text is found at Common Praise no 70

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 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

Gospeller Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

HYMN 444

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

VOLUNTARY *Sinfonia to Cantata 29, BWV 29*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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