THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 24, 2020 10.00 am

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 East Pecan Street San Antonio, Texas

WELCOME!

An Invitation to Worship During the Easter Season

In these uncertain times, with so much that feels different, the church stands ready to offer a rhythm of prayer that can deepen our faith and point us towards our grounding as people of the Resurrection. If you have never had the time to fully immerse yourselves in these prayers, this might be the perfect time to renew your commitment to our corporate worship. The Great Fifty Days, or the season of Easter, was considered in the early church to be a time of renewal, ongoing formation, and celebration of the power of the Risen Lord.

While we are worshipping in new ways, we are rediscovering the importance of our faith and the sustenance it can offer in times of suffering. We have been able to stay connected and in fact have expanded the reach of our worship through the dedication and creativity of our staff and community. We are remembering that worship at its best always points us to 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. We plan to offer spiritual communion during this season of resurrection. We also continue to offer Morning Prayer at 8:30 am as well as Compline at 7 pm Monday - Friday. Our bible studies are meeting regularly. Godly Play lessons are available for our children. Our youth are also gathering regularly. So, please continue to consult the website and the weekly e-news for opportunities.

As we are gathered today in this unusual way for services at St. Mark's, we aim to engage in all of the important parts of our weekly worship services. One of those important worship elements is receiving the offering.

Our financial gifts support what God is doing at St. Mark's to make ministry possible throughout the week including all of our virtual offerings. All of these things require financial resources.

Please take a moment now to make a gift to support ministry at St. Mark's.

- Give online.
- Text your gift amount to 210-399-0072
- Mail a check to the church office at 315 E. Pecan St., San Antonio, TX 78205

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

VOLUNTARY • Prelude on Llanfair

McNeil Robinson (1943 – 2015)

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE 214 • Hail the day that see him rise (vss. 1 & 2)

Llanfair



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 69:1-10, 33-36 chant: George MacFerron



- 1 Let God arise, and let his | enemies . be | scattered; *
 - let those who | hate him | flee be-| fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind | drives it . a-| way; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish | at the | presence . of | God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re-| joice be. fore | God; *

let them | also . be | merry . and | joyful.

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
 - exalt him who rides up-| on the | heavens; *
 - YAHWEH is his | Name, re-| joice be-| fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, de-| fender . of | widows, *
 - God | in his | holy | habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | into | freedom; *

but the rebels shall | live in | dry | places.

7 O God, when you went forth be-| fore your | people, * when you | märched | through the | wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of | Sinai, * at the presence of | God, the | God of | Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | your in-| heritance; * you refreshed the | land when | it was | weary.

10 Your people found their | home in | it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made pro-| vision | for the | poor.

33 Sing to God, O | kingdoms . of the | earth; * sing | praises | to the | Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the | ancient | heavens; * he sends forth his | voice, his | mighty | voice.

35 Ascribe | power . to | God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his | strength is | in the | skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his | holy | places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
| Blessed | be | God!

THE SECOND LESSON

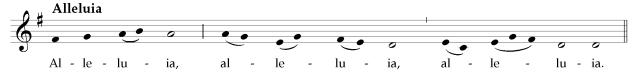
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

ALLELUIA (Alleluia sung by the cantor; ALL repeat.)



The Lord said, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice."

John 14:18

THE GOSPEL John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Intercessor:

On this day of celebration, 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 and fear, 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 more fully know his resurrection. 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.

The Risen Christ promised his followers that they would never be alone and that each time two or three came together in his name that he would truly be present with them. Let us prayerfully remember Christ's living presence among, between, and all around us, even in this time of quarantine.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

In the power of Christ's resurrection, we experience healing. Let us recall all who need to be healed, especially...and for those with long term concerns...For all who are impacted by COVID-19, especially those who are ill and all who serve in the healing professions working to care for those who are unwell.

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.

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

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.

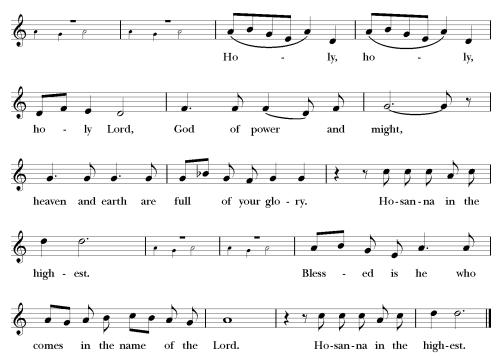
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

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

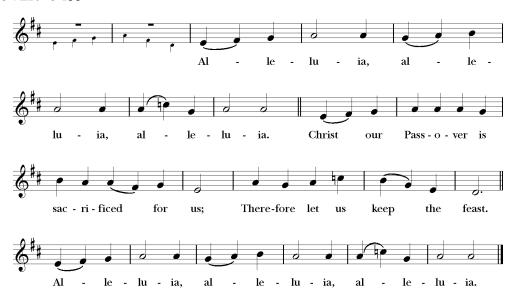
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending 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

St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696 – 1787

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

SOLO • from Messiah (Recitative) Behold, I tell you a mystery (Air) The trumpet shall sound George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

I Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall be all changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Penny Compton, trumpet

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

CLOSING HYMN 494 • Crown him with many crowns (vss. 1 & 5)

Diademata



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: People:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER LIST (updated 5/24/2020)

Immediate Needs:Molly KillianBarbie BeachBetty LudwigJohn BeersHal MeadorAynslie Baird BrownWayne MorrisonStella BrownEleanor PhelpsRita BrowningKaren RedmondKen BryarsAnn Reeks

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Chris Lynda Richards
Joan Davidson Cathy Robinson
Tyler Fakhoury Patricia Scott
Rod Haff Bartell Zachry

Corissa Healy

Cleve Howard Those with long-term concerns:

Jerry Howard Juan Jose Davila

Joyce Jacob Janet Delicia de Carrejo

Jamie JohnsonGeoffrey FlemingFrank JonesRuby Garza

Fernando Guerra Harry Guidry Gloria Guzman Alice Haney

Hudson Hanselman Marjorie Hutcheson Eleanor Johnson Ruth Peyton Frank Sitton Patsy Warncke

Deaths

Barbara Bondari Guy Chipman Jr. Robert Gilbert

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector

Celebrant: The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, Associate Rector Gospeler: The Rev. Matthew Wise, Associate Rector Organist: Jon Johnson, Organist & Choirmaster

Staff Singer: Michael Zuniga

Lectors: Catherine Diel, Martha Steves

Intercessor: Mike Duffey

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: **Wallace Carnahan IV**, on his birthday, by Bill Yates; and **Pauline Gillespie Gossett**, **his wife**, by Robert F. Gossett, Jr.; and in thanksgiving for **Margaret Virginia Vassar**, on her birthday, by her parents, Jill and George Vassar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

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

All in person programming has been postponed. Questions about Zoom? Email Rachel Dugger at rdugger@stmarks-sa.org.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Mondays at 7.00am via **Zoom** (Meeting ID - 946-349-785.

Email Rachel Dugger at <u>rdugger@stmarks-sa.org</u> for the password).

Acts Bible Study - Moving to Wednesdays beginning May 20!

Wednesdays at 6.30pm via Zoom (Meeting ID - 205-711-785. Email Rachel Dugger at rdugger@stmarks-sa.org for the password).

Time Out Bible Study

Thursdays at 10.00am via Zoom (Meeting ID - 979-222-853).

Art Class

Tuesdays at 10.00am via **Zoom** (Meeting ID - 359-019-174).

Youth Group

Wednesdays via Zoom. Email Meredith Rogers at mrogers@stmarks-sa.org for the Zoom information.

St. Mark's Youth Group Alumni

Tuesdays at 5.30pm. Email Meredith Rogers at mrogers@stmarks-sa.org for more information.

WEBINARS AND SURVEY

Webinars - During this webinar, you'll have the chance to hear from The Rev. Beth Knowlton, Rector; and Jon Johnson, Organist and Choirmaster. The Rev. Matt Wise will open with prayer, give ground rules, and at the end, read your questions. In a webinar setting, the only people on video and audio will be Beth, Jon, Matt, and Rachel, so you will not be seen or heard. Please ask questions in the Q&A section during the presentations and at the end, we will answer your questions.

These webinars will: ground us theologically, share what we have learned about music and singing, review diocesan guidelines for reopening, and answer your questions in the Q&A feature

Register online for one of the following webinars: Sunday, May 24 at 11am, Tuesday, May 26 at 6pm, or Friday, May 29 at 12pm Each of these webinars will present the same information, so you should only register for one webinar. This will be available on our website at a later date.

Survey - It is in our DNA at St. Mark's to tackle the tough questions as a community through parish-wide conversation and discernment. We have a long history of weathering challenges by considering the whole body, the needs of all in our congregation. So, what does it mean to be the body of Christ during this time when not all can gather to worship together in person? Help answer this question by filling out this <u>survey online</u>. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

BRUNCH TO GO

Our kitchen staff is ready to get cooking for you again! We are excited to offer two brunch casseroles prepared by our kitchen staff for your dine-in needs. Thanks to our friends at Los Patios, we are experimenting with a kitchen-share arrangement. Please place all orders by Wednesday, May 27. Pickup will be Thursday, May 28 from 10.00am-2.00pm in the parking lot at Los Patios (2015 NE Interstate Loop 410, 78217). All orders must be placed online. Contact us at 210-226-2426 if you would like assistance.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

In observance of Memorial Day, the office staff will be on holiday on Monday, May 25. If you have any pastoral concerns, please call the church phone at 210-226-2426 and press option 7.

ST. MARK'S AND TEMPLE BETH-EL PRESENT A WEEKLY SEMINAR

The History of the State of Israel: Unpacking the First 72 Years - Wednesdays at 12.30pm - Remaining classes: May 20, 27, and June 3 Uri Feinberg has been a Jewish Educator for almost 25 years. With a MA from Hebrew University in Contemporary Jewish Studies and as a licensed tour guide since 2000, Uir uses his talents as a story teller, historian, and astute political observer to help provide clarity in the midst of an ever changing international reality. Register for the class online.

ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP ALUMNI ZOOM

St. Mark's Youth Group Alumni and Graduates are welcome to join our weekly zoom calls on Tuesday's from 5.30-6.30pm. Email Meredith Rogers at mrogers@stmarks-sa.org for meeting information.

CHURCH OFFICE PRACTICES

While St. Mark's staff are working from home, we are providing opportunities for community and continuing basic functions that are permitted by the Stay Home, Stay Safe order from the city. Here's our plan:

- Phone calls are still being answered during business hours by Ruby Merrill. If she is occupied, you'll be able to leave messages which we check regularly.
- We are still collecting and processing mail, so you can reach us as usual in this way. Your notes of encouragement and gifts of generosity sustain us.
- We are daily checking on the property, making sure it is secure and remains in good operating condition, inside and outside. While conserving on maintenance and upkeep where we can, we are doing all things necessary to care for the sanctuary and the parish house.
- Staff work together, using social distancing, to bring support and educational instruction to our children and youth.

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