

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 26, 2019

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 EAST PECAN STREET

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Welcome!

As Christians formed in a rich liturgical tradition, we believe that when we assemble for worship, we are gathering as the Body of Christ. Liturgy, a word we use for our way of worship, literally may be translated as “the work of the people.” We are enriched by your presence and participation whether this is your first time visiting with us or you are a committed member of our parish.

We are a vibrant downtown community that is ready to welcome you wherever you may find yourself on your journey. We believe that the radical hospitality offered by Jesus Christ is one that we should model in our community life together as we seek to live out the Good News.

Our core vocation is to Feed San Antonio with the Bread of Life; we do this in ministry by:

Feeding the hungry with real food

Feeding those who are hungry for knowledge and meaning

Feeding those who are hungry for beauty and creativity

For more information about our community, see announcements at the back of this leaflet and please visit our website at www.stmarks-sa.org

Visitors: Please take a moment and fill out a Welcome Guest card that can be found in the pews. This can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher or greeter. If you would like to fill out a guest card but did not fill one out at church, visit our Welcome page at www.stmarks-sa.org or call us at 210-226-2426.

Nursery Available

Our Nursery, located in the Parish House, is available for children, ages 6wks-5yrs. Also, please see the pew card for further information about including children in our worship experience.

Children's Chapel

At the 9.00am service, there is a special Children's Chapel for the Liturgy of the Word that begins in the Jerusalem Chapel for preschool and elementary aged children. Children join their parents in the church at the Peace in time for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion and Gluten Free Wafers

Holy Communion is available to all baptized Christians regardless of denominational affiliation. We welcome children to receive at the table as well. Gluten free communion wafers are available by request. If you prefer to not receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest so we will know this is your desire.

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, the altar flowers are given in memory or honor of various loved ones and special occasions. If you are interested in adding to the beauty of the altar flowers, please email Ann Coiner (atcoiner@gmail.com) or call 210-827-2073.

Free parking is available for Sundays and weekday church activities in either of the two church lots.

**The east lot is located at the corner of Jefferson and Pecan,
and the west lot borders Pecan Street between the bus station and St. Mark's.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

7.45 AM

THE ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

BCP 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – *Revelation 21:10; 22-22:5*

At the Gradual, Psalm 67

BCP 675

The Holy Gospel – *John 14:23-29*

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10.00 AM

VOLUNTARY

Communion (*Messe Basse*)

Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

HYMN IN PROCESSION 398

Forrest Green

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.***

GLORIA – S 278

William Mathias

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – *Acts 16:9-15*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

At the Gradual – *Psalm 67*

George MacFarren (1813-1887)



- 1 *May God be merciful to | us and | bless us, **
show us the light of his | counte- | nance and | come to us.
- 2 *Let your ways be | known . upon | earth, **
your saving | health a- | mong all | nations.
- 3 *Let the peoples | praise you, . O | God; **
let | all the | peoples | praise you.
- 4 *Let the nations be glad and | sing for | joy, **
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the | nations | upon | earth.
- 5 *Let the peoples | praise you, . O | God; **
let | all the | peoples | praise you.
- 6 *The earth has brought | forth her | increase; **
may God, our | own God, | give us . his | blessing.
- 7 *May God | give us . his | blessing, **
and may all the ends of the | earth | stand in | awe of him.

The Second Lesson – *Revelation 21:10; 22-22:5*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

At the Sequence, **HYMN 405**

Royal Oak

The Holy Gospel – *John 14:23-29*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is read.

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

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

The people stand or kneel.

Intercessor: Let us pray in union with our Risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Advocate, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of Christ, his own gift to his apostles, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

The Spirit calls us each by name that we might more fully live into God's dream for this world. Let us and all in authority heed the call for justice in the church, in our community, and in our nation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, we experience healing. Let us recall all who need to be healed, especially.....and for those with long term concerns..., let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you have sent your Holy Spirit to teach us and to bring to remembrance all you have done in the power of God. Be known to us, as you have promised. Hear our prayers, grant us your peace and love, and grant us those things which we need in order to experience your kingdom on earth, as you live and reign for ever and ever.

AMEN.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

AT THE OFFERTORY, An Anthem

The secret of Christ

Richard Shepherd (b. 1949)

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God, and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves were for the healing of nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.

Isaiah 42:14-16; Revelation 22:1-3; Colossians 4:2-4

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

At the distribution

HYMN 345

HYMN 513

*Ellers
Bridegroom*

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that others may share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: *We who are many are one body, because we are one in Christ Jesus.*

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION 537

Moscow

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Théodore Dubois (1837 – 1924)

Toccata in G major

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; **Margarite** and **George Parker** by Camilla Parker; and **Pauline Gillespie Gossett, his wife**, by Robert F. Gossett, Jr.; in honor of **John Tarr**, on his birthday, by Robert Tisdal; and in thanksgiving for **Margaret Virginia Vassar**, on her birthday, by her parents, Jill and George Vassar.

The First Lesson – Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Second Lesson – Revelation 21:10; 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Holy Gospel – John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

PRAYER LIST

Immediate Needs:

Halim Aboul Saad
Michael Alebis
Tom Arnall
Aynslie Baird Brown
Ken Bryars
Buddy Carrejo
Ron Cobb
Betty Ann Cody
Norb Cole
Jean Collins
Juan Jose Davila
Janet Delicia de Carrejo
Ruby Garza
Emily King

Betsy O'Connell
Maria Mendoza
Donna Palmer
Ruth Peyton
Patti Reed
Cathy Robinson
Patricia Scott
Ron Therkelson

Those with long-term concerns:

Yvonne Chi
Ellen Dickson
Fernando Guerra
Hudson Hanselman
Corissa Healey

Marjorie Hutcheson
Dick Johnson
Eleanor Johnson
Phyllis Monier
Eleanor Phelps
Lynda Richards
Mel Richards
Frank Sitton
Patsy Warncke

Deaths

Joyce Dean
Sue Riefberg

7.45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Altar Guild: Tao Bennett, Ann Coleman

Intercessor: Bill Smith

Ushers: Raymond and Norma Baird

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

10.00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Altar Guild: Derrick Dodge, Clytie Phelps, Jane Satel, Mike Duffey

Lectors: Kate Crone, Adrienne Vaughn

Intercessor: Gail Harwood

Eucharistic Ministers: David Phipps, Gary Chambers, Bob Cotton, Gordon Dunkley

Acolytes: Evan Alderman, Scott Allison, Taylor Allison, Ally Lozano, Audrey Lozano, Rayen Lucas, Emma Foster

Ushers: Otis Parchman, Brad Oxford, Al Hartman, Annabelle McGee, Craig Donegan

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

Celebrant: The Rev. Matthew Wise

Gospeler: The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGEE RESPONSE

We are seeking volunteers to work with refugees coming into San Antonio. The most urgent need is for evening and/or overnight volunteers at the Travis Park Church Shelter, and there are daytime opportunities to serve at the Migrant Resource Center. Sign up with a friend or family member, or organize a group to serve together. Spanish language ability is an asset, but not a requirement. Volunteer forms and more information is available online (www.stmarks-sa.org/urgentneeds). Monetary donations may be made to St. Mark's Urgent Need Fund. Please email The Rev. Ann Fraser (afraser@stmarks-sa.org) with questions.

SAY YES – A LITURGY OF NOT GIVING UP ON YOURSELF

Live Art & One Man Show by Scott Erickson – **THIS THURSDAY**, May 30 at 7.00pm in Gish Hall - A multimedia storytelling experience that deals with the painful death of a dream. When your dreams die, the voice of Giving Up speaks very poignantly about what your next options should be. But I discovered a hidden deeper path emerges. One that leads to an unexpected conversation with desire, vocation and existence itself. "Liturgy" simply means the "work of the people"...and our conversations about existence, giving up, suicide, disappointment, desires, vocation, hopes, dreams are communal conversations that we should corporately construct before existence itself. And they should involve comedy, singing, and art making. This is what we'll do together. For more information and to RSVP visit www.stmarks-sa.org and click on Sign Ups/Reservations.

PENTECOST PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, JUNE 9

After the combined 10.00am service, we will have our annual Pentecost Parish Picnic in Travis Park. Please dress comfortably and wear red! A complimentary lunch and dessert will be provided from the following food trucks - Cheesy Jane's, Curb, Mi Taquito Arandas, Pho U, Mister Softee, and Drake's Fun Foods. Stay tuned for the menus! Join us for food, fun, and fellowship with a bounce castle, giant 18' double slide, a Velcro wall, lawn games, and misting fans for all!

SUMMER FORMATION – STORIES OF OUR FAMILY

June 16 - August 11 at 9.00am in Gish Hall

As children of God and followers of Jesus, we are a people of stories. When we gather in the liturgy each week, we are surrounded by and enveloped in these stories - ancient, traditional, shared, individual, modern, and personal. As Bishop Duncan Gray has said, "When we read from the scriptures we are really just telling the family's stories." And sharing our stories is the best and most meaningful way a community can grow together. The creative act of story-telling (and story-hearing) is the process through which individuals and whole communities construct our identity, make choices, and inspire action. This summer we want to hear some of your stories. Each week two members of our community will have the opportunity to share some of the narrative that makes them who they are. Each story-teller will be given a series of questions ahead of time - prompts that they can either write or prepare responses to, and then choose to get up and tell their story OR to be "interviewed" by another member asking the questions out loud. Every story teller will be guided through the process which begins with the same question "Who is your favorite biblical character?"

Please sign up online to share your story and you'll be emailed the questions/prompts.

ART IN THE SERVICE OF MINDFUL MEDITATION

Tuesdays beginning June 18 from 10.00am-12.00pm in Room 306

This is a free ten week summer art course and all materials are provided. All are welcome! The course is based mainly on the writings of Sister Wendy Beckett. If you are interested or would like more information, email Harry Greer (harryagreer@gmail.com).

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Friday, May 31 the church office will close at 12.00pm every Friday during the summer. We will resume regular office hours the week of August 12.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & CREATION CAMP

Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26

Vacation Bible School – “Created”

9.00am - 12.30pm - Ages 3yrs - 5th grade - Cost: \$25

Ever wonder what on earth we are here for? And what are we created to do with our lives? During this fun, and meaningful week, we will be exploring how we are created in the image of God for so many things! Specifically, we will focus on how we are created to love, to serve, for community, and to worship! We will spend the week exploring what this looks like in our lives, and where these themes are found in our Episcopal liturgy today! We will end our week with a special closing Eucharist for all VBS participants and their families. We hope you'll make plans to join us for this exciting and engaging week of fun and learning - you won't want to miss it! Register online by visiting stmarks-sa.org and clicking on “Sign Ups/Reservations” for your child(ren) to participate and/or to volunteer with Vacation Bible School!

Creation Camp

1.00pm - 5.00pm - Ages 1st-5th Grade - Cost: \$75

If you're looking for even more activities and fun after VBS each day, plan on sticking around for Creation Camp! We'll spend time singing with Mr. Johnson, learning about watercolor painting with Dr. Greer, and enjoy fun and games with our Creation Camp group leaders! Creation Camp schedule is as follows:

12.30-1.00pm - Lunch (participants bring sack lunch from home)

1.00-3.00pm - Choir Camp with Jon Johnson

3.00-4.00pm - Watercolor Class with Harry Greer

4.00-5.00pm - Supervised activities with Creation Camp group leaders

Register online by visiting stmarks-sa.org and clicking on “Sign Ups/Reservations” for Creation Camp!