



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

5:00 p.m. – CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Everything you need to follow along with the service is contained in this bulletin. For a complete list of safety protocols for worship, please see page 7 of this bulletin.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
and in grateful thanksgiving for the blessing of the service of our graduating senior acolyte captains, chalice bearers, and lectors.*

VOLUNTARY

Christ the Lord is risen again

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

When rooks fly homeward

Arthur Baynon

When rooks (crows) fly homeward and shadows fall,

When roses fold on the hay-yard wall,

When blind moths flutter by door and tree,

Then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

When stars look out on the Children's Path,

And grey mists gather on carn (rocks) and rath (earthen hill),

When night is one with the brooding sea,

Then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

– Text: Joseph Campbell

Please stand

OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION

Christ the Lord is risen again (*Christ ist erstanden*)

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb in King of kings. Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Paschal lamb indeed,
Christ, today your people feed. Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
takes our sin and guilt away that with angels we may say: Alleluia! *Refrain*

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross
is exalted now to save, wresting victory from the grave. Alleluia! *Refrain*

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
- *Psalm 141:2*

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel and say the Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please stand

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

The Preces and Responses

musical setting: David Drinkell

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Invitatory Hymn

Jesus, Redeemer of the world (*Wilderness*)

All Jesus, Redeemer of the world, Word of the Father throned on high,
light from the light invisible, and watchful guardian over all:

Women The whole creation's architect, you set the bounds of night and day,
give to our wearied bodies rest in night's enfolding quietness.

Men You broke the chains of death and hell: Lord, free us from our ancient foe
and let him never lead astray those you have ransomed by your blood.

All Lord, while we live for this short time as mortals clothed in earthbound frame,
refresh us now with restful sleep that waking we may watch with you.

All All glory be to you, Lord Christ, who, conquering death, reign gloriously
with God, Creator of all things and with the Spirit, Comforter.

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Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 7:22-8:1

Wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

Magnificat *sung by the choir*

musical setting: Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Nunc dimittis *sung by the choir*

musical setting: Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel

musical setting: David Drinkell

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and Choir

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.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love.

Choir Amen.

The Congregation may be seated as the Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

Stay with us

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us; it soon is evening and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

Text: Luke 24:29 and Phos hilaron, trans. Gracia Grindal

Please stand

PRESENTATION HYMN

The Doxology (*Old 100th*)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *said by all*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

This joyful Eastertide (*Vreuchten*)

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lord of all life, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

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VOLUNTARY AND PROCESSION

Choral

Joseph Jongen



Music Notes

Tonight's Choral Evensong highlights themes of the close of day and the prayers for safekeeping through the night typical of any evensong along with themes of our continued movement through Eastertide. This "hybrid" is epitomized in the anthem "Stay with us", which quotes one of the evening collects as well as one of the most ancient hymns we have, the evening hymn known as the *Phos Hilaron*, but its quote from the collect: "stay with us, for evening is at hand..." is itself a quote of Luke 24:29, from one of the resurrection appearances of Jesus, in this case on the road to Emmaus – so Easter and evening rolled into one! The hymn "Jesus, Redeemer of the world" also weaves together evening and resurrection themes, while other things, like the opening and closing hymns, are specifically about Easter or specifically about the evening, like the opening introit.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Clergy – Rev. Canon Dr. Douglas Dupree

St. Mark's Choir – Rick Blasi, Sarah Blasi, Tavian Cox, Lee Haramis, Hugh Morris,
Susan Poole, Cameryn Valiente, Jon Woodbine

Director of Music – James Holyer

Acolytes – Jacob Holyer, Louisa Holyer **Lector** – J. J. Howell **Vergers** – Keith Daw

Parish News – May 2, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS for SAFETY DURING WORSHIP

The 11 a.m. service is mask optional; the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services require face coverings. Physical distancing and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces protocols remain in place, and the clergy, staff and worship lay leaders will continue to wear face masks at the 11 a.m. service. Please note that any indoor public gathering of people creates an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19.

- At 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., please wear face masks or face-coverings throughout the service. Face masks should cover your mouth and nose at all times, except when consuming the Communion wafer.
- Observe physical distancing guidelines.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

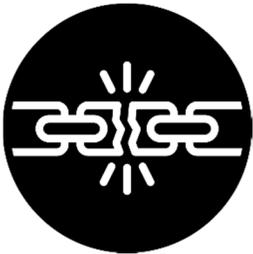
- Sunday, May 2 – 10 a.m. – Reception for our graduating seniors, Class of 2021 – see details below
- Sunday, May 2 – 10 a.m. – Sunday School for children – see details below
- Sunday, May 2 – 10 a.m. – Christianity Today – Dempsey Chapel and via Zoom
- Sunday, May 2 – 5 p.m. – Eastertide Choral Evensong – Church
- Sunday, May 2 – 6-6:45 p.m. – Junior High EYC – Leatherbury Hall
- Sunday, May 2 – 6:45-7:15 p.m. – EYC dinner – Leatherbury Hall
- Sunday, May 2 – 7:15-8 p.m. – Senior High EYC – Leatherbury Hall
- Wednesday, May 5 – 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- Friday, May 7 – Men's Bible Study – Library in person and via Zoom

Reception for the Class of 2021

Please join us after the 9 a.m. service for a reception honoring our graduating seniors. We will gather in Leatherbury Hall and outside in the Baker Courtyard Garden for food, fellowship, and a slideshow with photos of our graduates.

Breaking the Chains Lions Forum Series – resumes Sunday, May 9

Join us for *Breaking the Chains: Easter Freedom in our Lives* in person in Leatherbury Hall on Sundays at 10 a.m., resuming Sunday, May 9. This series is designed to apply the freedom of Christ's Easter victory to our current lives through the testimony of guest speakers. Our next guest will be the Rev. Canon Allison DeFoor who will be speaking on the topic of addiction and how God uses the 12 Steps to break the power of addiction. All are welcome to attend! This series will also be available to view on our website and through our Teaching Tuesdays email.



Sunday School for children

Sunday School for children will meet from 10 to 10:50 a.m. in the following locations:

- Pre-K through 3rd grade – Hope House
- Girls and Boys Breakfast Clubs (4th through 6th grades) – Grace House main room

Middle School and High School Youth classes will not meet today so that youth can attend the reception in Leatherbury Hall. Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this exciting return of Sunday School possible!

Eastertide Evensong TONIGHT

Evensong is a beautiful, brief, musical service led by the clergy and choir that does not include Communion or a sermon but is instead a series of prayers, scripture readings, hymns and choral music which, in this case, highlight the ongoing Easter season. Please join us in the church tonight at 5 p.m. or via livestream for this lovely service, which will take the place of our usual 5 p.m. service in the chapel.

Musical Mondays – May 3 – Rich Lewis, organ

Our next concert will feature Rich Lewis on the lovely Austin organ at Riverside Park United Methodist Church, where he is the organist. Videos are emailed on Mondays but will be available after the initial broadcast.



Camp Weed Summer Camp Scholarships

Interested in attending Camp Weed this summer? There are a number of scholarships available for outstanding young people from St. Marks due to the generosity of Mrs. Edmonia Bedell. To apply, please write a one page letter describing why you would like to attend Camp Weed and how it would make a difference in your life. Include your name, address and phone number and drop it by the church office or email church@stmarksjacksonville.org. Please address the letter to the St. Mark's Foundation Attn: Nancy Burrows.

Holy Baptism at St. Mark's

Due to the pandemic, we are currently limiting the number of baptisms on Sundays to one per service, so if you're interested we encourage you to sign up quickly. We currently have openings available on August 22, and November 7. In addition to these Sunday morning dates, we are also offering "family baptisms" for families and small groupings of friends who would feel safer gathering at home or in the church on an agreed upon Saturday morning.

If you're interested in baptism at St. Mark's, please contact one of the clergy!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Week of May 2 – May 8

Benjamin Bates, Miko Burgstiner, William Cassidy, Gray Chunn, John Eller, Thomas Gibbs, Trip Gibbs, Bill Hallowes, Billie Haynes, Mackie Hobby, Vincent Holt, Denise Hudmon, Clayton Lorentson, Ellen Magevney, Seana McAfee, Bob Miller, Jackson Miller, Chris Nott, Robin Shelly, Johnny Simmons, Mary Preston Singletary, Wyatt Singletary, Debra Skinner, Michael Spencer, Larry Weber, Eleanor White, John Whitner, Wilder Whittaker, Clay Wilhelm, Mary Lee Willetts and Carol Worsham.

If your birthday is this week and your name is not listed or if you do not want your birthday to be listed, please contact the church office.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or need prayer, please contact the Rev. Cn. Nancy Suellau at 388-2681 or nsuellau@stmarksjacksonville.org. St. Mark's has a public prayer list, read aloud on Sundays and a confidential prayer list, shared only with clergy and the intercessory prayer team. To add a name to one of these prayer lists, contact Rev. Suellau.

A note from your clergy

If you need a receptive ear or comforting voice in this challenging environment, St. Mark's clergy are available to speak, listen and pray with you by phone. Please email any of our clergy to schedule a time to talk.

The Rev. Tom Murray	tmurray@stmarksjacksonville.org	388-2681 ext. 206
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