

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All are welcome, because all belong.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023

10 AM



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The Entrance Rite

The Prelude

Hymn 400 at the Procession *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(Omit * verses)

The Ministry of the Word

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant continues

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.*

The Gloria

1) Blessed be your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance
flow
Blessed be your Name
And blessed be your Name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your Name
Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say

Blessed Be Your Name

Chorus:

Blessed be the Name of the Lord
Blessed be your Name
Blessed be the Name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious Name

2) Blessed be your Name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your Name
Blessed be your Name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your Name
Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say *Chorus*

Bridge:

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord, blessed be your Name *Chorus*

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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 Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Reading from the Epistles

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

Children's Moment

Children are invited to join Father Chris for a Children's Moment, after which they may go with the leader of Children's Church in the Parish Hall. They will return to the service at the Peace.

Hymn During the Sequence

Zimbabwe Alleluia

The musical score is written on two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and the second 'All'. The lyrics are: Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, — hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, — hal - le - lu - jah!

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Christopher Tang

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.

Prayers of the People Form III

We pray together for ourselves and other people; for God's family, the church; for nations and leaders; for peace and justice; for people who are sick or in trouble; for people we love; for people who have died.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*
Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*
Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*
Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*
Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

The announcements are shared with the congregation.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

An offering is received to support St. Mark's ministry of sharing God's love this Easter season. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online using the QR code.



The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Music at the Offertory

You Say

1) I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

2) Am I more than just the sum of
Every high and every low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know oo oh

Chorus:

You say I am loved when I can't feel a
thing
You say I am strong when I think I am
weak
You say I am held when I am falling
short
And when I don't belong oh you say I
am yours

Hymn at the Presentation

Chorus:

I will celebrate
Sing unto the Lord
Sing to the Lord a new song
I will celebrate
Sing unto the Lord
Sing to the Lord a new song

The Great Thanksgiving

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

And I believe, oh I believe
What you say of me, I believe

3) The only thing that matters now
Is everything you think of me
In you I find my worth
In you I find my identity *Chorus*

Bridge:

Taking all I have and now
I'm laying it at your feet
You'll have every failure God
You'll have every victory *Chorus*

Ending

Oh I believe yes I believe
What you say of me, I believe

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I Will Celebrate

Verse:

With my heart rejoicing within
With my mind focused on Him
With my hands raised to the heavens
All I am worshipping Him

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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 God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant says a Proper Preface as appointed, then continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

The People may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those

who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The Celebrant or other assigned leader leads those who are worshipping remotely

Celebrant: O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Christ, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen. Amen.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrants says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music During the Communion

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

- Thomas Tallis

Song

God of Wonders

1) Lord of all creation
Of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Chorus:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty

2) Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night *Chorus*

Bridge:

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven
and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven
and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven
and earth

You are holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me

Father hold me, hold me

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy, holy, holy, holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

Precious Lord reveal your heart to me

Father hold, me hold me

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven
and earth

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven
and earth

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and earth

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Song

1) We are a moment, you are forever

Lord of the ages, God before time

We are a vapor, you are eternal

Love everlasting, reigning on high

Chorus:

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto your name

Be unto your name

Be Unto Your Name

2) We are the broken, you are
the healer

Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save

You are the love song we'll
sing forever

Bowing before you,

blessing your name *Chorus*

Ending:

Be unto your name *Repeat*

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The Post Communion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Hymn at the Closing 292

O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown

KINGSFOLD

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Resurrection.

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

The Postlude

Flowers at the Altar are presented to the Glory of God by the People of St. Mark's.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Chris Tang
Organist: Nina Asgeirsson Feeney
Praise Band: Margaret and Rick LaRocca, Richard Boales
Choir Members: Barbara Barrett, John Beakes, Rosemary Beakes, Joanna Boales, Richard Boales, Sandi Davis, Kris DeWitt, Nancy Hall, June Kerger, Michelle Goddard Kim, Sharon Koenig, Dave McAdoo, Marianna Stepniak, Susan Stup, Charles Wingate

		<u>Next Week</u>
Chalicerist:	Beth Mitchell	Sally Swygert
Reader:	Daniel Buettner	Matt Biewer
Altar Guild:	Lisa Biewer	Bev Roof, Karen Tang
Ushers:	Lisa Biewer	Kathy Arth
	Randy Scourtis	Bob Arth

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday ~ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Vestry Members and Officers

Senior Warden: Ron Luman | Junior Warden: Thomas Feeney

Treasurer: Kathleen Huffman | Registrar: Rich Roca

Matt Biewer, Irene Dustin, Sharon Keeny, Dick Mitchell, Sheridan Phillips,
Brendon Worst, Bill Brazis, Kay Morice, and Tim Swygert

Rector: The Rev. Chris Tang

Organist and Choir Master: Nina Feeney

Praise Band: Rick and Margaret LaRocca

Office Manager: Nancy Fadely

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

St. Mark's Calendar

See details below or at StMarksHighland.org

9:00 am: Sunday School

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist - Church

11:00 am: Fellowship - Parish Hall

Daily 8:30 pm: Compline on Zoom (link on our webpage)

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Wednesdays

9:00 am Morning Prayer in the Parish House

9:30 am Bible Study in the Parish House

Thursdays

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Church

“... the hope that is in you ...” 1 Peter: 15

A few weeks ago, Father Chris+ spoke to the confirmation class about sacraments. For anyone who needs a refresher, a sacrament is an outward sign of a spiritual reality or grace taking place within us. In recent weeks, the Stewardship Committee has invited you to complete a pledge card to document your annual support for our faith community. We hope that everyone has had a chance to complete a pledge card or to pledge online. While your pledge is not a binding commitment, having a ballpark idea of the level of annual financial support we will receive is critical to the vestry's ability to plan our programmatic and outreach initiatives. Completing a pledge card is not one of the seven sacraments, but it is, indeed, an outward sign of the hope that is in you! Your hope for our parish, our families, and your hope for the good we can do together in the world.

If you have not completed a pledge card, please complete a physical card that are located with the Sunday bulletins or make your pledge electronically by emailing Matt Biewer, Chair of St. Mark's Stewardship team, at matt_biewer@yahoo.com or pledge online using the QR code below.

Thank you for your generous support!

In peace,

Your Stewardship Committee

GIVE NOW...



MAKE A PLEDGE...



All Creatures of Our God and King



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
 *2 Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
 *3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our
 5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your
 *6 And ev-en you, most gen-tle death, wait-ing to hush our fi-nal
 7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
 2 loft, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Fair ris-ing
 3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in-
 4 way, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O— sing now: Al-le-lu-ia! All you that
 6 breath, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re-joice, stars night-ly shin-ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:
 5 pain and sor-row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - te air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.