



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA

An inclusive fellowship called by God, through
Christ, to love and serve the world.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

This leaflet is provided to assist you in the liturgy. Numbers refer to musical selections found in the blue hymnals. Service music (denoted with S) is in the front of the blue hymnals. Hymns with WLP before the numbers refer to the green hymnal.

Please move into silence as the altar candles are lit.

Welcome

Prelude

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Processional Hymn (please stand)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymn 182

Easter Acclamations and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People 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.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *(please be seated)*

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they

came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. ***People* Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson

John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Sequence Hymn (*please stand*)

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Hymn 513

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the

branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (*Please be seated*)

The Very Reverend Roy Tripp

(A period of silence follows the sermon)

The Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

Sing to the tune Nettleton

**We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame,
virgin born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.
Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.
We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
We shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. In our diocese, we pray for Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant, and on the Anglican Cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Bangladesh.

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Mary, Connie, Judy, Jim, Ben , Susan, Bonnie, Stacia, Jack, George, Amy, Alice, Dan, Tietjen, Lori, Jack, Chris, Jeannie, Arlene, and others whom we now name.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the Peace of Christ, after which they take their seats.

Announcements

Vestry Person on Duty

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Music

Thou True Vine That heals the Nations (from Christian Lyre)

St. Mark's Choir

Thou true Vine that heals the nations, Tree of life, Thy branches we.
They who leave Thee face and wither, None bear fruit except in Thee.
Cleanse us, make us safe and simple, all we merge our lives in Thine.
Gain ourselves in Thee the vintage, Give ourselves through Thee the Vine.
Nothing can we do without Thee, On Thy life depends each one.
If we keep Thy words and love Thee, All we ask for shall be done.
May we loving one another, radiant in Thy light abide.
So through us, made fruitful by Thee, Shall our God be glorified.

Please stand as the offering is taken to the altar.

Presentation Hymn

(sing to tune of Last uns erfren)

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 (*all sing*)

Hymnal S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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,

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 the Virgin Mary, Blessed 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 (*all sing*)

S149

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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

Fraction Anthem: *(all sing)*

Hymnal S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion

Communion Hymns

*What wondrous love is this
Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn 439

Hymn 383

Hymn After Communion *Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord (repeat 3 times)*

Hymn 178

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. *(please stand)*

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Processional Hymn

In Christ there is no east or west

Hymn 529

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve God's world!

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

Postlude

Mach's mit mir, Gott

Johann Hermann Schein (d. 1630)

The Flowers on the altar today were given by Woody Rutter to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his sisters Caroline Rutter Frazer and Olivia Rutter Petrasch.

Serving Today

Music Director: Karen Harmon

9:00—Acolyte: Susan Grimes; **Lectors:** Lori Tull & Jane Frederick; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Gordon Mabie & Jane Frederick; **Usher/Greeters:** Anne-Marie & David Irwin; **Vestry Person on Duty:** Jim Turk; **Sacristan:** Margaret Tabb; **Videographer:** T'ZiPi Radonsky

11:00—Acolyte: Jim Nehf; **Lectors:** Laura Nehf & Barbara Anderson; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Cheri Thayer & George Utter; **Usher/Greeters:** Scott Peters & Bobby Downs; **Vestry Person on Duty:** Cheri Thayer; **Sacristan:** Sally Dombay; **Flower Guild:** Paula Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We're glad you could join us on this morning! Please make yourselves known to the ushers so they can give you a visitor's name tag. If you wish to be placed on our mailing list, fill out a visitor's card and give it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. If you'd like to receive our e-newsletters, contact the office at 843-379-1020 or stmarksc@gmail.com or sign up on our website.

RESTROOMS are located off the community room adjoining the back of the church and are accessible during the service via the outside ramp to the side door.

A NURSERY for children under 3 is available in St. Mark's Center during the 11 a.m. service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for older children takes place in St. Mark's Center during the 11 a.m. service. Children are escorted over to the church to join their families during the Peace.

VISIONING SESSION NEXT SUNDAY—On Sun., May 5, at 10 a.m. between services, we will have a visioning session for a future parish hall. We want to hear your ideas and priorities. Join us in the church.

SURVEY RESULTS—Thank you to everyone who participated in the St. Mark's Skills, Talents, and Interests Survey! The response was amazing with 104 people taking the time to share their information, and much was learned about the interests and abilities of our members. Almost 40 percent of the responses were from people who have been at St. Mark's for less than five years. Since only 14 percent of the respondents are aware of all of our ministries, we hope the upcoming Ministry Fair on May 19 will shine a light on a place for you to share your gifts. The survey results will be distributed to our various ministry leaders to use when needs arise. —*Cheryl Gaillard*

PARISH PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR—On the Day of Pentecost, May 19, we'll have one service at 10 a.m. followed by a covered-dish picnic and information about St. Mark's many ministries and volunteer opportunities. To volunteer to help with set-up and clean-up, please contact Jane Frederick at jane@f-farchitects.com or 843-441-2030. This is a BYOC event (Bring Your Own Chair) and everyone should bring a dish to share.

STEPHEN MINISTRY—Both Stephen Ministers as well as those who are hurting receive many blessings from their relationships. I would invite you to watch a brief video of Stephen Ministers sharing their personal experiences. Google “YouTube The Stephen Ministry Training Experience” or use the link in Thursday’s “Red Lion Weekly.”—*In Christ, Glenda Lee Nutting*

PRES SUPPORT—The snacks you helped purchase for Port Royal Elementary School's testing in May have been delivered. The principal was extremely appreciative. We still need more donations to offset the cost, so it's not too late to make a \$5 donation to St. Mark's. If writing a check, note "PRES snacks" in the subject line. Carter Hoyt will take all donations, and if you have questions, contact her at carterhoyt@comcast.net.

ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S GROUP, Women of Grace, had a good turnout for their luncheon on April 18. The group is collecting small items for bingo prizes for Bayside Nursing Home. They also welcomed several new members and enjoyed good food and conversation. The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs., May 16, at noon in the church. All St. Mark's women are invited.

THE EASTER SEASON, which lasts through May 19, is a traditional time for baptisms. To arrange a baptism for yourself or a child, contact Fr. Roy at the Parish Office, 843-379-1020.

MUSIC NOTES—This week’s choral anthem “Thou True Vine that Heals the Nations” (New York City, 1833) was originally published in the influential “shaped note” hymnal *The Christian Lyre*. The congregation today sings another shaped note hymn, “Wondrous Love” (1835). This hymn was published in *The Southern Harmony*, a more widely known hymnal than *The Christian Lyre*. Shaped notes are a form of musical notation to help singers find the proper pitch of the note. Used up and down the east coast, shaped note singing was practiced primarily in the South. The vocal style is described as “unadorned and unpolished.” Try to hear the stylistic similarities in the two shaped note hymns we sing today. —*Karen Harmon, Music Director*

NEXT SUNDAY is “Food Bank Sunday” and you’re invited to bring non-perishable food items for St. Francis Center. They need canned chicken and small cans or jars of chicken or beef gravy, but all donations are appreciated..

THE OUTREACH AND MISSION COMMITTEE met April 22 via Zoom with Lori Opozpa, Director of HELP of Beaufort, as the speaker. She discussed the various ways HELP provides food, clothing, and short-term assistance to our neighbors in need and the progress of the construction of the new HELP building on Ribaut Rd. To volunteer at HELP, contact Lori at loripalmer.ecd@live.com The Committee approved a grant request for Habitat for Humanity. The funds will be used to buy construction materials for the next Faith Home in Beaufort County. Habitat volunteers are welcomed at the construction site and in the ReStore. For more information contact jebbush@habitatathhi.com. The next O&M meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, at 4:30 p.m. See you at the Ministry Fair!—*Gale Swann*

ONLY FIVE OPENINGS remain for St. Mark’s pilgrimage to England on Sept. 10-18. June 1 is the deadline to register for this trip. For more information, contact Fr. Roy or see last Thursday’s “Red Lion Weekly.”

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS—The following dates in May and June are open to anyone who would like to give altar flowers as a memorial or in thanksgiving: May 19, June 2, June 23 and June 30. Check the webpage for additional openings later in the year. To give flowers fill out an envelope avail-

able in the narthex and enclose your check to St. Mark's for \$30, or get a copy of the form from the website and mail it in. Many thanks to all who've donated flowers and to the members of the Flower Guild for their beautiful arrangements.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR Mary Bryan, Connie Skok, Judy Parichy, Jim Lorenz, Ben Donaldson, Susan Perry, Bonnie Connolly, Stacia Christie, Jack Stefan, George Kirkman, Amy Christian, Alice, Dan Snook, Tietjen Alvarez, Lori, Jack and Chris Nietert, Jeannie Bray and Arlene Mull.

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