



The Sunday After Ascension Day

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

May 12, 2024 ~ 9 & 11 a.m.

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

Introit

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (Text: Hymn 218)

St. Mark's Choir

Processional Hymn (please stand)

Hail the day that sees him rise

Hymn 214

Easter Acclamations and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

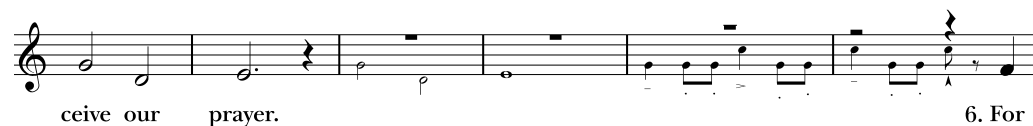
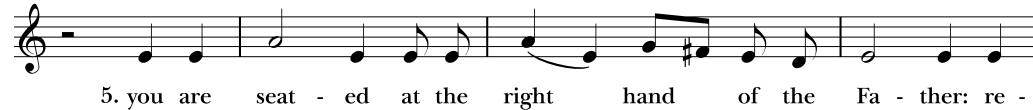
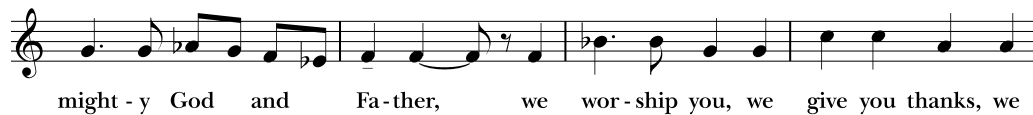
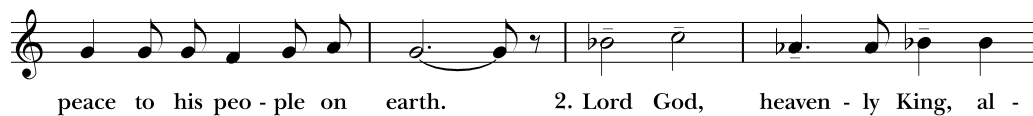
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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



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, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *(please be seated)*

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, * the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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People Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn (*please stand*)

The head that once was crowned with thorns

Hymn 483, (v 1-3, 6)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon 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 the Church of the Good Shepherd in Summerville, and on the Anglican Cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Burundi.

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, especially Marilyn Moore Dare, 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, Bonnie, George, Amy, Alice, Don, Lori, Jeannie, Arlene, Joyce, Jim and Sandy, Kris, Lovell, 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

*O Lord Most High, Eternal King (Text Hymn 221)
(Perry C. Buck)*

St. Mark's Choir

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, alleluia.

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.

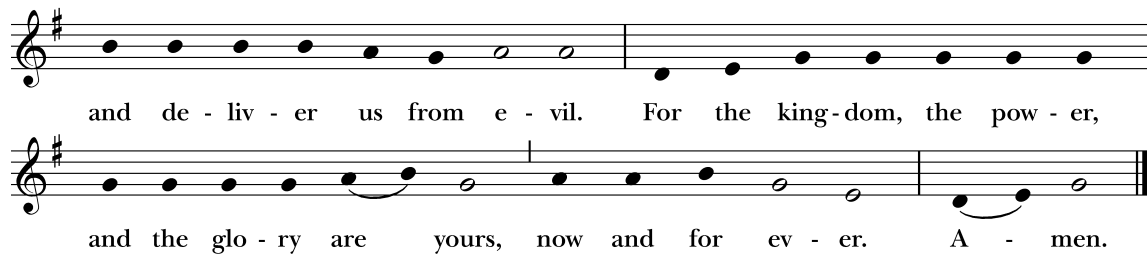
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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,

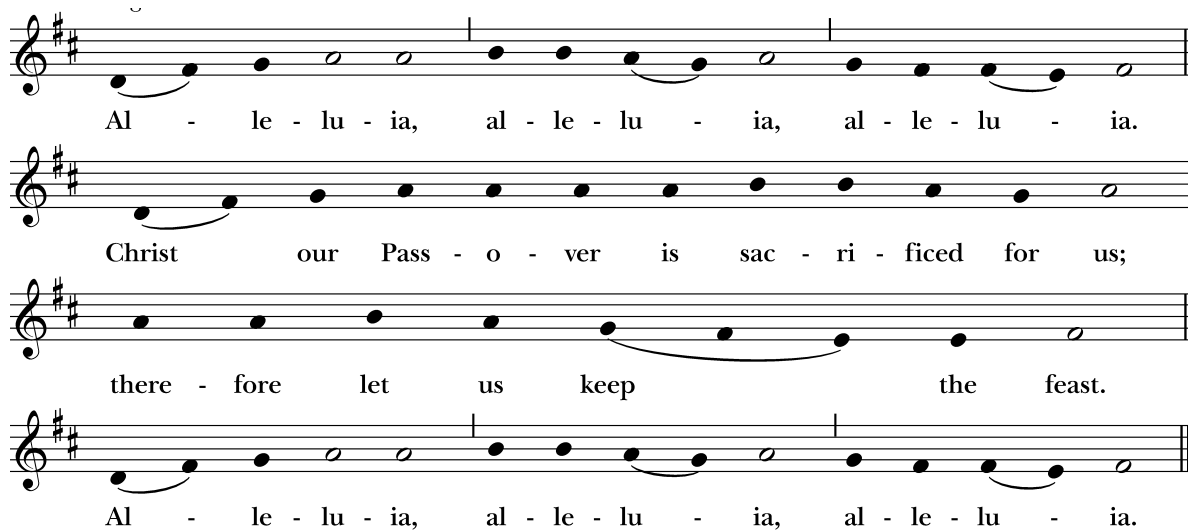


and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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

Deck thyself, my soul with gladness

Hymn 339 (v 1-2)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

WLP 810

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

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

Hymn 215

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

William Owen (d. 1893)

Mothers' Day Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the altar today were given by the congregation of St. Marks to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our mothers here on earth and in loving memory of those above.

Serving Today

Music Director: Karen Harmon

Handbells: Barbara Anderson, Sallie Stone, TBA

9:00—Acolyte: Carter Hoyt; **Lectors:** Lori Tull & Jane Frederick; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathlyn Gray & Gordon Mabie; **Usher/Greeters:** Tom & Lori Tull; **Vestry Person on Duty:** Jane Frederick;

Sacristan: Carter Hoyt; **Videographer:** Preston Tripp

11:00—Acolyte: Sally Mayse; **Lectors:** Barbara Anderson & George Utter ; **Eucharistic Ministers:** George Utter & Ken Kraft; **Usher/Greeters:** Jane Forsythe & Quitman Marshall; **Vestry Person on Duty:** Cheri Thayer; **Sacristan:** Sally Mayse; **Flower Guild:** Weezie Gibson

Memorial Service for David Irwin

A memorial service for David Irwin, who passed away unexpectedly on Apr. 26, will take place in St. Mark's Church on Sat., May 18, at 10 a.m. Following the service, the family will receive friends at their home at 105 Old Plantation Dr., E in Walling Grove on Lady's Island. We ask your prayers for Anne-Marie, sons Josh and Andrew, and other members of the family.

May his soul and all the souls of the departed rest in peace.

PENTECOST PICNIC & MINISTRY FAIR

**Sunday, May 19th
on the Green
following the 10:00 am service**



Bring a dish to share and a chair!

- * Drop your dish off on the Green prior to the service
- * Please provide a serving utensil
- * Please label all containers with your name

Rain Date is June 2nd

If you can help set up before the picnic, get food on the tables, or pick up/take down afterwards, please contact Jane Frederick at jane@f-farchitects.com.

CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES

Beginning next Sunday, May 19, we will return to our summer schedule of one service at 10 a.m. We will switch back to two services on Sept. 8, the Sunday after Labor Day.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We're glad you could join us 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.

THE VESTRY IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE that a Search Committee for our upcoming transition has been formed and will be formally commissioned on Sun., May 26. The following parishioners joyfully and enthusiastically accepted our call to serve: Sallie Stone (Chairperson), Beth Campbell, Shannon Duffy, Liz Esch, Scott Peters, Woody Rutter and Jim Turk (Vestry). Please join us in thanking them for their stewardship and keep them in your prayers. We'll be hearing more about the search process and their efforts in the coming weeks and months.--Cheri Thayer, Senior Warden

THE MAY GOD-ON-TAP will take place at the Smokehouse restaurant on Paris Ave. in Port Royal, on Thurs., May 16, from 6-8 p.m.. This will be the last G.O.T before our summer break. Gatherings will resume in September. Come join us for good food, drink and conversation.

Join the Wandering Rector for coffee and conversation upstairs at the Publix on Robert Smalls Parkway on Thurs., May 23, at 10 a.m..

"READ ANY BANNED BOOKS LATELY?" will be presented by the Women of Grace, St. Mark's Women's group, at their next meeting. Dr. Celeste DiCarlo Nalwasky, Ph.D., will share a few experiences of her 58 years as a school librarian. It's been a long journey in the wilderness to love those who want to ban books in public schools. Join the fun as we look back at the many things she laughs at now that were not so funny then. Yes--she has done a few other things besides brew coffee and buy donuts for Sunday morning refreshments. Thurs., May 16, at noon in the church. All St. Mark's women are invited to attend.

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.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR Mary Bryan, Connie Skok, Judy Parichy, Jim Lorenz, Ben Donaldson, Bonnie Connolly, George Kirkman, Amy Christian, Alice, Don Snook, Lori, Jeannie Bray, Arlene Mull, Joyce, Jim and Sandy Click, Kris Kraft, Lovell Phillips, and the Dare Family.

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The Very Reverend Roy Tripp, Rector

The Reverend Kenneth Kraft, Deacon