THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019

9:00 AM
Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark’s welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available during the liturgy as well as greeters and clergy following, should you have any questions or concerns. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service. Children of any age are always welcome at Saint Mark’s liturgies. In addition, child care during services is available in the Child Care Center, located in the west end of the cathedral building. You may reach the Child Care Center through the southwest doors of the nave, or by taking the elevator to the 5th floor. Ushers will guide you.

In recent months the 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist has been employing alternative liturgical texts. During Eastertide, we will continue to pray collects adapted from Dr. Steven Shakespeare’s Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2008), and we will use a Eucharistic Prayer adapted from the Book of Common Prayer of the Scottish Episcopal Church (1982).

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

The Reverend Cristi Chapman, Curate for Spiritual Growth and Stewardship, Presider
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Preacher

THE GATHERING

A bell tolling a few minutes before the hour calls bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.

As the opening hymn is introduced, all rise as able.

**HYMN 199**  Come, ye faithful, raise the strain ◆ The Hymnal 1982 #199
stanzas 1 & 2  TUNE: St. Kevin

**PASCHALTIDE ACCLAMATION**

*Presider*  Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*Assembly*  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Presider*  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.

*All*  Amen.
Everyone:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heav’nly King, al-might-y God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose undying love for all creation has no limits:
give us faith to believe that we are known and loved
with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you;
through Jesus Christ, who is one with the source of life.

All Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

Please be seated for the readings.
**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**READING**  
*Acts 9:36–43*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**Assembly**  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**  
*Psalm 23*  
*Plainsong, Tone 8.1*

The Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.
The Cantor chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

\[\begin{align*}
&\text{Dominus regit me} \\
&\text{The Lord is my shepherd;} * \\
&\text{I shall not be in want.} \\
&\text{2 He makes me lie down in green pastures} * \\
&\text{and leads me beside still waters. \textbf{ANTIPHON}} \\
&\text{3 He revives my soul} * \\
&\text{and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.} \\
&\text{4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;} * \\
&\text{for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. \textbf{ANTIPHON}} \\
&\text{5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;} * \\
&\text{you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.} \\
&\text{6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,} * \\
&\text{and I will dwell in the house of the \textbf{LORD} for ever. \textbf{ANTIPHON}}
\]
Revelation 7:9–17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Assembly  Thanks be to God.
After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed. Children in preschool through second grade are then invited to Children’s Chapel in Thomsen Chapel. They will return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join their children.

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Melchior Vulpius (1570–1615), arr. John L. Hooker

The Cantor introduces the alleluias, all repeat them. The Cantor chants the verse, all repeat the alleluias.

\[\text{Al-le-lu-ia, } \text{al-le-lu-ia, } \text{al-le-lu-ia.}\]

\[\text{V. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and my sheep know me. —John 10:14}\]

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 10:22–30

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*Assembly* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON**

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason
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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 ASSEMBLY

After each petition:

Intercessor  Risen Lord,
Assembly  Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider  Christ passed through the locked doors of fear
to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity.
Let us greet one another in Christ’s name

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly  And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Christ.
OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshipping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Many support Saint Mark's through pledged offerings made by credit card or via mail. Together our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

ANTHEM  

Shepherd me, O God

WORDS & MUSIC: Marty Haugen (b. 1950), based on Psalm 23

Refrain:  
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love  
in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy  
follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

The bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table. When the Presider stands, all rise as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

adapted from the Scottish Episcopal Church

Presider  The Lord be with you.
Assembly  And also with you.
Presider  Lift up your hearts.
Assembly  We lift them to God.
Presider  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly  It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Presider  Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. You work without ceasing to bring order from chaos, filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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Surely your kindness and mercy  
follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.
Praise and thanksgiving be to you, God of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel’s liberation, the night in which slaves walked free from Egypt, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: “Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.” After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most Holy One, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Reign.

Help us, who are gathered into the fellowship of Christ’s Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, Saint Mark and all the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, God of all creation, world without end.

All AMEN.
The Lord’s Prayer
Ambrosian Chant

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**Fraction Anthem**  This is the feast of victory for our God  Richard Hillert (1923–2010)

All sing the antiphon. The Choir sings the verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

咏. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Antiphon**

咏. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Antiphon**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider  The gifts of God for the people of God.
All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.
Communion is distributed at standing stations at the head of each aisle.
If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.
Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available at the Presider's communion station at the center aisle.
♦ Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.
♦ Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the wine and feed you.
♦ To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY  Organ Improvisation

HYMN 343  Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  ♦  The Hymnal 1982 #343  TUNE: St. Agnes

All rise as able.
SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider  One body are we.
Assembly  For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.
Deacon  Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider  Gracious God,
All  we have broken the bread which is Christ’s body;
we have tasted the wine of his new life.
We thank you for these gifts
by which we are made one in him
and drawn into that new creation
which is your will for all humanity;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING  The Presider asks God’s blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.

HYMN 708  Savior, like a shepherd lead us  •  The Hymnal 1982 #708  TUNE: Sicilian Mariners
stanzas 1 & 2

DISMISSAL  The Deacon dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY  Allegro maestoso from Sonata 2  Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)