

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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MORNING PRAYER
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Welcome and announcements

Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed. Alleluia!
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, rich in mercy and steadfast in love: You bring light from darkness, life from the grave. Raise us from sin, and make us alive together with Christ. Uphold us by your Spirit until all things, mended by your mercy, are made whole in you; through Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. **Amen.**

Hymn #377 ELW *"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"*

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. (Refrain)

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. (Refrain)
4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. (Refrain)
5. City of God, Easer forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! (Refrain)

O Lord, open my lips: **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give glory to God, our light and our life:

O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In your hands are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us as your children: Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Scripture readings

I John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 BCP *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn #374 ELW *“Day of Arising”*

1. Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
2. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.
3. Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
4. Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord be with you: **And also, with you.**

Let us pray. Mighty God of glory, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of the risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially do we thank you-
for the sustaining goodness of your creation...
for the new creation in Christ, and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...
for the gifts of community with others...
for the communion of faith in your church...
for light in our darkness...hear us, O Lord: **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray-
for those who govern the nations of the world, especially the new President and Congress of this nation...
for people in places ravaged by strife or warfare...
for all who work to bring peace and justice...
for all who strive to save and protect the earth...
for the church of Christ in every land...
for those whose needs we know, especially Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Peter, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Frank, Caroline, Mary, Gloria, John... and
for those who have no one else to pray for them...
Hear us, O Lord: **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
Our Father...

Hymn #1096 ELW *"Joyful Is the Dark"*

1. Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God, rolling cloud of night beyond all naming: majesty in darkness, energy of love, Word in flesh, the mystery proclaiming.
2. Joyful is the dark, Spirit of the deep, winging wildly o'er the world's creation, silken sheen of midnight plumage black and bright, swopping with the beauty of a raven.

3. Joyful is the dark, shadowed stable floor; angels flicker, God on earth confessing, as with exultation, Mary, giving birth, hails infant cry of need and blessing.
4. Joyful is the dark, coolness of the tomb, waiting for the wonder of the morning; never was that midnight touched by dread and gloom: darkness was the cradle of the dawning.
5. Joyful is the dark, depth of love divine, roaring, looming thundercloud of glory, holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God. Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

Concluding Prayers and Blessing

Grant, O Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in your courts may walk in the region of light; and that all your people may be restored in newness of life. Glory to you for your inexpressible gift, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #826 ELW; *“Thine the Amen”*

1. Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread thine the glory thine the story the harvest then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
2. Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
3. Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

4. Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.
5. Thine the lory in the night no more dying only light thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God: Father, [+]Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us, now and forever. **Amen.**

**UPCOMING EASTER ORGAN MEDITATIONS: 4 PM
FACEBOOK LIVE**

April 25th - Easter Meditation
Special Easter Meditation on May 2nd at 4PM