

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

Eight O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, May 7, 2023

## THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **Opening Sentences**

**Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page 39**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**BCP page 42**

*Officiant:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Christ our Passover**

**BCP page 46**

*Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \*

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \*

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \*

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, \*

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, \*

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## **First Reading**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60*

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \* deliver me in your righteousness

2 Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \* for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \* for you are my tower of strength

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \* for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

5 My times are in your hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* and in your loving-kindness save me."

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter 2:2-10*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 2**

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**A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

**Gospel Reading***A reading from the Gospel according to John 10:1-12*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**Canticle 6 Glory be to God on high**

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**Apostles’ Creed**

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**Prayers of the People**

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**Suffrages B**

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**Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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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 Prayers**

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**A Collect for Sundays,**

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**General Thanksgiving,**

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**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Officiant: **Let us bless the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God.

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**Thank you to our Sunday Ministers:**

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Usher – S. Gagnon

Reader – M. Zimmer

Prayers of the People: S. Gagnon

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