

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

7:30 P.M.

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLUMBUS, OHIO



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

“This is the night...”

Welcome to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. We gather in the darkness of the night on which Jesus rose from the dead. This service is unlike any other service in the year. It is the Christian Passover feast, in which we celebrate the Passover of Jesus from death into life and our own passover from death into life in Holy Baptism. The service has four parts.

The Service of Light—We gather to kindle a fire to drive away the darkness, and from the new fire a large candle is lighted, called the *paschal candle*. As it is carried into the midst of our assembly the deacon sings out “The light of Christ,” and we respond “Thanks be to God.” From this candle, the people light their own small candles, and the church is filled with the light of Christ. Then the deacon or another singer sings the ancient hymn known as the *Exsultet*, which praises God for this night in which the ancient people of Israel were delivered from Egypt at the Red Sea, in which Christ rose from the dead, and in which we are baptized into his death and resurrection.

The Vigil—We then settle down and read a number of passages from the Old Testament which cover the major events of salvation history. After each reading we sing a psalm and stand as one of the ministers leads us in a prayer which relates the reading to our salvation and our Baptism.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows—By reminding us of our sacred story, the readings have reaffirmed our identity as the people of God, the Body of Christ. Now we renew the promises of Baptism, by which the church gave birth to us as members by water and the Holy Spirit. It is in the rising of the newly baptized from the waters of Baptism that the Resurrection of Christ is renewed in our midst. When we, the members of his Body, stand in prayer, the Body of Christ is risen and made visible to the world.

Holy Eucharist—This is the Eucharist of the year—the one of which all our other Eucharists are repetitions. In this Eucharist, Paul reminds us that in Baptism we have died with Christ in order that we may be raised with him, and we hear Matthew's account of the empty tomb, when the risen Christ met the women and sent them to tell the others that he was risen from the dead. In sign and Sacrament, holy story and song, the dying and rising of Jesus in the midst of the people is once again enacted. Sharing in the holy gifts of the altar, we find ourselves made one with Christ and rejoice in this foretaste of the glory of God's kingdom.

THE ORDER OF PROCESSION

THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, CANTOR

Matthew Bester

THE VERGER

Kevin Fix

THE CRUCIFER

Alex R.

THE CHALICE BEARERS

Nnedi Obianagha

George Reed

THE SAINT MARK'S CHOIR

THE CELEBRANT

The Rev. Vicki Zust

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

ORGANIST

Michael Schreffler

LECTORS

Ellen Berndt

Norman Jones

Ted Meyers

Nnedi Obianagha

Alex R.

George Reed

USHERS

Jill Hinton

Lynn Glandon

Phil Glandon



ON THE COVER

“And the darkness shall not overcome it”

Photo by The Rev. Dr. Paul St. Germain

*We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.
Kindly silence all mobile devices.*

As the bell tolls, please stand and face the new fire in the Narthex.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, the Presiding Priest addresses the people in these words

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Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray. O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is now lit with the following words

May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

A Minister, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times as a cantor sings



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The people are invited to light their candles from the acolyte torches as they process up the center aisle. Please share the light with those around you. People seated near one of the Stations of the Cross are invited to light the votive candle.

THE EXSULTET (HYMNAL S-69) *(standing)*

Matthew Bester, *cantor*

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

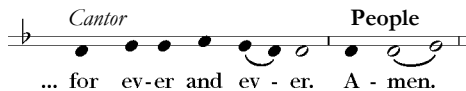
Cantor

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

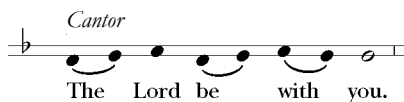
Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts,
in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to
God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,



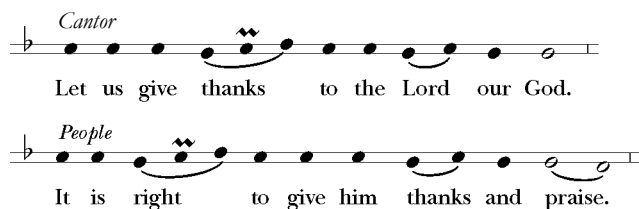
... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

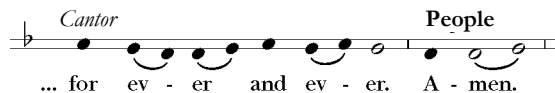
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns



The Liturgy of the Word

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Celebrant Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

THE STORY OF CREATION: GENESIS 1:1—2:4a (*seated*)

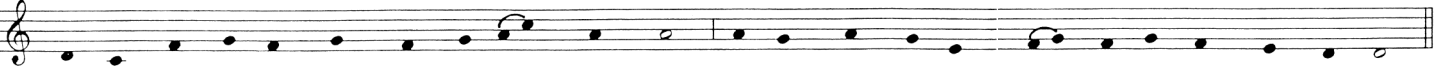
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with

which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

PSALM 33:1-11 *(Men of the Saint Mark’s Choir)*

The antiphon is sung first by the choir, then repeated by all, and then sung by all after verses 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

Plainsong, Mode 1



- By the word of the LORD were the hea - vens made, by the breath of his mouth all the hea - ven - ly hosts.
- 1

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2

Praise the LORD with the harp;
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3

Sing for him a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4

For the word of the LORD is right,
and all his works are sure.

5

He loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

6

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.

8

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9

For he spoke, and it came to pass;
he commanded, and it stood fast.

10

The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught;
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11

But the LORD’s will stands fast for ever,
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- ANTIPHON

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- Celebrant* Let us pray.
Silence

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- 3-

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA—EXODUS 14:10-31;15:20-21 *(seated)*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with them and the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

THE SONG OF MOSES *(Stefanie Bester, cantor)*

Plainsong, Mode 1 and Tonus Peregrinus

The antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all, and then sung by all after the last verse.

*Antiphon in Lent and at
the Easter Vigil* (b)



I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge;
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him,
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior;
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods?
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand;
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign
for ever and for ever.

ANTIPHON

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Silence

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL—ISAIAH 55:1-11 (*seated*)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

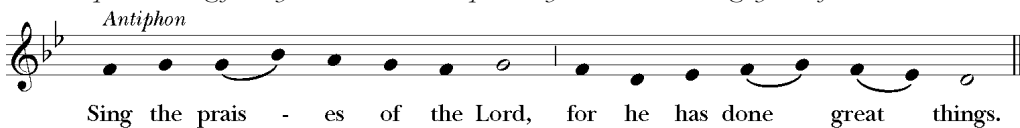
Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

THE SONG OF ISAIAH (Margaret Wells, *cantor*)

Plainsong, Mode 3

The antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all, and then sung by all after the last verse.



Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

ANTIPHON

Celebrant

Let us pray

Silence

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit; Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

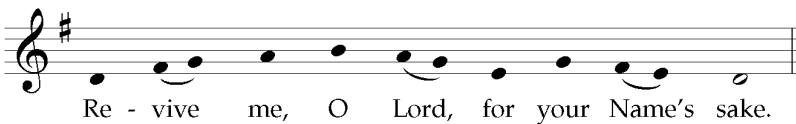
THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES—EZEKIEL 37:1-14 *(seated)*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

PSALM 143 *(Women of the Saint Mark's Choir)*

Plainsong, Mode 7

The antiphon is sung first by the choir, then repeated by all, and then sung by all after verses 2, 4, 6, 9, and 12.



- 1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications;
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for in your sight shall no one living be justified. **ANTIPHON**
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground;
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is desolate. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you;
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land. **ANTIPHON**
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,
for I flee to you for refuge. **ANTIPHON**
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake;
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught,
for truly I am your servant. **ANTIPHON**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Silence

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The congregation stands.

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

As a reminder of the new life we received through the sacrament of Baptism, the clergy will asperse the congregation with baptismal water from the font.

ANTHEM (*Saint Mark's Choir*)

Vidi aquam

Michael McCarthy (b. 1955)

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo
a latere dextro,
et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista
salvi facti sunt.
Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus. Alleluia.

I saw water flowing from the temple
from its right side,
and all those to whom this water came
were made well.
I acknowledge the Lord because he is good. Alleluia.

Vidi aquam (etc.)

I saw water (etc.)

Text: Antiphon during the Asperges during Eastertide

The Celebrant will come forward and say

Celebrant

Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! Of this night scripture says: 'The night will be as clear as day: it will become my light, my joy.' The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride. Therefore, heavenly Father, in the beauty of this night, receive our songs of joy and praise, your Church's sacred offering, as we raise our hearts and voices to say:

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The candles on the Altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle.

When the lights in the Nave are turned on you are invited to ring your handbells until the Gloria begins.

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.

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 6:3-11 (*seated*)

Reader

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader

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

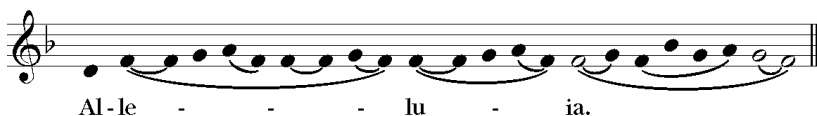
People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

THE GREAT ALLELUIA S-70 (Matthew Bester, *cantor*)

After the Epistle, this Alleluia is sung three times by a cantor, at a successively higher pitch (one whole tone each time), the congregation repeating it each time.



THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10 (*standing*)

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PEACE (*standing*)

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive contributions for the ministry of Saint Mark's. You can also give electronically at www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/saintmarks or by texting "GIVE" to (614)665-6508.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(Saint Mark's Choir)*

Sing Ye to the Lord
Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Sing ye to the Lord,
for He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host
hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall,
Thou hast opened Paradise,
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia! Amen!

Text: Exodus 15:4, 21 and *Ad regias Agni dapes* (4th century), trans. Robert Campbell (1814–1868)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING *(standing)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—PRAYER A *(standing)*

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Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also 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 God 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

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; the people may stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI (HYMNAL S-165) *(standing or kneeling, sung by all)*

William Mathias



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers will direct you to the communion rail. You may stand or kneel at the rail. If you need communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

You may receive the bread only or receive the bread and the chalice.

If you are receiving the bread only, please cross your arms over your chest as the chalice comes by.

If you are receiving the chalice, please guide the base of the chalice as you take a sip.

If you are uncomfortable receiving communion, if you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you will receive a blessing.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (*Saint Mark's Choir*)

When Mary Thro' the Garden Went
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

When Mary thro' the garden went,
There was no sound of any bird,
And yet, because the night was spent,
The little grasses lightly stirred,
The flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
The dew lay still on flower and grass,
The waving palms above her sent
Their fragrance out as she did pass.
No light upon their branches was.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
Her eyes, for weeping long, were dim.
The grass beneath her footsteps bent,
The solemn lilies, white and slim,
These also stood and wept for Him.

When Mary thro' the garden went,
She sought, within the garden ground,
One for Whom her heart was rent,
One Who for her sake was bound,
One Who sought and she was found.

Text: Mary Coleridge (1861–1907)

COMMUNION HYMN 181 *(seated, sung by all)*

“Awake and sing the song”

William Hammond (1719–1783)

St. Ethelwald

William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

1 A - wake and sing the song of
 2 Sing of his dy - ing love, his
 3 You pil - grims on the road to
 4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his

Mo - ses and the Lamb; wake ev - ery heart and
 re - sur - rec - tion power; sing how he in - ter -
 Zi - on's ci - ty, sing, re - joic - ing in the
 end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er

ev - ery tongue to praise the Sa - vior's name.
 cedes a - bove for those whose sins he bore.
 Lamb of God, in Christ the e - ter - nal King.
 notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(standing or kneeling)**BCP, p. 366**Celebrant*

Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING*The priest blesses the congregation.*

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 205 *(standing, sung by all)*

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

Gelobt sei Gott

Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955)

Melchior Vulpus (c.1560–1616)

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remain in your pews until the altar party has reached the back of the church. Please be respectful of those who are choosing to listen and pray through the postlude.

VOLUNTARYCarillon on *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

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Easter Sunday

March 31

9 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II

with music by the Canterbury Choir and Saint Mark's Brass

10 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II

with music by Saint Mark's Choir and Saint Mark's Brass

Incense will be used



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Mission Statement:

As a Christ-centered community, the people of Saint Mark's seek a world in which all people share the joy of loving God and each other by...

- *Celebrating worship together with inspiring words, music and traditions*
- *Serving all of our neighbors*
- *Engaging in fellowship and hospitality*
- *Encouraging people in their lifelong spiritual formation*
- *Being a beacon of Christ's presence in the world*

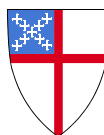
Who We Are:



Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark's held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ's ministry within and beyond our parish.



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