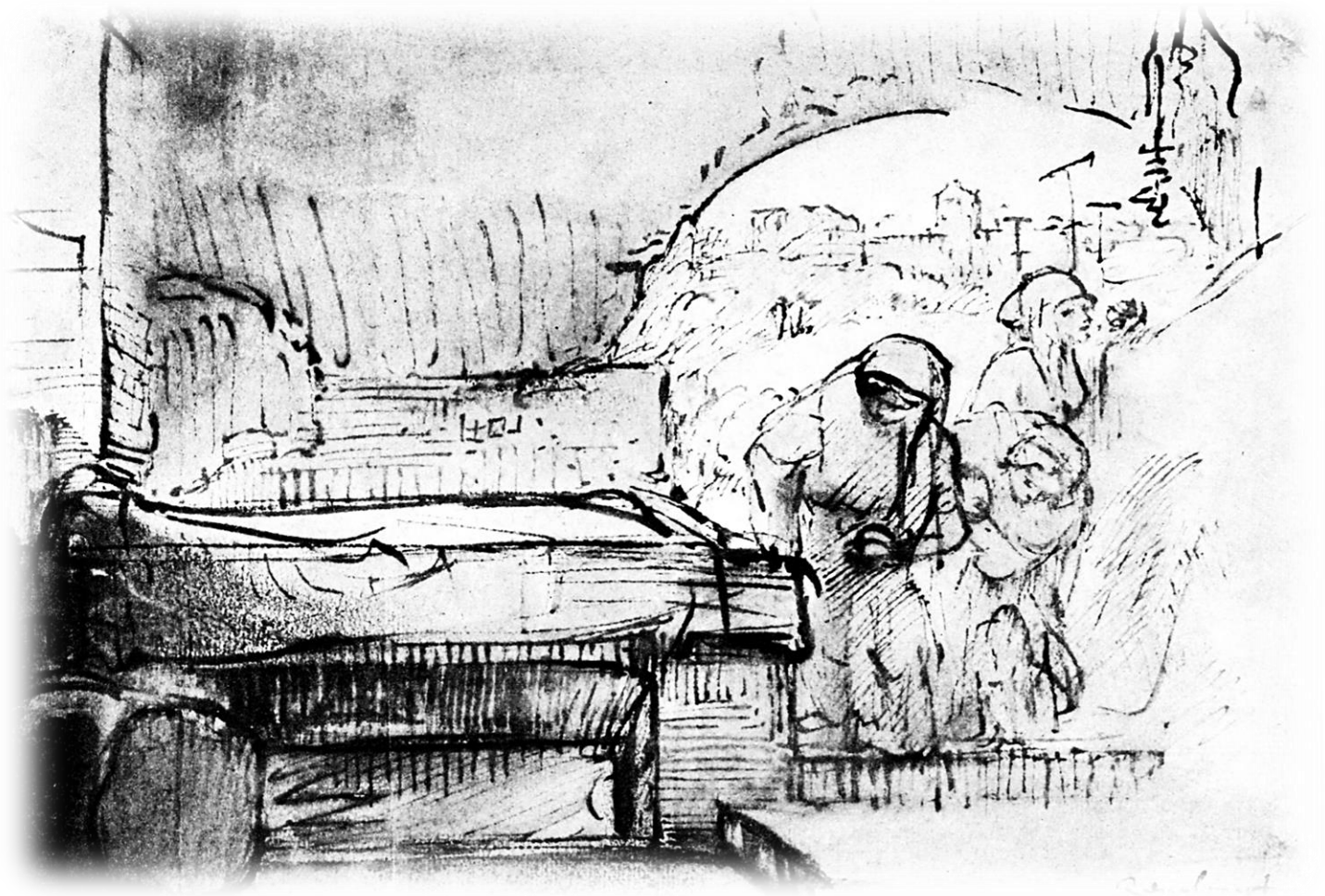


The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Baptism



April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

¶ *The Psalm is sung by the choir*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Lector: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

¶ *All are invited to stand.*

The Gospel Hymn

The strife is o'er, vv. 1 - 3

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¶ *Verses 1 through 3 are sung before the Gospel.*

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospel Hymn

The strife is o'er, vv. 4 - 5

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Sermon

The Rev. Jedediah Fox, Rector

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Family I present Maeve Leslie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the candidate you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Family I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Family I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Family I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Family I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Family I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Family I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Family I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Family I do.

¶ *The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to Maeve in her life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us now join with this person who is committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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.

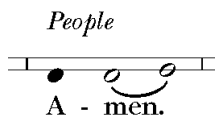
Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ *At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.



The Baptism

¶ *The candidate is presented to be baptized. Blessed water is poured as the Celebrant says*

Celebrant Maeve Leslie, I baptize you in the Name of the †Father, and of the †Son, and of the †Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People: Amen.

Anointing with Chrism

¶ *Then the Celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead with Sacred Chrism, saying,*

Maeve, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

People Amen.

The Baptismal Candle

¶ *A candle is lit and given to the parents or sponsors with these words:*

Deacon Receive the light of Christ. You are now Christ's light in this world.

People Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

¶ At the end of the Announcements, the Celebrant says

In the joy of the Resurrection, let us present the alms and oblations of our life and Labor to the Risen Christ.

Offertory Hymn

We know that Christ is raised

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Presentation Hymn

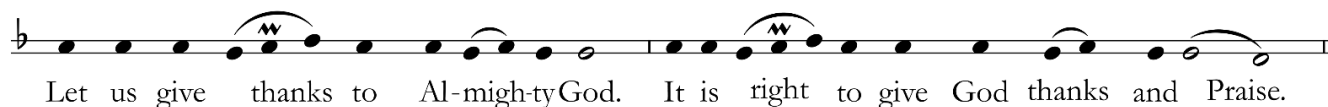
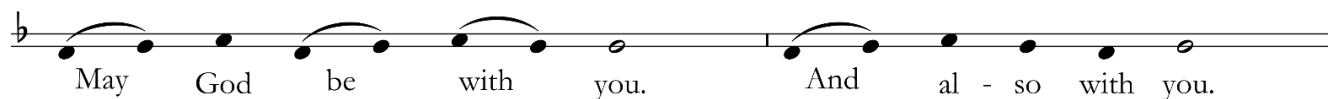
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures

here below; praise him, above, ye heav'nly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D (Expanded)



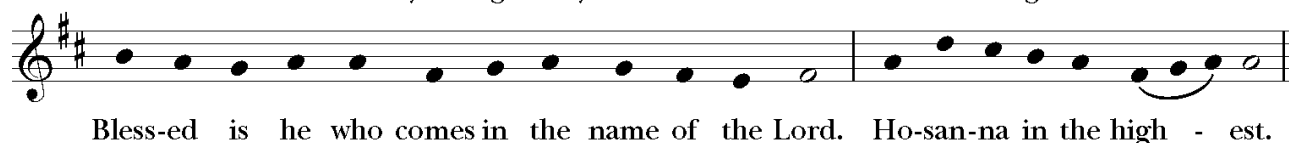
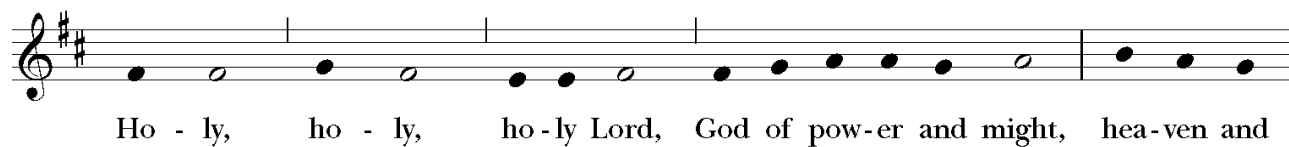
¶ The Celebrant continues with the prayer

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus



¶ The People may kneel or stand.

¶ The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived

as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

¶ *Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

¶ *The Celebrant continues*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Mark and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People



A-men

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray in the language of our heart,

Traditional 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.

Contemporary Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Spanish Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ *The Celebrant breaks the bread.*

¶ *A period of silence is kept.*

The Fraction

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation and Communion:

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

¶ *The People sit.*

¶ *All God's people invited to God's Altar. Follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left.*

¶ *You may receive either the Common cup or by intinction (dipping). Indicate your desire for intinction by holding up your host after it has been given to you. You may indicate your desire to drink from the common cup by consuming the host immediately after it is given to you. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

¶ *If you do not wish to receive the Communion, you are welcome to come forward receive a blessing. Indicate your desire by crossing your hands over your chest.*

¶ *Reception in one kind at Communion (either bread or wine) is reception of the fullness of the Eucharist.*

¶ *When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.*

Communion Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

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Post-Communion Prayer

¶ *All are invited to stand.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

¶ *The Celebrant blesses the People saying*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Hymn

Hail thee, festival day, vv. 1 - 4, 7 - 8

Blue Hymnal - 175

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

Daniel Ficarri

Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then join in the Parish Hall fellowship.

The St. Mark's Prayer List

The Sick and Other Needs

Alissa Almonte
Jayne Austin
the family of Sallie Bowie
the family of Ed Cox
Margery Dickinson
Doug Karsen
Carmela McIntire, Phil Gleason
Kelly Muschiana
Bill Nasser
Allyson Nichols
Audrey Nowak
Linda Radke
Jeanne Reale
Mark Schuurmans
Becky Swift
Mark and Debra Udey
Meghan VanderMale
Roger York

Sue Allen
Susan Andrews
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Jennifer Julius
Kerry Morey
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara

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B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
SPC. Cailen W. Donahue-McLea
Spc. Henry Dykema, ARNG
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF
PFC Kayla Gilardi
Amn. Jayden Karsen, USAF
Cpt. Charles Lewis, USAF
Col. Todd Murray, USAF
2LT. John Nicholson, USA

Members of the Vestry

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Rex Miller, Jr. Warden
Emily Krueger, Clerk
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Remember St. Mark's in your estate planning (A brochure is available on the Sanctuary Resource Table)

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Spotlight



Announcing our Next Director of Music, Dr. Gary Gordon! We are very excited to welcome Dr. Gordon to ministry at St. Mark's. We anticipate his first service here being on or around Pentecost, which is May 24th. Gary grew up in the state of Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Music Education K-12 from Gordon College (Wenham, MA) his Master of Music in Voice Performance from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX) and his Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting and Organ Performance from the University of North Texas (Denton). He has 30+ years of experience successfully conducting choirs and directing music programs both in schools and churches in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas and prior to that in Boston, Massachusetts.

Announcements

Happy Easter! Thank you for being with us, and please enjoy a special festive Social Hour in the Parish Hall. An Easter egg hunt for children will take place in the enclosed garden following the service.

Church Office and Program Holidays: The church will be closed Monday, April 6th. There is no Sunday School today (there will be youth choir, Celebrate Jesus and the egg hunt). There will not be Make a Joyful Noise, Sunday School, Celebrate Jesus, nor Choir on April 12th.

Many thanks to our clergy, staff, sextons, choir and musicians, ushers, lectors, acolytes and assisting ministers, Altar Guild, Flower Ministry, Parish Life, Vestry, devotion writers, and all who volunteered of their time and talents to help us keep a Holy Lent and a Blessed Easter. It takes a whole church!

Congratulations to the Dwyer family on today's Baptism of their child Maeve, who joins her older sibling Remi in our family of faith.

“Waste-Not” Gratitude: While you enjoy this Sunday together, you will see our new 3-bin waste systems in the kitchen and on both ends of the Parish Hall. Each bin is clearly labeled as **Compost** (green), **Recycling** (blue) and **Landfill** (black), with pictures on the front showing what goes inside. Help us minimize landfill waste and improve local soils with compost. Thank you to Steve and the Creation Care Ministry for this project and the Social Hour last week to launch it. Thank you to our sextons, staff, Judy and the Breakfast Café teams, and Pastor Laurie of the weekly college lunch for all your work managing the project and applying it to your ministries. Finally, thank you to everyone for learning the new 3-bin system and helping teach it to others. Please let Steve, steven.mark.mulder@gmail.com, know if you have questions or concerns.



Palm Sunday Path: Christians across Michigan gathered to process from Pilgrim UCC to the Michigan State Capitol grounds for communal prayer and public witness last Sunday. Deacon Jan shared how moving it was to see a mile-long procession of Christians across denominations calling for us to, as Jesus did, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger. Palms from many local churches were left on the steps of the Capitol.

Thank You, Mosaic Scholars! Thank you, Caleb, Cesar, Roxie and Leo, for sharing your musical gifts with us two Sundays ago. Special thanks to organizer Sarah Stickney, Symphony Director of Education. Thank you also to our Dismantling Racism Ministry for their discernment and coordination of this partnership — and to all who contributed offerings and interacted with the scholars. The vision is to cultivate a relational, not merely transactional, relationship, as a concrete way to dismantle racial and ethnically-based inequalities in education and music. Together we are building something beautiful!

All Ministries Meeting: All ministry leads will be contacted soon about an all hands and staff meeting at the end of May to coordinate the entire program year.



*The Easter Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in thanksgiving or in loving memory of:*

In Memory of Sallie Bowie

**In Memory of Sallie Bowie, Dr. Edward Cox, Mark Stoppels, Bill Isenberg,
Christopher Brewer, Shirley Klein, Janice Hoekstra**

In Memory of Bill Isenberg

– Barb Isenberg

In Memory of John Dodson

– the Molloseau family

In Memory of James Robert Freye

– Lori Freye

In Memory of Roger Faber, William and Mary Thickstun

– Carol Faber

Bob and Jeanne Zylstra

– the Zylstra & Ruis family

**Vic Balsler, Charles and LaRue Balsler, Augie and Margaret Boychan,
Karl and Betty Balsler, Bill Balsler**

– Barb Balsler

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– Tom Burr

Art and Nell Lensink, Rosalie (Lensink) Fisher

– Jack Lensink

**Darla Gross, Herbert and Iris Gross, Bettylou Gross, John Tafel,
Emil and Ruth Tafel**

– Heather Tafel

**Brian Patrick Riley, Fr. Joe Howell, Fr. Chuck Howell,
Charles & Harriet Resseguie, Ralph & Elizabeth Howell,
Georgia Bale Howell, Bud Johnson, Earl & Ruth Wierenga,
Art & Dorothy Riley, Terre Proctor**

– Jeanne Howell

Jack Wiersma

– Dottie and Sherman Wiersma

Randy Goebbert & Alex McIntire

– Carmela McIntire

Kip Taylor

– Jackie Taylor

**John & Blanche Niewiadomski, Jack & Patricia Wells,
Della Pugsley, James Schmalz, Gerald VanLew**

– Aleta & Jeff Wells

In Memory of Peter C. Hughes Sr.

– the Hughes family

May these and all our beloved departed rest in peace and joy - with all the saints in light.

In Honor of our children and grandchildren

– Doug and Cathy Karsen

In Honor of Ani and Hank, who love the mini Garden of Gethsemane each year





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St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the Indigenous peoples of the Three Fires: Anishinaabe, Odawa and Bodéwadmi. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds that continue to exist by that occupation, and we pray and work for reconciliation.

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