

St. Mark's Episcopal Church | *Evanston*

————— *The Fifth Sunday of Easter* —————

Holy Eucharist, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Mark's!

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us or not, you are welcome here without conditions or expectations!

Holy Eucharist!

God is our host and everyone is welcome to participate fully by receiving Holy Communion—even infants and small children.

The Episcopal Church believes the sacrament is complete even when only the bread is consumed. Due to the risks of COVID-19 only bread will be shared. Gluten-free hosts are available. Simply let the server know of your preference when they bring communion to you.

Music

We hope you enjoy the music in the service; Diocese of Chicago guidelines allow for a soloist but, as tempting as it may be, we please ask that you do not join in singing (or humming) as it is not permitted under current guidelines.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship!

Parents are asked, however, to keep your child(ren) with you so that you can help them participate in worship and so we can maintain appropriate physical distancing.

About St. Mark's!

We believe that the spirit of God lives in every human being, and that we are called to glorify that which unites us while celebrating the awesome diversity of God's creations. All of us at St. Mark's share a commitment to our faith and to our community, and we welcome you regardless of religious background, race, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Everyone is welcome here.



Covenant for Re-Gathering

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Chicago for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (*BCP* p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a face covering over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am healthy and non-symptomatic with COVID-19 or any other contagious disease that could compromise the health of another congregant and to my knowledge have not been in direct contact with anyone infected
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status
- Inform the rector and/or wardens as soon as possible if I am diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household while on church property
- Ensure that children under my care remain with me at all times
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation
- Respect any requests for distance, face covering, and cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others

Seek and serve Christ in all people...

- Trust and support the decisions of both my diocesan and congregational leaders
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, or mail

Approved by the Vestry on June 17, 2020

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Cindy Berry

Please stand as you are able, when the bell tolls.

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider May the grace and peace of the risen Christ be with you.

People **May Christ fill our hearts with joy.**

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

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

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

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

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect.

All sit for the readings.

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Setting by Westley Hodges

Refrain will be sung by the Cantor where indicated in the text, and verses will be spoken by all.

Refrain: Turn to the Lord, and bow before him.

My praise is of God in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before the Lord.

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord; *

who rules over the nations.

Refrain

To the Lord alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before the Lord.

My soul shall live for God;

my descendants shall serve the Lord; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that God has done.

Refrain

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Celtic Alleluia

Christopher Walker, Fintan O'Carroll

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Presider says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

Please stand, as you are able, and join in saying.

An Affirmation of Faith

**Alleluia, we believe!
In the God of life and goodness,
In the Christ who brings us home,
In the Spirit who comforts and keeps us,
Alleluia, we believe!**

**In our many gifts for serving,
In the call of each disciple,
In the church whose work is love,
Alleluia, we believe!**

**In the saints who pray for us,
In the scriptures that bring us truth,
In the sacraments that give grace,
Alleluia, we believe!**

**In the hope of resurrection,
In the rising to eternal life,
In the dawning of God's reign,
Alleluia, we believe!**

**May we ever be true to all we believe,
And our song ever be "Alleluia!"
Amen.**

Adapted from Susan K. Bock's "An Affirmation of Faith for the Easter Season"

We Pray for the World and the Church

Presider Cherishing the reality of our salvation and rejoicing in the new life we have in the Risen Christ, we shout, Alleluia! Amen!

After each petition

Leader . . . We humbly praise you, Almighty God,

People **Alleluia! Amen!**

Presider If we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness; therefore, let us confess our sins:

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

We Exchange the Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

We Prepare the Table

We Give Thanks to God

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...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:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues the prayer, recalling God's unfolding of salvation history, climaxing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his institution of the holy meal.

Presider . . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider then calls on the Holy Spirit to descend on us and on our gifts, and offers prayer in anticipation of God's festival banquet.

...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

You are invited to pray the words of this prayer in the language that speaks to your heart (e.g., Spanish, English, Swedish, French, contemporary, traditional).

We Break the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We Share the Gifts of God

Presider *Los Dones de Dios para el pueblo de Dios.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please maintain a 6' distance and keep your mouth and nose covered when coming forward to receive communion. When you return to your seat you may remove the mask to eat the host. Thank you.

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

After all have received communion, please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

The Presider offers God's blessing over the People and the People respond

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn What Wondrous Love is This from the Southern Harmony, 1835

Alt. acc. Carlton R. Young

The Presider dismisses the People and the People respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Larry Shackley

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Evelyn Krewson Seaton,
the gift of Joanna Greene, her sister-in-law.*

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All the People

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Dale Seifert, *Flower Guild*
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