

ST. MARK'S  
*Reformed Episcopal Church*

ASCENSIONTIDE  
The Sunday after Ascension Day



May 12, 2024  
Morning Prayer & Sermon

“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” St. Mark 16:15

# *Family Ministry*

at ST. MARK'S CHURCH

We are glad that you are here! The following are ministries offered to help you and your children feel welcome here:

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## *Welcome!*

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want a home;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Young children are welcome to remain with their parents during the service, however* please be mindful of your fellow worshippers and step into the narthex to comfort or calm an unruly or noisy child. If you should need to step out - speakers in the narthex will allow you to continue to hear the service.

*A "crying room"* at the end of the narthex provides a place of privacy for nursing mothers or other parents who may need to make use of it (this room is also equipped with speakers so as to hear the service).

*Sunday School for all ages* is offered weekly September - June (11:20-12:10).

Descriptions of all of the above can be found on the information table in the narthex.

*For help finding any of these rooms - please do not hesitate to speak to an Usher.*

## ST. MARK'S *Classical Academy*

(Pre-K - 8th grade) is an integral part of our ministry to families and children. Learn more at [stmarksca.org](http://stmarksca.org)

*The congregation is invited to prepare for worship through quiet prayer.*

PRELUDE *Meditation on Hyfrydol* . . . . . J. C. Kasen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #104 *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* . . . . . (Llanfair)

OPENING SENTENCES

**T**HE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab 2:20.  
O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. Psalm 63:3.

*¶ Then the Minister shall say,*

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A GENERAL CONFESSION

*¶ To be said by the whole congregation, with the Minister, all kneeling.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like **l**ost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION, OR REMISSION OF SINS

*¶ To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling. But note, that the Priest, at his discretion, may use, instead of what follows, the Declaration of Absolution from the Order for the Holy Communion. If the Minister be not a Priest, he shall remain kneeling, and read the Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the people still kneeling, and repeating it with him.

**O**UR 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.

## VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

¶ Then, still kneeling, he shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

¶ All stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

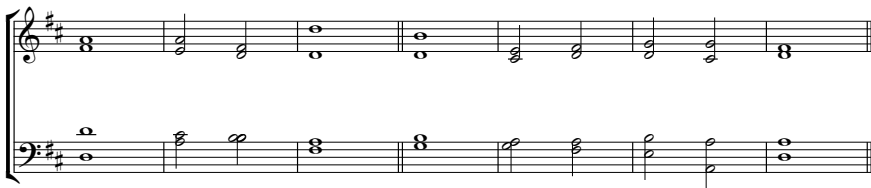
*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Minister.* Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven.

*Answer.* **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*Venite, exultemus Domino. (Psalm 95)*



**O**COME, let us sing | unto the LORD;  
\* let us heartily rejoice in the |  
strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with | thanksgiving;  
\*and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a | great God;  
\* and a great | King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;  
\* and the strength of the | hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, | and he made it;  
 \* and his hands pre | pared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and | fall down,  
 \* and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.

7 For he is the | LORD our God;  
 \* and we are the people of his pasture,  
 and the | sheep of his hand.

8 O worship the LORD in the | beauty of holiness;  
 \* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;  
 \* and with righteousness to judge the world,  
 and the | peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,  
 \* and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,  
 \* world without | end. Amen.

#### A READING FROM THE PSALTER

*(Please remain standing and read responsively by whole verse.)*

Psalm 8. *Domine, Dominus noster.*

**O**LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; \* thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, \* that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; \* the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? \* and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels, \* to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; \* and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen; \* yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; \* and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Governor, \* how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

¶ All stand and sing:

*Te Deum laudamus.*

1. We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord,  
 All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting:  
 2. In thine aid Angels circulate, the Heavens and all the Powers therein;  
 In thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
 3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,  
 Heaven and earth are full of the magnificence of thy glory:  
 4. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly

fullness of the pas- phets praise thee. 7. The noble army of

martyrs praise thee. the holy Church throughout all the world

doth acknowledge thee, O Father, of my volume majesty.

thine adorable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

7. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting

Son of the Father. 8. When thou hast upon thee to die by our man,

thou dost humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

9. When thou shalt overcome the sharpness of death,

thou shalt open the kingdom of heaven to all be- lievers.

10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. 11. We therefore pray thee,

help thy servants, when thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood

12. Make them to be numbered with the saints, thy glory everlasting.

¶ *All may be seated for.*

THE SECOND LESSON . . . . . *St. John 15:26-16:4*

**B**UT when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

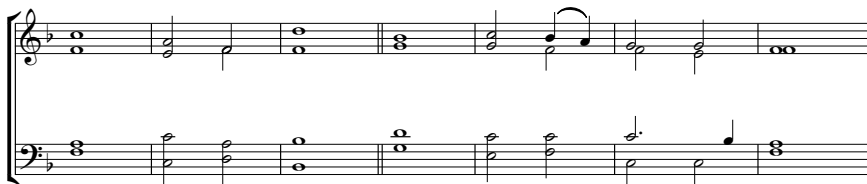
“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you..

The Word of the Lord.

*People.*    **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *All stand and sing.*

*Jubilate Deo. (Psalm 100)*



**O**BE joyful in the LORD, | all ye lands:  
\* serve the LORD with gladness,  
and come before his | presence with a song.  
2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;  
it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;  
\* we are his people, and the | sheep of his pasture.  
3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his | courts with praise;  
\* be thankful unto him, and | speak good of his Name.  
4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;  
\* and his truth endureth from gene- | ration to generation.  
Glory be ...



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried,  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead,  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body;  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

## VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.  
*Answer.* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Minister.* Let us pray.  
*Minister.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
*Answer.* **And grant us thy salvation.**  
*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Answer.* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O** GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

## OTHER COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

### *A Collect for Peace*

**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Grace*

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *For the Spirit of Prayer.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with stedfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *For Religious Education.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy Holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; Enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn; that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *For Christian Service.*

**O** LORD our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; We beseech thee to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men. Endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage, that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; and, being inspired by thy love, may worthily minister in thy Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*For a Blessing on the Families of the Land.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families; We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain-glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority*

**O**LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for all Conditions of Men*

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [\*especially those for whom our (silent) prayers are desired;] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

*A General Thanksgiving*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*¶ Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer. All may be seated.*

PARISH NOTICES

**Welcome to St. Marks!** - We are glad you are here! Please do not hesitate to make an usher aware of how we can serve you this morning. Bathrooms are located on the lower level.

**Crying Room.** Your children are welcome to remain with you in the service, but please be mindful of your fellow worshippers and step into the narthex to comfort or calm an unruly or noisy child. More information is printed on page 2 of this bulletin.

**To give flowers** to adorn the altar, please speak with Robin Foedisch (the recommended donation is \$50).

ON THE CALENDAR:

- **Our Annual Church Picnic** at nearby Alverthorpe Park will be on Sunday, June 9th (following the worship service). Please dress casually and join us for this time of great food and fun.
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SERMON HYMN #106 *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns . . . . . (St. Magnus)*

THE SERMON . . . . . *Fr. Patterson*

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *King of Glory, King of Peace . . . . . J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*  
*arr. W. H. Harris*

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| King of glory, King of peace,<br>I will love thee;<br>and, that love may never cease,<br>I will move thee.<br>Thou hast granted my request,<br>thou hast heard me;<br>thou didst note my working breast,<br>thou hast spared me. | Wherefore with my utmost art<br>I will sing thee,<br>and the cream of all my heart<br>I will bring thee.<br>Though my sins against me cried,<br>thou didst clear me,<br>and alone, when they replied,<br>thou didst hear me. |
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Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

*-George Herbert*

AT THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS (TITHES)

*The Doxology*    **Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

A FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister.* Let us pray. (*All kneel.*)

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN #385 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* . . . . . (*Austria*)

DISMISSAL

*Minister.* Let us go forth, in the Name of Christ.

*Answer.* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Llanfair* . . . . . *W. Held*

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries in May*

### *Services at St. Mark's*

**SUNDAYS**

Holy Communion 10:00 am  
(1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:00 am  
(2nd & 4th Sundays)

Adult Forum 11:20-12:10  
Children's Sunday School 11:20-12:10

**WEEKDAYS (when SMCA is in session):**

Matins - 8:25 am  
Evensong - 3 pm (Litany on Fridays)

*Happy Birthday to:*

- 1 Lewis Ghrist, Jane Kent
- 3 Michael Hillanbrand,  
Esther Nigro
- 9 Morgan Bartlett
- 10 Raymond Cassidy
- 13 Laura Lee Hoyt, Teddy Kent
- 15 Ruth Roemhild
- 17 David Szomor
- 18 Lucas Yang, Xiuying Dong
- 19 Tom Tomer
- 20 Sunu Jose

*Happy Anniversary to:*

- Jeff and Cindy Castor (5/3)
- Chris and Naomi Morris (5/20)
- Rick and Melanie Bartlett (5/22)

*Is your birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact  
the church office so that we can update our records.*

### *Lay Servers Schedule*

**Today**

**May 19**

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

|                    |                              |                                       |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| USHERS:            | Ray Cassidy & Robin Foedisch | Bob Miller & Fred Rodgers             |
| <i>(Alternate)</i> | Rob Ford                     | Joe Gliba                             |
| DOOR USHERS :      | --                           | Mike Hillanbrand & Nathan Hillanbrand |
| ACOLYTE:           | John Liu                     | Greg Hoyt                             |
| TORCHES:           | --                           |                                       |
| CRUCIFER:          | John Liu                     | Charlie Andrews                       |
| LECTOR:            | Tony Carpenter               | Charlie Andrews                       |

*Welcome, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.* If you are visiting St. Mark's Church for the first time, please fill out one of the Visitor Cards, found in the pew in front of you, so we can have a record of your visit. You'll also find Prayer Request cards in the same location. Please place these cards in the offering plate or give them directly to an usher or the pastor.

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### **Clergy**

The Most Rev'd Ray Sutton, *Presiding Bishop*  
The Rt. Rev'd R. Charles Gillin, *Bishop Ordinary*  
The Rt. Rev'd William Jenkins, Sr., *Bishop Coadjutor*  
The Rev'd Jason S. S. Patterson, *Rector*  
The Rev'd Matthew G. Maule, *Assistant Rector*

### **Staff**

Tom Lever, *Organist*  
Abigael Castor, *Choirmaster*

### **St. Mark's Fellows & Seminarians**

Greg Hoyt, *Aspirant & Lay Reader*  
David Szomor, *Postulant & Lay Reader*  
Charlie Andrews, *Aspirant & Lay Reader*  
John Liu, *Aspirant & Lay Reader*

### **Vestry & Wardens**

Jeffrey Castor, *Rector's Warden*  
Susan Cassidy, *Junior Warden*  
Noëlle Kent (2025)  
Robert Ford (2025)  
Debbie Ghrist (2026)  
Tom Tomer (2027)  
Dan Mainieri, Jr. (2027)



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