

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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“Opening the doors of Christ’s love: an inviting, embracing and serving community offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world. St. Mark’s is a community where diversity is celebrated, children are embraced, and people of all ages and races, sexual orientation, cultural and economic backgrounds are genuinely welcomed.”

2015 Vestry

Sr. Warden: Mike Foughty (2015) Jr. Warden: Russ Bradley (2015)
Treasurer: Eric Bryda (Ex Officio) Clerk: Wally Tienken (2017)

Worship: Linda Berg (2017) Fellowship: Kathy Hughes (2017)
Outreach: David Boyd (2015) Newcomers: Nihal Masih (2015)
Pastoral Care: Elizabeth Boyd (2016) Adult Ed: Pam Smith (2016)
Children’s Ed: Ashley Bryda (2016) Finance: Wally Tienken (2017)
Stewardship: Sara Dillich (2017)

This Sunday –May 31, 2015

Next Sunday June 7, 2015

	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:00 A.M.</u>		<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:00 A.M.</u>
LEM	Barbara Scott	Mike Foughty Susan Byers	LEM	Barbara Scott	Pam Smith Kristina Campbell
Lectors	Ann Sparks Pat Hoppe	Jeff Gray	Lectors	Pat Drabick Jackie Cerio Barbara Scott	Russell Bradley Mike Foughty Linda Larson Katherine Larson Chloe Lewis Casey Dominic Chizi Dominic Sara Dillich Ann Sparks Margo Chisholm Nihal Masih Michael Parris
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Altar Guild	Pat Drabick	Pat Hoppe Donna Anderson Delta Youngquist Chipper Brink Pam Smith	Altar Guild	Pat Hoppe	
Greeter Ushers			Greeters Ushers		
Flower Guild	Jackie Cerio		Flower Guild	Kathy Hughes Eulie Campbell Nell Brill JC Bailes John Dell	
Tellers	Nell Brill Len Slobodin Margo Chisholm		Tellers	Mike Foughty	Mike Foughty
Vestry Person	Mike Foughty	Nihal Masih	Vestry Person		

St. Mark’s is a part of the Diocese of Virginia which is headquartered in Richmond

Ministers of St. Mark’s – Every Member
Rector – The Rev. John A. Weatherly
Associate Rector – The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner
Priest Associate – The Rev. Donna L. Foughty
Seminararian – Alan Bentrup
Pastor of San Marcos – The Rev. José Reyes, Missioner and Deacon
Music Director/Organist – Tatiana Andronikova
Parish Administrator – Mari Gibson ♦ Sexton – Francisco Robles ♦ Accountant – Mike Morgan

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
Alexandria, Virginia
St. Mark’s in the Park

May 31, 2015

Processional Hymn

Song of Good News

Open your ears, Oh Christian people, Open your ears and hear good news!
Open you hearts, oh royal priesthood, God has come to you.

Refrain

God has spoken to His people, Hallelujah!
And His words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!

He who has ears to hear His message; He who has ears then let him hear!
He who would learn the way of wisdom, let him hear God’s word.

Refrain

Israel comes to greet the Saviour; Judah is glad to see His day!
From East and West the peoples travel, He will show the way.

Refrain

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

Welcome to this holy table; welcome to you, for we share Christ’s body, Christ’s work in the world.
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world. Rejoice and be glad.
Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

People *Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.*

Celebrant: Praise and glory to Christ, God’s new beginning for humanity, making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship..

People: *Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel. Praise to Christ who call us to holiness.*

Celebrant: Christ is the good shepherd
who knows and cares for every one of the sheep
in different folds.
In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile;

In Christ there is no discrimination
of gender, class or race.
In Christ the poor are blessed
the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.

People: *Alleluia!*
God of justice and compassion
you give us a work to do
And a baptism of suffering and resurrection.
From you comes power to give to others
the care we have ourselves received
so that we, and all who love your world,
may live in harmony and trust.

Forgiveness

The celebrant then says:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body. (Silence) In God there is forgiveness.

People: *Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to your, we ask your pardon.*

Celebrant: God forgives us; be at peace. (Silence) Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

Together: We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

Celebrant: We are the children of God, so God has sent the Spirit into our hearts.

Glory to God

Taizé #16

Canon
♩ = 80

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could;
We are yours, we are yours.
Refrain

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Blessed be God who calls us together.

People: *Praise be to God who makes us one people.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

People: *Praise be to God who gives hope and freedom.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

People: *Praise be to God who is revealed as love.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God who alone has called us.

People: *Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.*

Celebrant: Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

People: *Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty and you filled them.*
Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Refrain

I'll fly away, Oh Glory I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Refrain

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Refrain

We warmly welcome those who worship with us today.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our Parish Hall following the service.

Remember to wear your name tags!

People: God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

People: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

Celebrant: For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

People: Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

The Communion

As Christ teaches us, we pray

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 priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

People: Christ is the bread of life.

The priest may lift the cup.

Celebrant: His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

People: Christ is risen from the dead.

Together: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

Fraction Anthem (2x) *Jesus Christ Bread of Life* based on Taizé #143

Jesus Christ, Risen Lord, come to him and you will not hunger

Jesus Christ, Risen Lord, trust in him and you will not thirst.

The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people saying:

"The Gifts of God, for the People of God."

Communion Hymn

Take Our Bread

Refrain:
Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father;
We are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set;
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.
Refrain

The Collect of the Day

(from the insert)

The Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

(from the insert)

The Psalm

Canticle 2

(from the insert)

The Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

(from the insert)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn

Earthen Vessels

John Foley

We hold a treasure not made of gold,
In earthen vessels, wealth untold;
One treasure only: the Lord, The Christ,
In earthen vessels.

Light has shone in our darkness:

God has shone in our heart

With the light of the glory of Jesus, the Lord.

God has chosen the lowly

Who are small in this world;

In this weakness is glory in Jesus, the Lord.

All standing, the reader of the Gospel says:

The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

People: Praise be to Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. John Weatherly

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, on one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Blessed are you eternal God,
People: *to be praised and glorified forever*
Leader: Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
People: *May we all be one that the world may believe.*
Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,
People: *That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.*
Leader: We remember those who have died.
People: *Father, into your hands we commend them.*
Leader: We praise you for all your saints who have entered into your eternal glory.
People: *May be also come to share your heavenly kingdom.*
Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.
People: *In your presence may they find strength.*
Leader: Look with your kindness on our homes and families.
People: *Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.*
Leader: Make us alive to the needs of our community.
People: *Help us to share on another's joys and burdens.*
Leader: Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.
People: *Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.*
Leader: Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.
People: *Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.*
Leader: We pray for our own needs and the needs of others . . . (silence)
Praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give; when we seek,
you show the way. When we knock, you answer. Praise to you for your
unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people.
People: Amen.

The Peace

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Exchanging of the peace

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Offertory Anthem

Rain Down

Presentation of Gifts (sung)

Tune: Hymnal #178 (vs. 1)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Christ is risen!
People: *He is risen indeed!*
Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven
People: *Where Christ in glory reigns.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.
People: *It is right to offer thanks and praise.*
Celebrant: It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. This cross has taken our guilt away. You sent your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* WLP #858
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord,
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, most Holy One, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. "I am among you," he said, "as one who serves."

On the night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you; do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sins; do this to remember me."

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.