

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

### Prelude

### Processional Hymn

*God Is Love, Let Heav'n Adore Him*

Hymnal #379

1. God is Love, let heav'n adore him  
God is Love let earth rejoice  
Let creation sing before him  
And exalt him with one voice  
God who laid the earth's foundation  
God who spread the heavens above  
God who breathes through all creation  
God is Love, eternal Love
2. God is Love and love enfolds us  
All the world in one embrace  
With unfailing grasp God holds us  
Every child of every race  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod  
Then we find that self-same aching  
Deep within the heart of God
3. God is Love and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts all human life  
God's eternal loving kindness  
Guides us through our earthly strife  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain  
God is Love so Love forever  
O'er the universe shall reign

### Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

### Gloria

*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!

### The Collect of the Day

*(from the insert)*

### The Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

*(from the insert)*

### The Psalm

Psalm 23

*(from the insert)*

### The Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

*(from the insert)*

### Sequence Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Hymnal #439

1. What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
To lay aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
To lay aside his crown for my soul.
2. To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the great "I Am";  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

### The Gospel

John 10:11-18

*(from the insert)*

### The Sermon

The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner

### The Nicene Creed

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### Litany of Healing

*(from the insert)*

### Healing Hymn

*Take Me to the Water*

LEVAS #134

1. Take me to the water, take me to the water  
Take me to the water to be baptized.
2. None but the righteous, none but the righteous  
None but the righteous shall see God
3. I love Jesus, I love Jesus  
I love Jesus, oh yes, I do
4. He's my Savior, He's my Savior  
He's my Savior, oh yes, He is.

### The Peace (stand)

BCP p. 360

### Announcements (8:00)

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Anthem

**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: Eucharistic Prayer C** BCP p. 369

## Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

WLP #858

**The Lord's Prayer**

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## The Breaking of the Bread

*All are invited to receive communion.*

## Fraction Anthem (2x)

*Jesus Christ Bread of Life* based on Taizé #143



Je-sus-Christ, Ri-sen-Lord, all-who-come-to-you-will-not-hun-ger. Je-sus-Christ, Ri-sen-Lord, all-who-come-to-you-will-not-thirst.

## Communion Hymn

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Hymnal #513

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

2. To the members of Christ's Body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
3. With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power of love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

## Prayer after Communion

BCP p. 366

## Announcements

## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymnal #708

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us learn thy will;  
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

## The Dismissal

## Postlude

**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!**



## Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome you to our services this Easter season. If you are looking for a church home, or want more information about St. Mark's, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Person of the Day or to the Clergy.

## Prayer List

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially:

In the St. Mark's Parish: Shirley Hunter, Clara Bottner, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Richard Sparks, Donna Anderson, Pete Farley, Nihal Masih, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, and Geoffrey.

Our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Kamryn Jespersion, Don Lopez, Vicki Robb, Susan Oldow Patterson, David Raj, Bud Woodson, Fr. Stephen Plumlee, Josephine, Emma Jane, and Vincent. We pray

for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way. We lift up especially Andrew Kley, Robert Payne, Karl Lautenschlager, and Tim, Emily and family.

*If you would like someone who is sick or in need added to the prayer list, please write their name in the blue book on the table in the Narthex, or give the name to Father John or Rev. Meredith. Names will be kept in our intercessions for four weeks, unless notified otherwise.*

## From the Associate Rector

As spring arrives and signs of new life erupt all around us, we hear the message that Jesus is the vine, God is the vine grower, and we are also vines, being prepared to bear much fruit. Bruno Barnhart suggests that we remain rooted in Christ.

“The Word is a tree which was in the world in the beginning, and when humanity sinned at the tree and at the tower they were banished from that unitive tree of the Word. But this light of the Word is their life, and without it they die.

“The human person is a tree which bears the light, the Word, within itself. Speaking, naming, witnessing, preaching, confessing, from Adam to the Baptist to Jesus to Thomas, this is the human vocation in the world: to give witness to the truth. The man born blind, receiving his light from Jesus, witnessed to the light that now had been born within him.

“The fullness of this unitive tree is in Jesus, and now with his own disciples he pours out this fullness: the tree of the Word finds its fullest expression, comes into its roundness, bears its fruit. ‘Abide in me’: root yourselves in this central place, and remain rooted here, and my life will flow through you and bear fruit in the world.”

How are we rooted in Christ? Are our roots deep enough? Do we have enough exposure to the light of the Word? Do we allow God in, to prune us to be our most fruitful? Spring is a wonderful season to consider these questions, and to allow something new to be born in us.

Blessings this spring and always, *Rev. Meredith*

## Announcements

**Mission Trip News:** Thanks for supporting our mission trip by attending the spaghetti dinner! Join us for our next fundraiser on May 10 at 9 a.m. for our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast.

**There will be a Mission Team meeting today** after the 10 a.m. worship service. We will review the packing list and prepare for the Mothers’ Day Breakfast fundraiser.

**The St. Mark’s Book Club** will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the library.

**Being a Home Visitor:** Join us on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to noon if you would like to learn about being a home visitor. We will be meeting in the large classroom.

**Women of Spirit** will meet for 5 weeks beginning on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will be reading Rachel Held Evans’ *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church*. Please purchase your book and read the Forward, Prologue and Chapter 1 before we meet. Questions? Contact Rev. Meredith at 703/765-3949. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**In true St. Mark’s fashion**, you gave me a wonderful send-off last Sunday. Thank you all so much for the reception and for your very generous gift. I feel so blessed to have served at St. Mark’s these past 7+ years. I will miss you all! *Emily*

**Please welcome our new Parish Administrator, Mari Gibson.** Mari lives right down the hill from St. Mark’s in the Vantage community with her husband, Al Merz and rescue cats. Mari had her own permanent placement agency for over twenty years, has been working part-time in an administrative capacity since closing her business and is an active volunteer for cat rescue. Her hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 9-4 and Thursday 9-3.

**If you are interested in serving as a substitute teacher for Sunday School**, please contact Karen Ashworth at 703/768-3576.

**The last VIC meeting of the season** will be held at Rising Hope Mission church at 8220 Russell Road on Wednesday, May 6 at 11:30 (parking is across the street at Aldies). Superintendent Jeff McKay will address demographic changes in the area. Lunch will follow. Please contact David Boyd or Rosemary Kley if you are interested in attending.

**A VOICE celebration and rally** will be held in Prince William County at Georgetown South Community Center (9444 Taney Rd, Manassas) on Sunday, May 31 at 4 p.m. See Rosemary Kley if you are interested in attending.

## Important Upcoming Dates

**July 26** Bishop Shannon’s Visitation  
**August 3 – 7** Vacation Bible School  
**August 21 - 23** Shrine Mont Weekend

## Birthdays

**May 2** Shirley Hunter, Jeff Kissler

## Adult Forum Schedule

**May 3** *Anglican Communion: Foundation for Ecumenicity*

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**2015 Vestry**

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 3, 2015**

**Next Sunday – May 10, 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>                        |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>LEM</b>           | Kathy Caldwell                | Pam Smith<br>Susan Byers         | <b>LEM</b>           | Barbara Scott                  | Bonnie BrownWilkins<br>Kristina Campbell |
| <b>Lectors</b>       | Alan Bentrup<br>Barbara Scott | John Youngquist<br>Rodney Fisher | <b>Lectors</b>       | Pat Hoppe<br>Pat Drabick       | Al Dominic<br>Michael Parris             |
| <b>Intercessors</b>  | Ann Sparks                    | Eric Bryda<br>Tyler Chui         | <b>Intercessors</b>  | Jackie Cerio                   | Kingsley Davis<br>Katherine Larson       |
| <b>Acolytes</b>      |                               | Casey Dominic<br>Chizi Dominic   | <b>Acolytes</b>      |                                | Chloe Lewis                              |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Pat Drabick                   | Sara Dillich<br>Ann Sparks       | <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Pat Hoppe                      | Pat Hoppe<br>Linda Berg                  |
| <b>Greeter</b>       |                               | Dick & Mary Stockstill           | <b>Greeters</b>      |                                | Delta Youngquist                         |
| <b>Ushers</b>        |                               | Nihal Masih<br>Michael Parris    | <b>Ushers</b>        |                                | Wally Tienken<br>Eulie Campbell          |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>  | Jackie Cerio<br>Nell Brill    |                                  | <b>Flower Guild</b>  | Kathy Hughes<br>Eulie Campbell |                                          |
| <b>Tellers</b>       | JC Bailes<br>Pat Hoppe        |                                  | <b>Tellers</b>       | David Powers<br>Linda Berg     |                                          |
| <b>Vestry Person</b> | Elizabeth Boyd                | Elizabeth Boyd                   | <b>Vestry Person</b> | Mike Foughty                   | Ashley Bryda                             |

**This Week at St. Mark's**

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| <b>Today</b> 8 a.m. HE and Healing, 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal (Lg. classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE and Healing, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. Mission Team mtg. (lg. classroom), 1 – 3 p.m. San Marcos Eucaristía (Sanctuary, Patience Hall, Gibson Hall), 3:30 – 5:45 p.m. Amazing Grace Ghanaian Fellowship (Patience Hall), 4 – 8 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary) | <b>Weds. 5/6</b> 10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 12:30 p.m. HE at The Pentagon                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Mon. 5/4</b> 7 p.m. St. Mark's Book Group (library), 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Thurs. 5/7</b> 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg. classroom)                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tues. 5/5</b> 7 – 8:30 p.m. GS Troop #4841 (Patience Hall), 7 – 9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Sanctuary)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Fri. 5/8</b> 7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Sat. 5/9</b> 7 a.m. Farm stand, 9 a.m. “Being a Home Visitor” (lg. classroom), 6 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary, Patience Hall, kitchen), 7 – 9 p.m. San Marcos Bible study (lg. classroom) |

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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  
Seminarian – Alan Bentrup  
Pastor of San Marcos – The Rev. José Reyes, Missioner and Deacon  
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