

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

Fourth Sunday of Easter St. Mark's in the Park

May 7, 2017

Processional Hymn

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in the darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of god. May our tears be turned into dancing. For the Lord our light and our love has turned the night into day.

We are sons of the morning: we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for all people to set their hearts free.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. *People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit; *People: There is one hope in god's call to us*

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; *People: One God and Father of all.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: and also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

The Lessons

After each Reading, the Reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." *People: Thanks be to God.*

First Lesson Acts 2:42-47 *(from the insert)*

The Psalm Psalm 23 *(from the insert)*

The Epistle 1 Peter 2:19-25 *(from the insert)*

Sequence Hymn Isaiah 49 Carey Landry

I will never forget you, My people; I have carved you on the palm of My hand, I will never forget you, I will not leave you orphaned; I will never forget My own,

Does a mother forget her baby? Or a woman the child within her womb? Yet even if these forget, Yes, even if these forget, I will never forget My Own

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Gospel

“The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.” *People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Ms. Michaelene Miller, VTS Seminarian

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The **Celebrant** says, “The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.”

Parents and Godparents: “I present Aaron Budzko to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.”

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? *Parents and Godparents: “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?

Parents and Godparents: “I will, with God’s help.”

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

Answer: “I renounce them.”

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

Answer: “I renounce them.”

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? “*I renounce them.*”

Question: Do you turn all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? “*I renounce them.*”

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? “*I do.*”

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? “*I do.*”

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? “*I do.*”

Celebrant: (Turning to the Congregation) Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? *People: “We will.”*

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are 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? **People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water (the Celebrant reads from the BCP)

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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. Amen.

Celebrant: "**Aaron**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever" Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized!

Celebrant and 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.

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Now the Green Blade Riseth* performed by Eric and Megan Murchie-Beyma

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.

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**The Great Thanksgiving:
The Breaking of the Bread**

(from the insert)

All are invited to receive communion.

Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of life, He who comes to Me shall not hunger, He who believes in Me shall not thirst.

No one can come to Me, Unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: *And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give Is My flesh for the life of the world, And he who eats of this bread,

He shall live for ever, He shall live for ever. **Refrain**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man And drink of His blood, And drink of His blood, You shall not have life within you. **Refrain**

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life, He who believes in Me Even if he die, He shall live for ever. **Refrain**

Yes, Lord, we believe That You are the Christ, The Son of God Who has come Into the world. **Refrain**

Announcements

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).

Chorus : *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) **Chorus**

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) **Chorus**

The Dismissal

Postlude

We warmly welcome those who worship with us today.

Please join us for our annual parish picnic following the service.

Remember to wear your name tags!

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2017 Vestry

Rector's Warden: Jim Bailes People's Warden: Rob Bluey
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Worship: Linda Berg

Learning: Donna Anderson, Pam Hamrin (*Children's Education*)
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Serving: Kathy Hughes (*Fellowship*), Velma Scott-Boyle (*Evangelism/Newcomers*),

Operations: Charlotte Brown (*Communications, Planning*), Wally Tienken (*Finance*),
Doug Varner (*Stewardship/Building and Grounds*), Ana Ventura (*Outreach*)

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The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, Seminarians, Music Director/Organist – Tatiana Andronikova,
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5/7/17 Jeff Gray/Earnestine Patnett
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Intercessor

5/7/17 Rosemary Kley
5/14/17 Linda Larson

Acolytes

5/7/17 Hannah Luxner/Molly Hamrin
5/14/17 Katherine Larson/Joanna Wright

Altar Guild

5/7/17 Sara Dillich/Ann Sparks
5/14/17 Donna Anderson/Kathy Hughes

Greeter(s)

5/7/17 Bonnie Wilkins
5/14/17 Linda Larson

Ushers

5/7/17 Mary Jane Stockstill/Jimmy Bailes
5/14/17 Bonnie Wilkins

Flower Guild

5/7/17 Sarah Hardy/Delsa Chui/Yuris Guzman
5/14/17 Maureen Ison/Brenda and Ana Ventura

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5/7/17 David Powers/Nihal Masih
5/14/17 JW Bailes/Elizabeth Biddle

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5/7/17 Rob Bluey, People's Warden
5/14/17 Jimmy Bailes, Rector's Warden