



SAINT MARK'S CHURCH PHILADELPHIA

ASCENSION DAY
9 May 2024, 7 p.m.
Choral High Mass

Welcome!

The clergy and people of Saint Mark's are glad that you are worshipping with us today. We invite you to participate fully in today's service, and we offer this leaflet to help you do so. If the Episcopal liturgy is new to you, we hope that you will follow along with the suggested congregational actions (sitting, kneeling, standing), ask for help if you need it, and participate to the extent you feel comfortable. Very soon you will find that the rhythm of this worship will become your own.

If you are a visitor to Saint Mark's, we invite you to fill out a blue information card found on the Ushers' Table and to please introduce yourself to one of the priests following the service. You are most welcome to visit us on any day and every day. If you are looking for a parish home, we hope that you will find one here.

*Saint Mark's is a community
that gathers in faith,
serves in love
and proclaims hope,
through Jesus Christ.*

Music of the Mass

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass (those parts sung by the Choir) is the *Missa brevis* in C major, K 220/196b "Spatzenmesse" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

Food and beverages are not permitted in the church.

*Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold print**.*

THE ENTRANCE RITE

VOLUNTARY

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père from L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

The People stand as the procession enters the church.

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 214

Llanfair

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

☒ Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People remain standing for the Kyrie and the Gloria and through the Collect.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the Choir*)

Mozart

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung by the Choir*)

Mozart

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens, Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram, qui sedes ad dexteram Patris miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, ☒ cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So

when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47 (*sung by the Choir*)

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

O clap your hands together, all ye people:

O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared:

he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us:

and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us:

even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise:

and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:

O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth:

sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen:

God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people

of the God of Abraham:

for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth,

as it were with a shield.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel.

FOR THE GRADUAL, HYMN 221

Gonfalon Royal

ALLELUIA *Dominus in Sina*

Mode VII

The Alleluia is sung by the Choir, repeated by the People, then sung again after the verse.



Choir V. The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place, going up on high: he led captivity captive.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Deacon Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated for the Sermon.

The People stand to sing the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Introduction

We be-lieve in one God, the
 Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, ma-ker of hea-ven and
 earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in
 one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-
 got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from
 true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther.
 Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion
 he came down from hea-ven: by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit
 he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.
 For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late;
 he suf-fered death—and was bur-ied. On the third day he

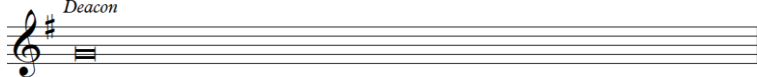
rose a-gain in ac - cord-ance with the Scrip - tures; he a-scend-ed
 in - to hea - ven and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther.
 He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the
 dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro-ceeds from the
 Fa-ther and the Son. With the Fa-ther and the Son he is wor-shiped and
 glo-ri-fied. He has spo-ken through the Pro - phets. We be-lieve in
 one ho - ly cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.
 We ac-know-ledge one bap - tism for the for-give-ness of sins.
 We look for the re-sur-rec - tion of the dead, —
 ☩ and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men. —

The People remain standing for the prayers.

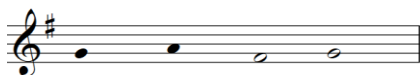
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon offers the Prayers of the People, singing the following.

Deacon



With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,



"Lord, have mer - cy."

Deacon



For . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

People



Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon



In the communion of [... and of all the] saints, let us commend



our-selves and one an - o - ther, and all our life to Christ our God.

People



To you, O Lord our God.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel for the Confession and Absolution.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The People stand to exchange the Peace.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People are seated for parish announcements. They remain seated as the gifts of bread and wine are presented, the Altar is prepared, and an offering of money is collected.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing:
And let the King of glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of glory down him to attend,
And hear heart-cramping notes of melody
Surround his chariot as it did ascend,
Mixing their music, making every string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

God is gone up . . .

(Edward Taylor, 1646-1729)

The Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer. At the appropriate time following the words of institution, the People sing the Memorial Acclamation.

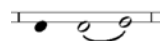
Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

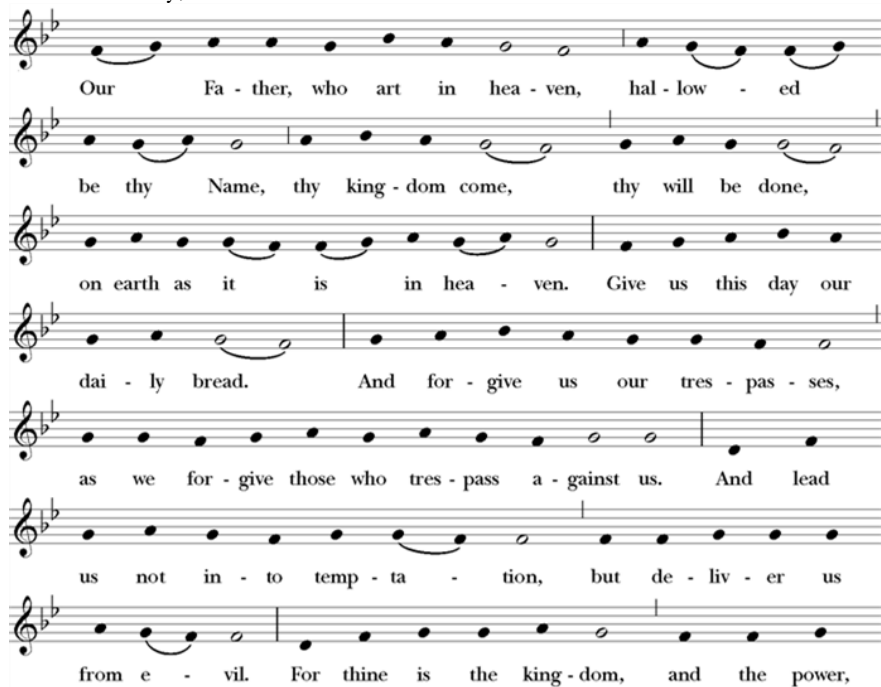
The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding with

Celebrant ...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 
A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,



The consecrated Bread is broken.

AGNUS DEI *(sung by the Choir)*

Mozart

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant then invites the People to receive Communion with the following:

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
 sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you; but speak the word
 only and my soul shall be healed.**

*Everyone is welcome to come forward to the Altar rail at this time, following the
 indication of the ushers. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.
 Others who wish may receive a blessing from the Priest; please indicate that this is what
 you wish by crossing your arms over your chest as you kneel. To receive the Bread, please
 hold out your hands so the Priest may place a Host in your open palms. To receive the
 Wine, guide the Chalice to your lips with your fingers. After receiving the Sacrament
 or a blessing, please return to your pew by the side aisles and kneel or sit.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Peter Philips (1560-1628)

*Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Dominus in caelo,
 alleluia, paravit sedem suam, alleluia.*

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the
 sound of the trumpet. The Lord in heaven, alleluia, has
 prepared his throne, alleluia.

(Psalm 47:5)

The People join in singing the Hymn.

AT COMMUNION, HYMN 483

St. Magnus

After the Hymn, the People kneel and pray together.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The People kneel as the Celebrant gives the Blessing.

The People stand for the Dismissal.



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

AT THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 460

Hyfrydol

VOLUNTARY

Final from Sixième symphonie, Opus 42/2

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

PARISH PRAYERS

We pray for the sick and for those who are in need, especially at this time for Chris, George, Mary Jane, Marlene, Marguerite, Howard, Will, Nick, Bill, Doug, Bob, Barbara, and Will.

We pray for the Saint James School, for the Servant Year Program, for those whom we serve in the Saturday Soup Bowl and in the Food Cupboard; for the homeless and the hungry and for refugees everywhere; for those who suffer from addictions; those who live with life threatening illness; those living with HIV-AIDS; for those who are near death; and for all those who care for them.

We pray for all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, especially those serving in dangerous posts.

We pray for peace among all the peoples of the earth.

We pray for the souls of all the departed.

If you would like to add a name to the parish prayer list, please tell a member of the clergy or simply contact the parish office.

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