



# SAINT MARK'S CHURCH PHILADELPHIA

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 April 2024, 11 a.m.

Pontifical High Mass with Confirmation

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## 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.*

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## Music of the Mass

The setting of the Ordinary of the Mass (those parts sung by the Choir) is the *Missa brevis* by Jonathan Dove (b. 1959).

*Food and beverages are not permitted in the church.*

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

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### VOLUNTARY

*Choral varié sur le "Veni Creator", Opus 4* Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*The People stand at the sound of the bell. The Sacred Ministers proceed to the West Doors to receive the Bishop.*

*Meanwhile, the Choir sings the Antiphon.*

### ANTIPHON

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Ecce sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo, et inventus est justus.*

Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found righteous.

### AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 205

*Gelobt sei Gott*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND VERSICLES

*Bishop* ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### 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*)

Dove

*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*)

Dove

*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. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated for the Readings and the Psalm.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

*Acts 4:5-12*

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 23 (*sung by the Choir*)

Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960)

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy

shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*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 478

*Monk’s Gate*

ALLELUIA *Ego sum pastor bonus*

Mode VII

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



*Choir* V. I am the good Shepherd and know my sheep: and am known of mine.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:11-18*

*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, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People are seated for the Sermon.*

THE SERMON

*Bishop Gutiérrez*

*The People stand.*

HYMN 508

*Nova Vita*

*The People remain standing as the Candidates come forward.*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Candidates are presented by the Clergy.*

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

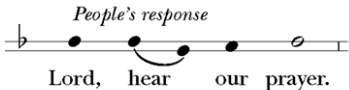
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*The People respond to each prayer by singing*



*People's response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Deacon* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Bishop* Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these



your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Bishop now lays hands on the Candidates for Confirmation and says*

Defend, O Lord your servant, *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Bishop then invites the People to welcome those who have been confirmed, received, or reaffirmed their baptismal vows and then exchanges the Peace with the People.*

THE PEACE

*Bishop* 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

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Alleluia.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my

life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

I will lift up mine eyes up to the hills.

Alleluia.

(Psalms 23, 121)

*The People stand to sing the Hymn.*

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 343

*St. Agnes*

*The People remain standing.*

THE SURSUM CORDA

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop continues with the appointed Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer. The Choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus.*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*sung by the Choir*)

Dove

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth;*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel.*

THE CANON OF THE MASS

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*BCP, pages 361-363*

*The Bishop begins the Eucharistic Prayer. At the appropriate time following the words of institution, the People say the Memorial Acclamation.*

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Bishop continues the Prayer, saying at its conclusion.*

*Bishop* ... 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* **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Bishop* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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 consecrated Bread is broken.*

AGNUS DEI (*sung by the Choir*)

Dove

*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 Bishop then invites the People to receive Communion with the following:*

*Bishop* ✠ 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 MOTET

John Tavener (1944-2013)

Little Lamb, who made thee?

Dost thou know who made thee?

Gave thee life, and bid thee feed

By the stream and o'er the mead;

Gave thee clothing of delight,

Softest clothing, woolly, bright;

Gave thee such a tender voice,

Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee?

Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and he is mild;  
He became a little child.  
I, a child, and thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

(William Blake, 1757-1827)

*The People join in singing the Hymn.*

AT COMMUNION, HYMN 664

*Resignation*

*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 Bishop turns towards them to give the Blessing.*

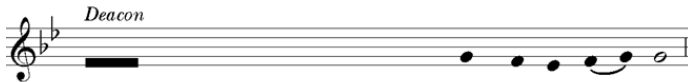
*Bishop* ✠ Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* The maker of heaven and earth.  
*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* From this time forth for evermore.

*The Bishop says*

✠ The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The People stand for the Dismissal.*

*Deacon*



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



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



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

AT THE RETIRING PROCESSION, HYMN 334

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

VOLUNTARY

*Final from Cinquième symphonie, Opus 47*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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*We give thanks for those who are renewing their commitment to Christ.*

**Youth Confirmation**

Molly Ina Clark  
Margaret Mary Slaboda  
Peter Leo Slaboda  
Abigail Mataraza Desmon  
James Alan Mazur  
Nathaniel Piccirilli  
Claudia M. Crociata  
Vivian Mische

**Confirmation**

David Rhody  
Cheryl Cojerean  
Jessica Coco Lam  
Sam Lam  
Carlotta Hope  
Logan Roberts  
Linn Sammis

**Confirmation on behalf of  
Christ Church, Philadelphia**

Shelby Susannah Jones

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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, Daniel, and the Gray Family.

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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