

# *St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 15, 2022 10:00 a.m.*

### **Holy Eucharist Rite II**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn 304**                      **I come with joy to meet my Lord**

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall,  
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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 Gloria**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*  
The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his

steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **Acts 11: 1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.  
*People Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 148**      *Laudate Dominum*

1 Alleluia!

Praise God from the heavens; \*  
sing praise in the heights.

2 Praise God, all you angels; \*  
sing praise, all the heavenly host.

3 Praise God, sun and moon; \*  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

4 Praise God, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of God; \*  
by whose command they were created.

6 God made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
and gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise God from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, \*  
leaders and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise your Name, O God, \*  
for your Name only is exalted,  
your splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 You have raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all your loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near you.  
Alleluia!

**Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **Hymn 577 God is love,**

*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is God himself is there.

1 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.  
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.  
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.  
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another. [Refrain]

2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,  
let there be in us, no discord but one spirit,  
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.  
Christ, our God be always present here among us. [Refrain]

3 Grant in love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,  
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.  
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises. [Refrain]

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

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### **John 13:31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look

for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Nancy L. Threadgill**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*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,  
of 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 worshiped 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**

### **Form IV**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.*

*The Priest, stands and says*

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 Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

### **Anthem**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*The Celebrant faces the people and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

*Celebrant Lift up your hearts.*

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

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

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following instruction.*

*The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

*Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and  
feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

*For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this  
time please pray the following with me:*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the  
Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise*

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily  
bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

*and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you  
above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot  
receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come  
spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with  
your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from  
you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the  
life to come. Amen.*

### **Hymn 314**

### **Humbly I adore you**

1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,  
who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;  
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,  
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;  
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.  
I believe what e'er the Son of God hath told;  
what the Truth hath spoken, for that truth I hold.

3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;  
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,  
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,  
to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word forehold:  
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,  
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;*



*and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.*

*And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **Hymn 607**

### **O God of every nation**

1 O God of every nation,  
of every race and land,  
redeem the whole creation  
with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us  
and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us  
and heal our strife-torn world.

2 From search for wealth and power  
and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower  
destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and nation  
and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation,  
eternal God, we pray!

3 Lord, strengthen all who labor  
that we may find release  
from fear of rattling saber,  
from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter,  
your still small voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter,  
your servants undergird.

4 Keep bright in us the vision  
of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division  
give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious  
when truth and justice reign  
and Christ shall rule victorious  
o'er all the world's domain.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

From *Book of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *Hymnal 1982*

Psalm from *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

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**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Brackenridge,  
and the Rev. Dr. Frank Yesko

**Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God**

In Loving Memory  
Of My Dad, Holly Mack Bell  
Anniversary May 11<sup>th</sup>  
From Lisa Bell-Loncella & Jim Loncella

In Loving Memory of  
Laura Sweeney  
&  
The Smith & Sweeney Families  
Perpetual Flowers

**Next Week's Readings**

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10,22—22:5  
John 14:23-29

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service.*