



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA

An inclusive fellowship called by God,  
through Christ, to love and serve the world.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 2025**

*This leaflet is provided to assist you in the liturgy. Numbers refer to musical selections found in the blue hymnals. Service music (denoted with S) is in the front of the blue hymnals. Hymns with WLP before the numbers refer to the green hymnal.*

***Please move into silence as the altar candles are lit.***

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*The Deer*

*Martin Nystrom*

**Processional Hymn** *(please stand)*

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*

**Hymn 205 (vs 1-3)**

**Easter Acclamations and Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*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.**

**Hymn of Praise**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

**S278**

**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**

*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 First Lesson** *(please be seated)*

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there,

sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **The Response**

### **Psalm 23**

*Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **The Second Lesson**

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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**People Thanks be to God**

### **Sequence Hymn** (*please stand*)

*All glory be to God*

**Hymn 421 (vs 1-2)**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**John 10:22-30**

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will

you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** *(Please be seated)*

**The Reverend Pam Fahrner**

*(A period of silence follows the sermon)*

**The Nicene Creed** *(please stand)*

**Sing to the tune Nettleton, Hymn 686**

**We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame,  
virgin born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;  
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,  
We shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. In our diocese, we pray for the Church of the Good Shepherd in Summerville, and on the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Anglican Church of Japan. 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

**People** 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

**People** 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

**People** 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

**People Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Mary, Connie, Judy, Bonnie, Molly, Amy, Linda, Tom, Carolyn and Jim, Jim and Sandy, Tim and Mary, Susie, Chrissy, Tony and Paula, Patrick and Sarah, and others whom we now name. (*The congregation may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*) Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People 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

**People Hear our prayer..**

Reader As we continue the search process for our next rector, let us pray together;

**All Almighty God, who knows our needs even before we ask, grant us a spirit of faith and courage, that we may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; look graciously on this parish family and send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the search committee, the vestry and the whole community of St. Mark's to be of one heart and mind, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Amen**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant and People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the Peace of Christ, after which they take their seats.*

**Announcements**

Vestry Person on Duty

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

#### Offertory Anthem

*You Are Mine*

*David Haas*

*Please stand as the offering is taken to the altar.*

### Presentation Hymn

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* 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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

**Sanctus** (*all sing*)

**Hymnal S128**

**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**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for

all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mark and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we sing

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**S149**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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 forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

**S154**

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

**Communion**

**Hymns during Communion**

*Holy God, we praise thy name*

**Hymn 366**

*My faith looks up to Thee*

**Hymn 691**

**Hymn after Communion** *(sing three times)*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *(please stand)*

**All** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

*Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*

**Hymn 334**

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve God's world!

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Postlude

*Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*

*Johann Balthasar Konig*

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are for the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for all our mothers here on earth and in loving memory of those above.

## Serving Today

**Music Director:** Dr. Carol Hyde

**9 a.m.—Acolyte:** Marilyn Smith; **Lectors:** Bill Krebs & Lewis Tabb; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Jane Forsythe & Glenda Lee Nutting; **Usher/Greeters:** Lewis Tabb & Leigh Stone;

**Vestry Person on Duty:** Jane Forsythe;

**Sacristan:** Margaret Tabb; **Videographer:** Aly Dennison

**11 a.m.—Acolyte:** Susan Grimes; **Lectors:** Barbara Anderson & George Utter; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally Mayse & George Utter; **Usher/Greeters:** Pete & Cheryl Gaillard; **Vestry Person on Duty:** Mark Whitehouse; **Sacristan:** Susan Grimes; **Flower Guild:** Corey Walmer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME VISITORS.** We're glad you could join us today! Please make yourselves known to the ushers so they can give you a visitor's name tag. If you wish to be placed on our mailing list, fill out a visitor's card and give it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. If you'd like to receive our e-newsletters, just contact the office at 843-379-1020 or [smarksportroyal@gmail.com](mailto:smarksportroyal@gmail.com) or sign up on our website.

**RESTROOMS** are located off the community room adjoining the back of the church and are accessible during the service via the outside ramp to the side door.

**A NURSERY** for children age 3 and under is available during the 11 a.m service in St. Mark's Center, as well as Sunday School for older children. Children will be escorted to the church to join their families during the Peace.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**—This past Thursday's edition of "Red Lion Weekly" features an important update from Sallie Stone, chairperson of our Search Committee, on the progress of the search for a new rector. If you're not receiving "Red Lion Weekly," please sign up on the home page of the webpage (stmarksportroyal.org) or email the office at stmarksc@gmail.com.

**WOMEN OF GRACE**—The next meeting of St. Mark's women's group will take place this Thurs., May 15, in the church at noon. Bring a lunch and hear an update on the Sands Beach and other events. All women are invited.

**ONE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.**—Beginning **next Sunday, May 18**, St. Mark's will move to the summer schedule of one service at 10 a.m. There will be a nursery during this service but no Sunday School except when announced in advance.

**PICNIC & MINISTRY FAIR**—The May 18 service will be followed by a parish covered-dish picnic on the Green and St. Mark's annual ministry fair. Bring a dish to share. If you can help set up or clean up, please contact Jane Frederick 843-441-2030 or jane@f-farchitects.com.

**COME DREAM WITH US!**—You're invited to "come and see" the conceptual ideas for our new parish hall between the services today and at the Ministry Fair on May 18. The vestry developed the following as the concept for the design based on the information gathered from the congregation: *A welcoming design that invites all to "come and see" how we care for one another in mind, body and spirit; our support of the wider community and our stewardship of God's creation.* No time line has been established to implement this project. Frederick + Frederick Architects have created a design that reflects the concept to spark conversations within the parish and with potential rectors.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**—I want to share three foundational truths about finding care receivers for the Stephen Ministry program. First, at any given time, there are many, many people in our congregation and community who are going through a life crisis or some other type of difficulty. They would benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister. The second is this: people who are hurting are often reluctant to reach out for help on their own. And finally, many of these people would be open to receiving care from a Stephen Minister if we offer them the option in a caring and assertive way. More on this later!

*-Glenda Lee Nutting*

**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR** Mary Bryan, Connie Skok, Judy Parichy, Bonnie Connolly, Molly Wolford, Amy Christian, Linda Jones, Tom Tull, Carolyn and Jim Chapman, Jim and Sandy Click, Tim and Mary, Susie Kearney, Chrissy Miller, Tony and Paula Settles, Patrick Numier and Sarah Nutting, and the St. Mark's Search Committee: Beth Campbell, Shannon Duffy, Liz Esch, Scott Peters, Woody Rutter, Sallie Stone and Jim Turk.

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