



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist
April 26, 2026 - 10 a.m.

Welcome! We're so glad to have you joining us for worship today.

ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
PALO ALTO

Welcome to Saint Mark's

We are a community dedicated to deepening our relationship with God and embodying the Spirit of Christ through faithful expressions of love, service, compassion, and justice.

All are welcome to join in worship. Assistive listening devices are available—please ask a greeter for more information.

*Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to fill in a Welcome Card or sign the visitor book, which will be on the welcome table. Please see instructions for receiving Communion on p. 15. **All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.***

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Thank you to our guest musicians today, members of the student-led non-profit Harmony Ensemble: Tiffany Chou, flute; Kate Vo, violin; Léopoldine Bréard, violin; Daphna Raveh Glassman, viola; Brandon Kang, cello; and Kai Bunger-Tang, piano. We appreciate Pat Roberts' generosity in supporting their presence.

PRELUDE Spring (movement 1) from *Four Seasons*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Please stand in body or spirit.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Jubilation Mass* James Chepponis (b. 1956)

Choir, then repeated by all

Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on
earth peace to peo-ple, to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on

The Gloria in excelsis is an ancient song of praise traditionally sung at masses on Sundays and major feasts.



earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will.

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



Glo-ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on



earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will.

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.



Glo-ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on



earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.
And also with you.
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 Collect of the Day thematically gathers our prayers and readings for the day.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)



O God, / you are . my / shepherd; *

I / shall not / be in / want.

You make me lie / down in . green / pastures *

and / lead me . be-/side still / waters.

You re-/vive my / soul *

and guide me along right / pathways . for the /

sake of . your / Name.

This passage is from St. Luke's second book, the *Acts of the Apostles* [2:42-47].

The Psalm is sung to Anglican Chant. The / marks in the text correspond to the bar lines in the music, and periods or hyphens (where necessary) indicate a change of chord. The diacritical "·" indicates two chords to one syllable, while ✓ signifies an extra breath within the half-verse. You are welcome to sing in unison or harmony.



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.

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.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the / days of . my / life, *

and I will dwell in the / house of / God for / ever.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like

Today's epistle (letter) is the first of two attributed to the apostle Peter [2:19-25].

sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Please stand in body or spirit.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al - le -
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Reverend Debie Thomas

A period of silent reflection follows.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

Here the evangelist Luke [John 10:1-10] tells of two disciples' encounter with the risen Christ.

The sermon helps us to reflect on the Scriptures we have heard and to connect them to the Good News present in our lives now.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Nicene Creed comes to us from the Councils of Nicea (325) and Constantinople (381, where they edited it). It is, therefore, an ancient statement of faith that we hold in common with many Christian denominations. As a statement of belief, that is, of communal trust, we recite it collectively as a prayer, ending with "Amen."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Shepherding God, we pray for the church around the world, that you would draw all people to yourself. We pray especially for the Church of Nigeria, and for all congregations gathering in areas of violence and war. In our diocese, we pray for Austin our Bishop and the clergy and people of St. Mark's, Berkeley; St. Mark's, Crockett; El Buen Pastor, Redwood City; Good Shepherd, Belmont; and Good Shepherd, Berkeley.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, we long for your reign of peace and justice in the world. We pray for our President, for Congress, for the Supreme Court, and for all leaders tasked with governance in these divisive times. We pray for our military, and for the militaries of all nations with whom our government is in conflict. Save us from the temptations of violence and vengeance, and lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Creator, we delight in your handiwork. We pray that you will renew the earth, its endangered ecosystems, and all its inhabitants by the light of your love. Make us faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, we pray for people everywhere who need your healing. Walk with those who are anxious, lonely, and depressed. Restore those who are injured or sick. Spread a feast of abundance for the hungry, and fill the cups of the needy to overflowing. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, we pray for this community of faith, that you would embolden us to enter the valleys of this world with love and boldness. We pray for our homes, families, friends, schools, and workplaces. We pray especially for Peter; Liz and Mike; Bob; Marina; Rick; Charles; Larry; Cecile; Paul; Colleen; Daniel; Julia; JoAnn; Eric; Christine; Louise; Alyssa; Jay; Jane; Jamie; Jena and family; Jan; Michael; Dolores; Bill and the Wootton family; Lorna; Sheila; Lucia; all others on our prayer list; and those we name now ... Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for all who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. We pray especially for those who have died

Among those in need, we continue to hold in prayer: Meredith; Vassar; Chung-Ling; Jackie Ray; Emily; Bill; Justin; Mary; Jerry; Ed; Ed; Anna; Lydia; Anna; Danielle; Roma; Malin; Kathy; Yo; Joanna; Ted; Kathy; Justin; Tony and Maggie; Kevin; Scott; Martin; Kalia; Jim; Alberto; John; April; Joan; Sujata; Gordon; Patty.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS *Jubilation Mass*

James Chepponis

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-
 san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-
 san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Sanctus, "Holy," is the song of the angels (Isaiah 6 and Rev. 4). It has been an acclamation of the congregation since around the 4th century.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a

land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Great Amen is the people's consent to and affirmation of the Eucharistic prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), arr. George Black*

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

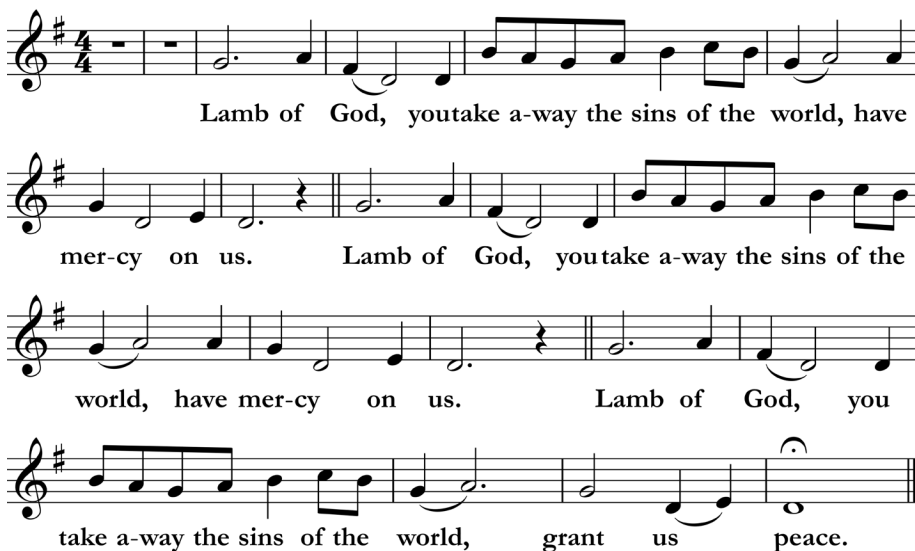
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke record Jesus teaching this, commonly called the "Our Father" or the "Lord's Prayer," to his disciples when they asked to learn how to pray.

AGNUS DEI *Jubilation Mass*

James Chepponis

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION *Canon in D*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand in body or spirit.

Let us pray.

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.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at this, Christ's table, to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Gluten-free wafers are available.

In addition to the consecrated bread, wine (or grape juice in the glass chalice) is available to those who wish to receive it. Please drink directly from the cup, guiding it to your mouth, and do not intinct (dip) the bread.

Healing prayer is available in St. Nicholas chapel— all are welcome.

This Post- (after) Communion prayer offers thanks to God for the gifts we have received in the Eucharist, and requests of God that we may fully live as the Body of Christ which we are.

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 always. **Amen.**

A blessing recognizes and asks for God's presence with us.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN 645 The King of love my shepherd is ST. COLUMBA

Please stand in body or spirit.



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The dismissal sends us out to do our work in the broader world. Alleluias are added from Easter until the Day of Pentecost.

POSTLUDE Spring (movement 3) from *Four Seasons* *Antonio Vivaldi*



A CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

Saturday May 9 at 10 a.m.

Please join us at St. Mark's as we celebrate our new Rector,
The Reverend Kirsten Snow Spalding.

The Right Reverend Austin Rios, the Bishop of California, will preside;
a festive lunch follows the service.

JAZZ EUCHARIST AND PARISH PICNIC

The Day of Pentecost
Sunday May 24 at 10 a.m.

We celebrate the gifts of the Spirit with a Eucharist featuring St. Mark's Choir and a Jazz Ensemble directed by Randy Smith. Our annual picnic in Hoover Park follows the service.



SERVING AT THIS SERVICE

ALTAR GUILD: Maritza Frankfurt

FLOWER GUILD: Cindy Price

BREAD BAKER: Susan Pines

GREETERS: Ashia Lance, Cheryl Miller

LECTORS: Alan Twhigg, Dan Galpin

CHALICE BEARER: Cheryl Miller, Sigrid Pinsky, Randy Smith

TECH VOLUNTEER: Romain Kang

AGAPE HOST: Brie Linkenhoker

COUNTERS: Miriam DeJongh, Susan Pines

Liturgy is the work of the people. Please prayerfully discern how you might serve, and speak with Reverend Nancy <nancy@saint-marks.com> or Reverend Kirsten <kirsten@saint-marks.com> about which ministry would be a good fit for your gifts.

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