

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter



“Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.”

John 15:5



welcome everyone is *Welcome to worship! If you have any questions, please ask an usher.*

Children are always welcome in worship, and we also have Nursery Care for children 0-3 all morning in Classroom #1.

Children's Chapel Ages 4-8 (ages 0-3 welcome with caregiver); ages 9+ welcome as helpers.) Follow the cross out of the nave after the Gospel reading for songs, stories and prayers relating to the day's Bible readings. Youth return to the Peace.

Prelude - *Prelude on Easter Hymn* by Austin C. Lovelace and "Adagio" from *Symphony #5* by Charles-Marie Widor

Welcome

**Opening Hymn – *We Know that Christ is Raised*
Blue Book (1982 Hymnal) #296**

Please stand.

We welcome all children to join in the Entrance Procession, following the Children's Cross, before taking a seat with their families for the liturgy. Children should select a candle from the table at the back of the church to carry with them in procession throughout the service (at the Entrance, the Gospel, and the Closing Hymn).

**Opening Acclamation
Red Book (*Book of Common Prayer* or *BCP*) p. 299**

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



The Collect for Purity

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: Mass of Creation - Green Book (*Gather Hymnal*) #157

Refrain Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1. Lord God hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry

Verse 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther Lord
God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand
of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Verse 3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God, the Fa - ther. A - men! A - men!

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

The First Reading - Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.



As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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



Psalm 22:22-30

Refrain:

Those who seek the Lord shall praise him.

1. My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!" (Refrain)

2. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. (Refrain)

3. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. (Refrain)

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The Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Book of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

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



Sequence Hymn – *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*
Blue Book (1982 Hymnal) #513

Please stand.

We welcome all children to join in the Gospel Procession, following the Children’s Cross. After the Gospel, children who wish to do so may follow the leader to Children’s Chapel and return before Communion. It is customary to turn toward the Gospel Reading.

The Gospel - John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



The Sermon – Sara Johnson

A brief time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed - Red Book (BCP) p. 358

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.

Prayer Song - Easter Troparian, *Christ is Risen from the Dead*

Christ is risen from the dead, tramping down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life.

The Prayers of the People

Please add your own personal prayers and intercessions aloud, silently, or in the Zoom chat/FB comments during the prayers.

The congregation is invited to hum along with the organ under the prayers.

Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Offertory

You may make your offering online at www.stmarksabq.org/give, place your offering in the plate at the back of the church, or mail your check to the church office: 431 Richmond Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87106.

Offertory Anthem – 10,000 Reasons by Matt Redmond and Steve Angrisano



Doxology - *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* Blue Book (1982 Hymnal) #205 v. 5

**To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One, we
sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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The Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

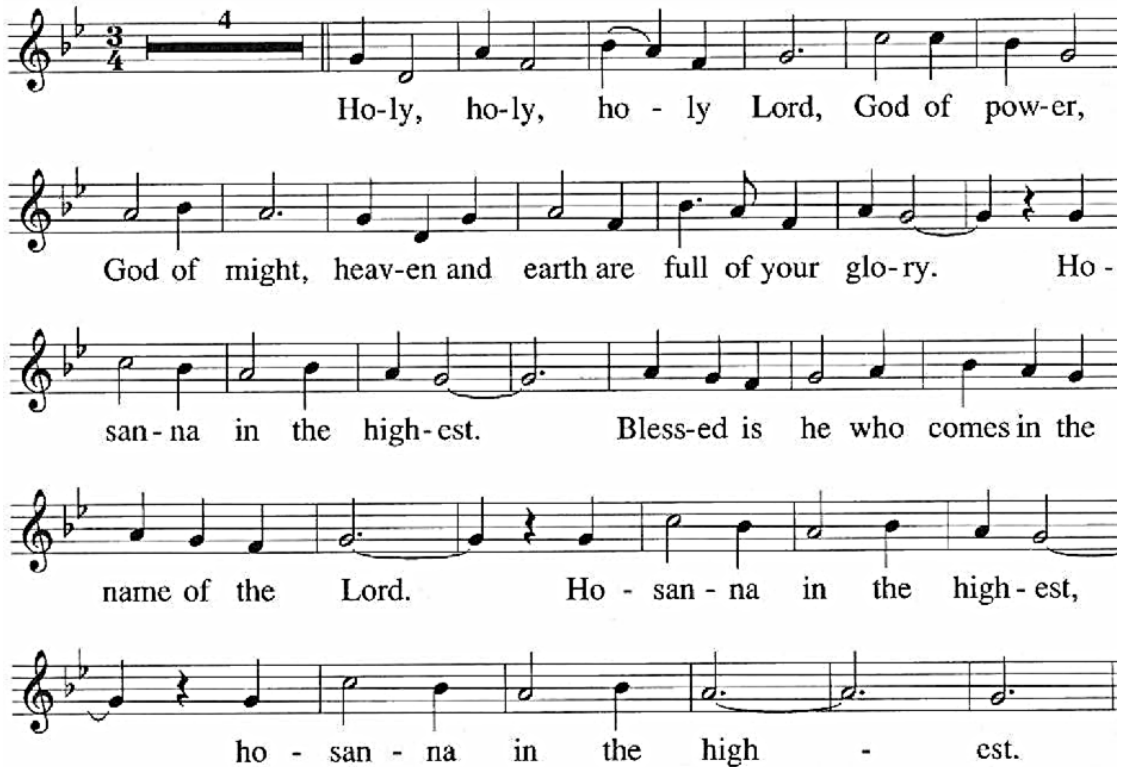
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: 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 Pascal Lamb, who 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:

Sanctus - Green Book (*Gather Hymnal*) #166



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

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction - Celtic Alleluia

Green Book (*Gather Hymnal*) #258



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

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

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Presider: 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.

Communion

We invite all who seek the presence of Christ to share with us in Holy Communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken from the cup by sipping. (Place your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). To avoid spreading germs, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine (“intinction”). If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the person who offers bread to you. Those who do not wish to receive wine from the common cup may proceed to the back of the church to receive wine in individual cups as desired.

We affirm the ancient tradition of the church that communion in one kind (either bread OR wine) constitutes a full communion. If you or your children are drawn to the altar but do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have not been baptized and wish to receive communion regularly, please speak with one of the clergy about baptismal preparation.

Communion Hymn – *I am the Bread of Life* Green Book (*Gather Hymnal*) #828

Sending Forth of our Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Presider: My friends in Christ, I send you out bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**



Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

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.

Blessing

Announcements

- ❖ Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter www.stmarksabq.org/newsletter.
- ❖ Links to online events www.stmarksabq.org/online.
- ❖ Visitor and new member forms, donate flowers form and volunteer form www.stmarksabq.org/forms.
- ❖ Next Week's Coffee Hour: A-E. Please see weekly email for instructions.

Ongoing Worship & Fellowship

- ❖ Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. – Anglican Rosary (Zoom)
- ❖ Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall or Choir Loft)
- ❖ **Thursdays**
 - ◆ 10:30 a.m. – Contemplative Silence & Mutual Support in Prayer (Chapel)
 - ◆ 11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Nave/Online)
 - ◆ 12:00 noon - Bible Study (Chapel/Online)
- ❖ **Sundays**
 - ◆ Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 a.m.
 - ◆ Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 10:30 a.m.
 - ◆ Education for all ages during the school year from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Important Dates

- ❖ Sunday, May 12 – SMMS Plant Sale

Please visit www.stmarksabq.org/online for the full list of offerings and links to the hybrid services.

**Closing Hymn - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Blue Book (1982 Hymnal) #622**

We welcome all children to join in the Recessional, following the Children's Cross.



Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of our risen Savior.

***Presider and People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude – *Trumpet Tune and March* by Jeremiah Clarke





While our rector, Fr. Christopher McLaren, is on sabbatical, please take note of the following clergy and staff who are available to assist you.

During regular office hours, volunteers, staff and clergy are available to assist you:

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Phone: 505.262.2484

Email: stmarks@stmarksabq.org

For after-hours pastoral emergencies, please leave a phone or text message for one of our clergy members to return your call as quickly as possible:

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