



**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
TROY, AL**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B  
APRIL 18, 2021**



**The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick –  
Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast  
Dr. John Jinright – Organist  
Dr. Catherine Allard – Choir Director  
Visiting Priest – The Rev. Sandra Mayer**

*We prepare for the service in silence.  
Please wear your mask, even if singing.*

*Prelude*

*Hopson*

*“The Gift of Love”*

*Processional Hymn (stand) Hymn 182, v. 1&3  
“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”*

**Opening Sentences**

BCP, p. 355

*Gloria*

*S-277*

*“Glory to god in the highest”*

**The Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson Acts 3:12-19** (sit)

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

## **Psalm 4**

*(stand, said in unison)*

- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- <sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- <sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- <sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## **The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7** *(sit)*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is

no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Sequence Hymn* (stand) *Hymn #440, v. 1&3*  
*“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”*

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**The Sermon** (sit)

**The Nicene Creed** (stand) BCP, p. 358

**Prayers of the People - Form III** BCP, p. 387

Confession of Sin (kneel) BCP, p. 360

Peace (stand)

Announcements (sit)

Doxology (stand) *Hymn 380, v3*  
*“From all that dwell below the skies”*

THE HOLY COMMUNION (stand) BCP, p. 361

*Sanctus S-130*  
*“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might”*

Consecration BCP, p. 362

*Communion Hymn Hymn 304*  
*“I come with joy to meet my Lord”*

Post Communion Prayer (kneel) BCP, p. 366

*Closing Hymn (stand) Hymn #203 v. 1&4*  
*“O sons and daughters, let us sing”*

The Dismissal

*Postlude Rondo Bull*

Flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving for Annette Hollis on her 101st birthday by her St. Mark's Family

St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcomes all. It is our pleasure to have you join us today. We joyfully gather to pray, worship, learn, and serve as we seek to follow Jesus. We welcome seekers and doubters and invite all people on a journey of hope and transformation. Embracing the example of Jesus, our welcome knows no boundaries.

**Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am and on Facebook**

**First time worshipping at St. Mark's?**

Please make yourself known by signing the guest registry at the back of the church near the door and by filling out a visitor card and give it to one of the ushers. We'd like to hear from you!

**Nursery**

- Infants through age 4.
- Available during church service hours.

Restroom is located through the door next to the piano at the front of the church.

<b>Serving Today</b>	
Celebrant	The Rev. Sandra Mayer
LEM	Elizabeth Dawson
Crucifer	Josephine Dawson
First Reading	Caleb Dawson
Second Reading	Bob Whitson
Prayers	Catherine Allard
Ushers	Caleb Dawson, Sandy Gregoire
Altar Guild	Avie Medeiros, Michelle Armstrong
Nursery	Katie Flotemerson, Diane Porter

Week of 4/18/21

Today	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
	2:30 pm	Worship in the Woods
Tuesday	7:15 pm	Canterbury Club-Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

Week of 4/25/21

Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Tuesday	7:15 pm	Canterbury Club-Zoom
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Organ Recital
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

# Worship in the Woods

A CONVOCATION IV GATHERING

**APRIL 18**

2:30 PM TO 5 PM

**SALOOM  
PROPERTIES  
TREE FARM**

2835 Bookers Mill Rd  
Evergreen, AL  
36401

Celebrating in God's Creation

*Join us for a special Stations of the Resurrection  
with Eucharist and fun fellowship.*



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| Trinity, Atmore        | St. Peter's, Jackson    |
| St. Stephen's, Brewton | St. John's, Monroeville |
| Nativity, Dothan       | St. Michael's, Ozark    |
| Epiphany, Enterprise   | St. Mark's Troy         |

*Bring your own picnic, lawn chair and/or blanket.  
Wear mask and closed toe shoes.*

*- Bottled water provided -*



# Outreach

## **Food Pantry**

St. Mark's provides supplemental food to the community from three locations:

- Seabury House, Monday-Thursday, 9:00–12:00
- The Boys & Girls Club at 1318 N Three Notch Street
- The Charles Henderson Child Health Clinic, at 1300 US-231

**Canterbury Club:** The Troy University Canterbury Club is the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Troy University. We invite students of all identities to join us. We meet via Zoom every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about St. Mark's Canterbury Club, please contact Wren Cobb at [wrencobb99@gmail.com](mailto:wrencobb99@gmail.com)

**Jail Ministry:** We continue serving the inmates and staff by sending cards each month to let them know that we are thinking about them, and that they remain in our prayers.

## **Church Office**

Open Monday thru Thursday, 9-12

## **Contact Us**

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**Sunday School** for our young children, led by Robert Pullen, meets via Zoom every Sunday at 11:00. They are studying various parables over the coming weeks. This week they will be studying Net full of Fish.

Our church leaders feel that it is important to give the children a chance to be together and to hear the stories of our faith. Joyce Cooper creates and delivers an activity packet for each Sunday to the children so that they have something hands-on to do each week. If you have a child who isn't participating yet, please call the church office to get them added to the list.

The most important part of Sunday School is the chance to be with each other and to hear from each other. The children enjoy bringing their stuffed animals and toys to share. They tell their stories too.

