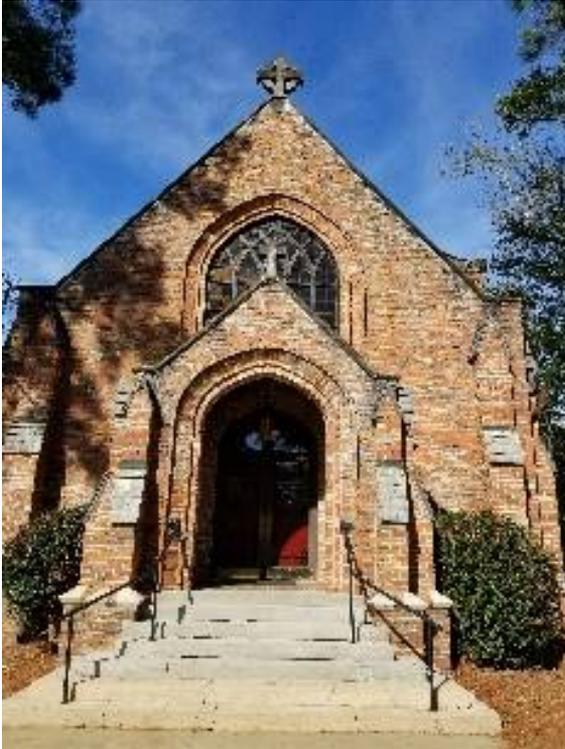


ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
TROY, AL



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B
APRIL 25, 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

“All Glory Be to God”

*Processional Hymn (stand) Hymn 205, v. 1&5
“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing”*

Opening Sentences

BCP, p. 355

Gloria

S-277

“Glory to god in the highest”

The Collect

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.

First Lesson Acts 4:5-12 *(sit)*

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘ the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23

(stand, said in unison)

- 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 Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24 *(sit)*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Sequence Hymn (stand) *Hymn #518, v 1& 3*
“Christ is made the sure foundation”

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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*
“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

THE HOLY COMMUNION (stand) BCP, p. 361

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

Consecration BCP, p. 362

Fraction Anthem *S-154*
“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”

Communion Hymn *Hymn #664*
“My Shepherd will supply my need”

Post Communion Prayer (kneel) BCP, p. 366

Closing Hymn (stand) *Hymn #708*
“Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

The Dismissal

Postlude *Hopson*
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Memory of Carol and Dyke Nelson, parents of Elizabeth Dawson, by Caleb and Elizabeth Dawson

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.

Serving Today	
Celebrant	The Rev. Sandra Mayer
LEM	Judy Dye
Crucifer	Addison Armstrong
First Reading	Diane Porter
Second Reading	Deb Davis
Prayers	Deb Davis
Ushers	Doc Anderson, Joel Williams
Altar Guild	Teri Williams, Amy Gaskin
Nursery	Katie Flotemerson, Teri Williams

Week of 4/25/21		
Today	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Tuesday	7:15 pm	Canterbury Club-Zoom
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Saxophone/piano recital
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Week of 5/2/21		
Sunday	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Tuesday	7:15 pm	Canterbury Club-Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

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 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about St. Mark's Canterbury Club, please contact Wren Cobb at 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 in April

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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 the Paralyzed man let down through the roof.

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.

