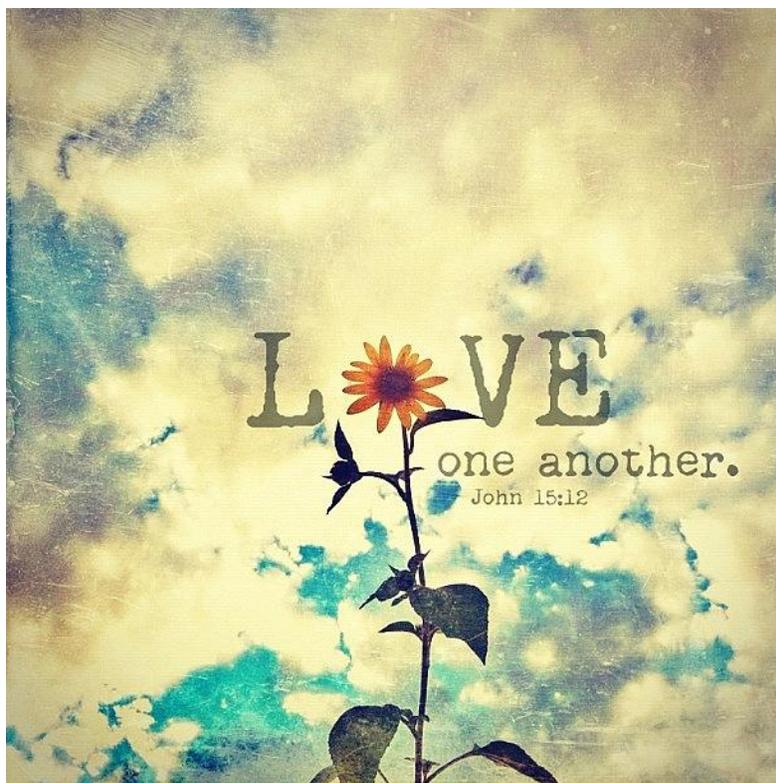


ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TROY, ALABAMA

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

MAY 9, 2021

We prepare for the service in silence.

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick - Bishop of the
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Dr. John Jinright - Organist

Dr. Catherine Allard - Choir Director

Dr. Elizabeth Dawson - Officiant

Prelude

"Variations "Veni Creator Spiritus""

Hopson

MUSIC

"As those of old their first fruits brought"

Hymn #705, V1 &3

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The Officiant begins the service.

BCP 78

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin *(said in unison, all kneeling)*

BCP 79

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 *(All stand, said in unison)*

BCP 82

Psalm 98

BCP 727

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

³ The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶ Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Lessons

The First Lesson (Acts 10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

"In Christ there is no East or West"

Hymn #529, v1&2

The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

THE SERMON

Glory to God

"Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might"

S125

The Apostles' Creed (said in unison, all standing)

BCP 96

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you. BCP 97
People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord's Prayer BCP 97

Suffrages A BCP 97

The Prayers of the People: Form II BCP 385

Silence

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Concluding Collect

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present, Lord Jesus, as you were present with your disciples, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us, and all your Church, until we can gather again. And Lord, please hear the prayers offered by your faithful this day. We ask this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

A Blessing for Saint Mark's Parish

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name. Continue to make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks.

May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving (*Officiant and People, say together*) BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Officiant and People, say together*) BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE DISMISSAL BCP 102

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

MUSIC *“Immortal, invisible”* *Hymn #423*

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude *Improvisation*

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Memory of Ellen Spangler Lawrence, Julia Brock Henderson, and Anna Carol Lawrence by Bob Lawrence

We thank everyone attending today, either here in person, or over the internet.

Serving Today

Officiant: Elizabeth Dawson

Crucifer: Addison Armstrong

1st Reading: Catherine Allard

2nd Reading: Joel Williams

Prayers: John Jinright

Ushers: John Anderson, Joel Williams

Altar Guild: Deb Davis, Penny Jinright

Flowers: Bob Lawrence

Nursery: Jean Orendorff, Katie Flotemersch

May 16th

Celebrant: The Rev. Keith Talbert

LEM: Joyce Landers

Crucifer: Sarah Taylor

1st Reading: Cheryl Purvis

2nd Reading: Joyce Landers

Prayers: Tom Davis

Ushers: Tom Davis, Gene Omasta

Altar Guild: Avie Medeiros, Michelle Armstrong

Flowers: Tom and Deb Davis

Nursery: Caleb Dawson, Katie Flotemersch

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.

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

Sunday School for our young children, led by Robert Pullen, meets via Zoom every Sunday at 11:00. This week they are studying Jesus feeds 5000.

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.

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.

St. Mark's Vestry

Senior Warden: Judy Dye

Junior Warden: Natalie Bryant

Clerk: Joanna Taylor

Adam Blackstock, Ann Hart,

Jordan Medeiros, Kathy Omasta,

Jean Orendorff, Suzanne Price

Treasurer: Diane Porter

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**FOOD, FUN,
INFORMATION AND...
DJ HENDOCK! (11-2)**



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