

FEAST OF ST. MARK
HOLY BAPTISM
SUNDAY, [MAY 2, 2021](#)–10:15AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BELL

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

HOLY BAPTISM

All standing

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

SERVICE MUSIC

THE LESSONS (*seated*)

FIRST READING: [Isaiah 52:7-10](#)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

[Psalm 2:7-10](#) (*responsively by half-verse*)

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *

he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; *

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *

and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all *

who take refuge in him!

SECOND READING: [Ephesians 4:7-8,11-16](#)

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL *(stand)*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [Mark 16:15-20](#)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the apostles, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY *(seated)*

Rev. Alan Akridge, Rector

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Infants and younger children unable to answer for themselves are presented by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Parents & Godparents

I present **Melissa Mosley and Callie Mosley** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the **persons** you present **are** brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help **these persons** to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support **these persons** in **their** life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with them who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver **them**, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open **their** hearts to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill **them** with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep **them** in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach **them** to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send **them** into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring **them** to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Melissa/Callie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed

upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised **her** to the new life of grace. Sustain **them**, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give to **them** an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

Melissa/Callie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion from the standing stations at the chancel steps. Return to the pews to consume the bread and wine; place empty containers in the designated receptacles as you leave. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746.

THE OFFERTORY

Spoken together

***All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FORM I

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

The celebrant incorporates or adapts a Proper Preface

THE SANCTUS

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we say,

Celebrant and People

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer continues with these words, the people sitting or kneeling.

Celebrant And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. 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.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

FRACTION ANTHEM *(spoken)*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant

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.

The people come forward to the standing stations to receive the bread and wine.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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. 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.***

THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC (5:00 & 10:15)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

POSTLUDE (5:00 & 10:15 only)

Depart promptly during the postlude and place bulletins and empty containers in receptacles at the exits.

Thanks to our ECW&M for our St. Mark's Lion cookies to help us celebrate our patron saint today. The cookies have been lovingly created and individually packaged safely at the bakery. While munching on your sweet treat, you are invited to enjoy the creative imaginations of our youth of their brilliantly decorated Lions in the parish hall.

BIRTHDAYS

May 2 Nan Hawkins
May 4 Scott Toney
May 5 Carolyn Morgan, Jeff Buerstatte, Ben Spalding
May 6 Leslie Rumbaugh
May 8 Jake Herndon

ANNIVERSARIES

May 2 Joel & Ali Arline
May 4 Jonathan & Patrice Havens
Ross & Heather Cotton

PRAYER LIST (names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days; renewable by calling the office)

All doctors, nurses, first responders & caregivers Diana Lindsay	Kimi Mashburn Ed Williams Patti Girardin	Hank Orberg Larry Sellars Bill Pelligrini
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**In-person Attendance
April 22-25, 2021**

Thu	Sat.	8:00	10:15	SMT	Total
21	22	18	46	8	115

Financial Update as of 4/27/2021

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>
General Donations	\$ 23,622	\$ 20,312
Pledges	\$ 137,336	\$158,894