



**St. Mark's City Heights  
Episcopal Church**  
MANOS DE DIOS - WE ARE GOD'S HANDS

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Sunday May 11, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist @ 9:45 am**

**Online: [tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom](https://tinyurl.com/stmarkszoom)**

If this is your first time worshipping at St. Mark's, we welcome you! Wherever you are on your journey of faith we are glad you are here, and we invite you to join us in all that we do. If you are joining us online today and would like to have Holy Communion brought to your home please email Fr. Richard at [fr.richard@stmarks-cityheights.org](mailto:fr.richard@stmarks-cityheights.org)

*The in-person service is being streamed live and pictures may be taken during the service. If you don't wish to be seen on camera or to be photographed, please ask someone at the welcome table for appropriate seating.*

### **Welcoming Prayer**

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us as part of the St. Mark's family. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who worships with us feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this community be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Gathering Hymn**

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing Vs 1 and 2 Renew 50**

Come, Christians, join to sing,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend  
To us he'll condescend  
His love shall never end  
Alleluia! Amen!

## The Introduction

Presider	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<b>People</b>	<b>Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!</b>
Presider	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

Renew 67



## The Collect

Presider	God be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Presider	Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

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.*

### The Readings

*A Reading from the Book of Acts*

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

*Read bolded verses responsively*

ENGLISH VERSION SPANISH BELOW

READER: 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**ALL: 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

R: 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**A: 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.**

R: 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.

**A: 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.**

ESPANOL

LECTOR: 1 El Señor es mi pastor; \*  
nada me faltará.

**TODO: 2 En verdes praderas me hace descansar \*  
y me conduce junto a aguas tranquilas.**

L: 3 Me devuelve el aliento \*  
y me guía por sendas justas por amor de su nombre.

**T: 4 Aunque camine por el valle de las sombras de la muerte, no temeré ningún mal, \*  
porque tú me acompañas.  
Tu vara y tu cayado me alientan.**

L: 5 Me preparas una mesa frente a quienes me  
atormentan; \*  
me unges la cabeza con óleo, y mi copa rebosa.

**T: 6 Tu bondad y piedad me acompañarán todos los días  
de mi vida \*  
y moraré en la casa del Señor por largos días.**

*A Reading from Revelation*      **Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Hymn    Open Our Eyes, Lord Vs 1 and 2 Renew 91**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

OPen our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

### **The Gospel: John 10:22-30**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon      Fr Richard**

### **The Nicene Creed**

<b>People</b>	<b>We believe in one God,</b>
	<b>the Father, the Almighty,</b>
	<b>maker of heaven and earth,</b>
	<b>of all that is, seen and unseen.</b>
	<b>We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,</b>

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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **The Peace**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Episcopal Community Services (ECS) Gala Gift Basket** | St. Mark's is contributing a basket for ECS's upcoming Gala fundraiser. Our theme is '**Out and About in San Diego**' and we're asking for your contributions. Ideas: tickets to various venues around town: e.g., San Diego Botanic Garden (Encinitas), Japanese Friendship Garden (Balboa Park), Living Coast Discovery Center (San Diego), Guide to SD (outdoor) adventures,...your ideas. Deadline Sunday May 11. See Debbie K for questions.

**Food Pantry & Outreach** | Current Items Needed:

- Rice & pasta (currently unavailable from the food bank)
- Clean grocery bags
- Items for unhoused hygiene kits: deodorant wipes, razors, individually wrapped body wipes.

Questions or want to arrange a drop off? Contact Joanna: [joannas@stmarks-cityheights.org](mailto:joannas@stmarks-cityheights.org)

**Welcome Chris Nolan** | We are happy and thankful to announce that **Chris Nolan** has started her job as our new Parish Administrator 1. Chris will be working onsite and remotely. Please help make Chris feel welcome and stop by to introduce yourself.

## **Announcements, Blessings for birthdays and anniversaries.**

### *For a Birthday*

*O God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and joy as we celebrate this/these birthday(s). Thank you for this special day, for the gift of life, and for the opportunity to celebrate another year together. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.*

### *For an Anniversary*

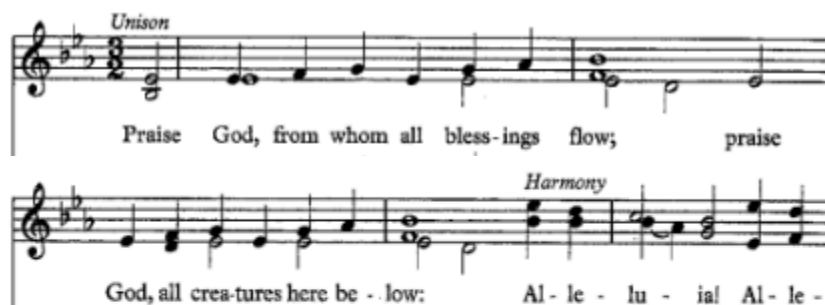
*O God, we thank and praise You for the gift of this anniversary and the love and joy that it brings. Pour out we pray, Your love, joy, grace and peace into the hearts of all who are celebrating this day. We pray that in this remembrance, that you join each of us closer, to each other, and to You. Amen.*

## **The Offering of Gifts**

*The Table is prepared*

## **The Doxology**

**Methodist Hymnal 94**





## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 2*

*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* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



## Presider and People

**Sanctus** *Argentine Santo, Santo, Santo WLP 785*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mark and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, in the language of our own heart.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.**

### **The Invitation**

*Presider* This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So, come, those who have much faith and those who have little, those who have been here often and those who have not been here long, those who have tried to follow and those who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites us; it is Christ, and he invites us to meet him here.

*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.

### **The Prayer of Spiritual Communion For Those On Zoom**

*Presider* We know that some of us are joining this morning on zoom, and although they can not physically receive the holy sacraments, they can receive in their hearts.

*People* **"In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen."**

*We will be offering communion in both kinds: bread & wine.*

*If you would like to **receive the bread and wine** please hold out both hands. You can either drink from the chalice (in which case, after receiving the bread, go to the altar server on the left) or have the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and given to you (in which case go to the altar server on the right after receiving the bread.) If you would like to **receive the bread only** please hold out one hand.*

*If you would **prefer not to receive the body and bread but receive a blessing**, please cross your hands over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive gluten free bread please tell the presider.*

### Communion Hymn:

**What Wondrous Love v1,3 & 4   Renew 277**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing  
While millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And through eternity, I'll sing on

### Post Communion Prayer

<b>People</b>	<b>God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.</b>
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### Sending Out of Eucharistic Ministers with Home Communion

<b>Presider</b>	<b>In the name of God, we send you forth to share communion with those who are not able to be with us today.</b>
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**People** As you have been fed, now feed others.  
**Presider** Our prayers are with you, go in peace.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

## Easter Blessing

**Presider** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Common Worship

## Sending Hymn      Soon and Very Soon Vs 1 and 2 Renew 276

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
soon and very soon, we are going to see the king;  
hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the king.

No more dying there, we are going to see the king;  
no more dying there, we are going to see the king;  
no more dying there, we are going to see the king;  
hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the king

## Dismissal

**Priest** Our worship service this morning has ended, our service to the world continues. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**People** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



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