

April 5, 2026

The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY



The Collect of the Day – Rite II

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [10:34-43]

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

desc.

On this day the Lord has act - ed; we will re - joi - ce and be glad in it.

Choir

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The image shows musical notation for a descant and a choir. The descant part is on a single staff in 4/4 time, with lyrics: "On this day the Lord has act - ed; we will re - joi - ce and be glad in it." The choir part consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time, with the same lyrics: "On this day the Lord has act - ed; we will re - joi - ce and be glad in it." The music is written in a simple, accessible style.

The image shows musical notation for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, with chords and single notes.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, ... for [he] is good;*
his mercy en-[dures] forever.
- 2 Let Israel [now] proclaim,*
"His mercy en-[dures] forever."
- 14 The LORD is my [strength and] my song,*
and he has become [my] salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exul-[tation] and victory*
in the [tents of] the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the [LORD] has triumphed!*
The right hand of the LORD is exalted! ... The right hand of the [LORD] has triumphed!"

Antiphon

- 17 I shall not [die] but live,*
and declare the [works of] the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has [punished] me sorely,*
but he did not hand me [over] to death.
- 19 Open for me the [gates] of righteousness;*
I will enter them; ... I will offer [thanks to] the LORD.
- 20 "This is the [gate of] the LORD;*
he who is [righteous] may enter."

Antiphon

- 21 I will give thanks to you [for] you answered me*
and have become [my] salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the [builders] rejected*
has become the [chief] cornerstone.
- 23 This is the [LORD's] doing,*
and it is marvelous [in] our eyes.
- 24 On this day the [LORD] has acted;*
we will re-[joiice and] be glad in it.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians [3:1-4]

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [28:1-10]

Glory to you, Lord Christ

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A Prayer for the Renewal of St. Mark's

We turn back to you, Lord, for we know you will guide us in all areas of our parish life, so that we will experience full renewal as the Corporate Body of Christ in St Mark's. We are nothing without you, and we ask that you gently remind us of your love, forgiveness, and your willingness to grant us a new life in You. Give us your wisdom and strength in all we say and do in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2026 (continued)

COMING UP

- **There is NO SERVICE at St. Mark's on Sunday, April 19;** however, you are warmly welcomed to a Service of Confirmations with +Bishop Carrie at St. John's, Hagerstown at 10:15 AM. **Candidates for Presentation and Examination will be St. Mark's member, Allison Wadding and Anna Fortuna Kuser.**
- **A Vestry Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 10 AM – 3 PM** in Kerfoot Refectory at Saint James School. (This replaces April's monthly Vestry Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 15.)

FOR PASTORAL NEEDS

- **Father Montgomery+ can be reached at 205-451-8946** for pastoral needs.

SERVING OTHERS

- **Micah's Backpack program - Please consider small but consistent monetary donations to the "Micah's 5-n-10" program,** which can add up over time but not greatly impact household budgets on a weekly basis.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **The 2026 Ed Poling Memorial HARC *Hike for Hunger & Hope* is scheduled for Saturday, May 30.** This year's hike will be along the C & O Canal towpath in Williamsport. **You can get a 2:1 match through *God's Grace Fund* for any donations you wish to make by sponsoring our Senior Warden, Ed Maloy on his HARC pledge page.** The annual Hike is the largest fundraiser in funding Washington County's overall Micah's Backpack program.
- **Mark your calendars! *Episcopal Night at Meritus Park* has been scheduled for Friday, June 19.**