



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 9th, 2021
8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

2128 Barton Hills Drive | Austin, TX 78704
512.444.1449 | stmarksaustin.org

COVID GUIDELINES

By attending this service, you agree to the following:

I understand to the best of my knowledge, I/we have not experienced any of the following COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days: fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat. If I/we have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the service or should I/we test positive to a COVID-19 screening or exhibit the symptoms described above, I agree I will contact a member of church staff immediately.

Please maintain social distance (6 ft. between members of different households) and wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth during the service and while on campus.

GATHERING

Opening Acclamations

Celebrant. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

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.

Psalm 98

- 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 Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Nicene Creed *(leader and people)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, 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.

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

EATING TOGETHER

The Great Thanksgiving *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

...we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

At the Sanctus, the People say

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

... By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread (silence is kept)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Distribution of Communion

The Celebrant will bring communion to each household. If you wish to receive, when the priest approaches you they will drop the host in your outstretched hands. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will pray a blessing for you. Please wait for the celebrant to move to the next household before removing your mask to reverently consume the host. Following, restore your mask, covering your mouth and nose.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BEING SENT

Announcements

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Schedule of services: RSVP here: stmarksaustin.org/rsvp

- **8:30am** - Rite I, Indoors and live-streamed to Facebook
- **9:30am** - Rite II, Parking Lot Eucharist, full liturgy with singing
- **10:45am** - Family Picnic Eucharist, Front Lawn

Coffee/Taco Hour & Sunday School Schedule

- **10:30am** - Coffee & Tacos: on the patio (between Day School buildings)
- **10:45am** - Sunday School, In-person on the deck: *The Resurrection Appearances*
- **11:30am** - Coffee & Tacos (Playground)

Sunday, May 23rd, 10:45am - Special Family Picnic Baptism Service at Barton Creek: a celebration of Pentecost with Holy Baptism. We will meet at 10:45am on the front lawn and walk together through the St. Mark's trails down to the creek. Wear comfortable shoes and even a swimsuit if you want! Please contact Fr. Zac for more information: zac@stmarksaustin.org.

Men's Group informal get-together, Monday, May 10, 6:30pm, St. Mark's parking lot. Chef Jim Nolan will be grilling unforgettably good burgers! Bring your folding chairs and yourselves, food and beer will be provided at minimal cost. No cost for first-time attendees! Please RSVP to Bill Kibler: wkibler@utexas.edu - helpful for the count but not required!

Sunday Coffee Ministry Volunteers needed! Now that coffee & tacos are back, volunteers are needed. If you are interested in being on the ROTA, please contact vestry member Jennifer Gallardo Payne: jgallardopayne@me.com.

Graduation Sunday, May 23rd at the 9:30am service. **Attention graduates:** please send the following information to the church office (office@stmarksaustin.org): your name, school graduating from (can be high school, college, or higher degree), next steps (i.e. college plans - include name of school, and intended focus of study), or it may be employment, etc.

Information is due to the office by May 17th.

- **Tuesday Noon Bible Study through May 18.** The link is posed on our website.
- **Morning Prayer meets 8:30am, M-F.** Check our home page for the link.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Trinity Center** needs 2-3 people each weekday morning to help sort mail and help neighbors get clothing and food. Donations of seasonally appropriate men's clothing also needed. Interested? Contact vestry member Mary-Alis Kelly at mand94@gmail.com.
- **Welcome Table** needs help with both in-person and remote tasks. To help pack and/or deliver food and diapers there's some information [here](#). For more information, contact Nancy Kibler at nancyskibler@gmail.com.

Parish Intercession List

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: George De Marines, Nicolas Ruiz, Mike Davis, Joanne Foote, Pattie Rose, Jamison Walpole, Matthew Awitan, Savannah Dew, Jean Severn, Jewellyn Forrest, Emma Vande Streek, John Glover, Evan Maxwell.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Beth & Mike Brode, Anna & Zac Koons.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

Ministers of the Service

Lector: Stephen White

Usher: Bo Overstreet

St. Mark's Staff

The Rev. Zac Koons.....Rector
The Rev. Mary KeenanCurate
The Rev. Dr. Nathan JenningsTheologian in Residence
Casey Busman.....Director of Christian Formation
Mark Reed.Organist/Director of Music & Bookkeeper
Joanne FooteParish Administrator
Barbara WhiteSeminarian
Brandon Haynes.....Seminarian
Karon Hammond.....Head of St. Mark's Day School
Irma GloverSexton