

Morning Prayer

Rite II



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Johnstown, PA**

May 03, 2026

Hymn #1

Father, we praise thee

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader and People together, kneeling or standing

Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Leader Lord, open our lips.
People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Leader and People

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

Antiphon

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

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Please be seated

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
*
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

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

Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were

stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to
shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

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

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

A reading from the Gospel of John

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the

Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I

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People: *Thanks be to God*

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and was 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.

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. Amen.

Hymn # 243

When Stephen, full of power and grace

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Announcements

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Anthem

The Choir

The Doxology

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Leader *The Lord be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Leader *Let us pray.*

Leader and People

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 for ever. Amen.

Suffrages B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *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.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, who the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day; Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfillment of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants: *Catherine Ann McCloskey, Carol Adams, Cindy Leap, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl.* that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, we remember today your faithful servants who have gone before us, and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, you will receive them more and more into your joyful service, that with all who have faithfully served you in the past, they may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

The General Thanksgiving

Leader and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn #195

Jesus lives!

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns for *The Hymnal 1982*

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Catherine McCloskey, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, John Rogers, Carol Adams, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Marlene Rhin.

Flower & Plant Sale

We still have Hanging Basket and Flats of Flowers Coupons for sale. These would make a thoughtful gift for Mother's Day. I am sure a favorite Grandmother, Sister, or Aunt would also love a basket.

Price for a Flat of 8 Packs is \$15.00

Price for a Hanging Basket or Pouch is \$20.00

Mother's Day is May 10!

Potluck Lunch

Please join us today in the Church Hall for our Potluck Luncheon.

Pet Food Pantry

Our next Pet Food Pantry is May 14th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm we are always looking for volunteers.

Readers and Greeters May 2026

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell- Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

May 3 rd	Richard Burkert & Donovan Pendell
May 10 th	Doug Zawiskie & Colleen Curry
May 17 th	Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko
May 24 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi
May 31 st	Richard Burkert & Donovan Pendell

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

May 3 rd	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
May 10 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
May 17 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
May 24 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
May 31 st	Jane & Jerry Strittmater

May Worship Schedule

May 3rd **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am Morning Prayer Colleen Curry

Potluck Luncheon

May 10th **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Norm Erb-White

May 17th **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Norm Erb-White

May 24th **Pentecost – Share the Feast**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Kimberly Karashin

Services at St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset

May 31st **Trinity Sunday – Share the Feast**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Kimberly Karashin

Services at St. Mark's, Johnstown

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

03 May 2026

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana, and the Rev. Jamie Samillo

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Lee Callen
Perpetual Flowers

As a Loving Birthday Remembrance
For Jack Slater
May 6th
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service.***