

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter – April 27, 2025

Responsive Call to Worship

In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.

Hymn 65 All people that on earth do dwell

**1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 265 Hail the day that sees Christ rise

**1. Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Hallelujah!
to the throne in paradise; Hallelujah!
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, Hallelujah!
enters now the highest heaven. Hallelujah!**

**2. Christ, for you high triumph waits, Hallelujah!
lift your heads, eternal gates; Hallelujah!
you have conquered death and sin: Hallelujah!
enter, Sovereign, enter in. Hallelujah!**

**3. See the nail marked hands above, Hallelujah!
signs of God's redeeming love; Hallelujah!
hark, Christ's words our hearts assure, Hallelujah!
"I will send a Comforter!" Hallelujah!**

**4. Christ, for us still intercede; Hallelujah!
by your suffering for us plead; Hallelujah!
near yourself prepare a place, Hallelujah!
as the first fruits of God's grace. Hallelujah!**

**5. Now, though parted from our sight, Hallelujah!
in the depths of starry night, Hallelujah!
may God raise us up again, Hallelujah!
heirs of your eternal reign. Hallelujah!**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**O God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the
dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that
brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection,
Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always.
Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your
promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our
own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace.
Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness
and your steadfast love for us.**

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For
ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 389 Breathe on me, breath of God

**1. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 118:14-29 p. 481 NT & Psalms

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.

**¹⁵Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!**

¹⁶The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph.
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

**¹⁷I will not die; instead, I will live
to tell what the Lord has done.**

¹⁸The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not let me die.

**¹⁹Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the Lord.**

²⁰These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,
and the godly enter there.

**²¹I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.

**²³This is the Lord's doing,
and it is wonderful to see.**

²⁴This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**²⁵Please, Lord, please save us.
Please, Lord, please give us success.**

²⁶Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**²⁷The Lord is God, shining upon us.
Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and I will praise you!
You are my God, and I will exalt you!

**²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.**

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Scripture Lessons

Acts 5:27-32 p. 209 NT & Psalms

Revelation 1:4-8 p. 426 NT & Psalms

John 20:19-31 p. 198 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **"Peace be with you." Really?**

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Hymn 274 **Crown him with many crowns**

**1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!**

**Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known**

that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!

A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Generous God, we thank you for all we have received from you which brings us hope and joy. Bless the gifts we bring so they may help establish your reign in the world you love. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn 267 Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing

and triumph ever more.

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**3. His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.**

Benediction