

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE PIONEER CHURCH OF WYOMING



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
APRIL 19, 2026 | 9:30 AM**



WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Mark's! What a joy it is to celebrate this Third Sunday of Easter with you. Today we hear the beautiful story of the Road to Emmaus, where the disciples walk with the risen Jesus but do not know it until later in the day before supper when their eyes are opened and he is revealed in the breaking of the bread.

To help us mark this day we will be using freshly baked bread at Communion, lovingly prepared by our own Laura Roberts. It is a wonderful way to enter more deeply into this Gospel story and to help us remember that Christ is still revealed among us as we gather at his table to share this holy meal together.

We hope that you will join us again this evening for our Family Game Night at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Families, friends, and kids of all ages are welcome to join, so please come and enjoy a fun night together. Have a game that you love? Bring it along! All are always welcome.

Next week we will gather for Yoga Eucharist on Thursday, April 23, at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This peaceful service of movement and prayer offers another way to draw nearer to God in body, mind, and spirit.

As we prepare for worship, I invite you to take a deep breath and open your heart to the ways that Christ may be revealed to you today, in the sacraments, in scripture, and especially in the faces of those around you. May this time of worship together bring you peace and renewed faith.

We are glad you're here.

Blessings,

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel
Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Prelude

“Rapsodie Gothique!” *Young*

Dana Anderson, organ

Entering Procession (standing, sung by all)

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!” *Gelobt sei Gott*

Hymn 205

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity (standing)

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: 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.**

All children through age ten are invited to follow the Children’s Processional Cross to Children’s Chapel.

Gloria (standing, sung by all) *Gloria in excelsis*

S 278

“Glory to God,” *William Mathias*



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day (standing)

BCP 224

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (seated)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (seated, chanted by the choir)

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17, *Dilexi, quoniam*

*I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.*

*The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.*

*Then I called upon your name, O God:
"My defender, I pray you, save my life."*

*How shall I repay you, O God
for all the good things you have done for me?*

*I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name, O God.*

*I will fulfill my vows to you, O God,
in the presence of all your people.*

*Precious in your sight, O God
is the death of your servants.*

*O God, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.*

*I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon your name, O God.*

*I will fulfill my vows to you, O God,
in the presence of all your people,*

*In the courts of God's house,
in the midst of Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!*

The Second Lesson (seated)

1 Peter 1:17-23

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 325

“Let us break bread together on our knees,” *Let Us Break Bread*

The Gospel (standing)

Luke 24:13-35

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen

indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (seated)

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

The Nicene Creed (standing, said by all)

BCP 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People (standing) Form I

BCP 383

- Celebrant:** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.
- Reader:** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on the St. Mark's prayer list, for St. Matthew's Cathedral in Laramie, and for the Diocese of Wellington; for the flowers on the altar, given to the glory of God.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a swift end to the conflict in Iran; for the safety of civilians and servicemembers; for the wounded, the fearful, and those who are displaced; for the lives and safety of children; and for the wisdom and resolve of leaders and nations to work towards peace without delay. Lord, in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mark, and all your saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

During the season of Easter, we omit the Confession as a way of celebrating Christ's triumph over sin and the assurance of salvation and new life for all who are joined with him in his death and resurrection.

The Peace (standing)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

At Communion today, freshly baked bread will be used, reflecting the Emmaus story, where Christ was made known in the breaking of the bread.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

An offering is received to support the ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the sharing of God's love in Cheyenne and beyond. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR Code, or with our tap-to-give device.



Offertory Hymn (seated)

“Our Triumphant Holy Day,” *Hughes*

Dana Anderson, *organ*

Presentation Hymn (standing, sung by all)

“All creatures of our God and King,” *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Hymn 400; v. 1 & 7



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

All baptized persons of any age regardless of their denomination and tradition are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B (standing)

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (standing, sung by all)

S 128

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,” *William Mathias*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

Virgin Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (sung by all)

S 154

“Christ our Passover,” *David Hurd*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are invited to come forward for Communion. Stand or kneel at the altar rail as you are able, and receive the wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, to dip lightly into the chalice for yourself. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Communion Hymn (sung by all)

Hymn 335

“I am the bread of life,” *I Am the Bread of Life*



1 I am the bread of life;— they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give— is my
 3 (Un-) less— you eat— of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve— that—



1 come to me shall not— hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world,— and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of— Man— and—
 4 I— am the— life.— They who be -
 5 you— are the— Christ,— the—



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat— of this bread, they shall— live for
 3 drink— of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve— in me, e - ven— if they
 5 Son— of God who— has



1 me— un - less the— Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er.— they shall— live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die,— they shall— live for ev - er.
 5 come— in - to— the— world.—

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 1-4 Final Ending

5 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes, day.

Eight-fold Alleluia (sung by all, please stand at the third verse)

- 1. Alleluia
- 2. Jesus is Lord
- 3. He is Risen
- 4. Alleluia

Post-Communion Prayer (standing, said by all)

BCP 365

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

The Blessing (standing)

BOS 15

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal (standing)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Departing Procession (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 191

“Alleluia, alleluia!” *Lux eoi*

Postlude

Dana Anderson, *organ*

“Fling Wide The Gates!” *Stainer*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and refreshments following the service.
All are welcome!*

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

YOGA EUCHARIST

Join us for a heart-centered yoga practice combined with Holy Communion. No experience needed – just bring a yoga mat and firm blanket (or borrow one of ours). Yoga Eucharist meets every second Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Enter through Kingham Walkway. **Next session: April 23**

TAIZÉ

Experience a peaceful, contemplative service of chant, scripture, and candlelight, led by the Sancte Spiritus Singers and instrumentalists. Held every 3rd Friday, our next service is **May 15** at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow.

FEAST DAYS

Join us in celebrating the Church's Feast Days with simple evening services at 5:30 PM, all using the traditional language of Rite I. These holy days remind us that the story of Christ and his saints continues to shape and inspire our lives.

Ascension Day:

Thursday, May 14, 5:30 PM

St. Barnabas:

Thursday, June 11, 5:30 PM

St. John the Baptist:

Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 PM

St. Peter & St. Paul:

Monday, June 29, 5:30 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING RITE

Join us once a month on the Third Wednesday at 5:30 PM for a Eucharist that includes prayers for healing and anointing with holy oil. This Healing Rite is a time to seek God's grace for yourself or for others, whether for physical illness, emotional struggles, or spiritual renewal. **Upcoming: May 20**

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us for Family Game Nights every third Sunday of the month. Come as you are, bring a friend, bring the kids, or come solo, there's always room at the table! We gather in the Parish Hall from 5:00–7:00 PM. All are always welcome. **Next: April 19**

COMEA SHELTER

Help us in providing a warm meal for those in need by serving at the COMEA Shelter. St. Mark's serves meals every 3rd Thursday at 5:30 PM. Your help makes a difference! To volunteer, please contact Eric Nelson at nelsonhams19@gmail.com. **Next: May 21**

BIBLE STUDY AT PARRISH HOME

Please join us Thursdays at 10:00 AM for a bible study led by Jim Janks. Please email the office for address if you are interested in attending.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us after the service every Sunday for Coffee Hour! It's a wonderful time of fellowship, and we feature delicious locally roasted coffee. If you would like to sign up to provide refreshments, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

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Altar Flower Dedications
 Sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the narthex of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed.
 Cost is \$100.

Parking at St. Mark's
 We are grateful to the Galeotos Family for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot, located next to the Kingham Walkway free of charge on Sunday mornings. Please enjoy this convenient parking option as we come together for worship each week.

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