



Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church Episcopal

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

MARK THE EVANGELIST

25 April NT

· Wednesday, April 22, 2026 · · Chapel · 5:30 p.m. ·

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Glory Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 16:15-20
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the apostles, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Reflection

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People Form IV, Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Candle Lighting

*We continue our prayers through the lighting of votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others.
You are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Announcements

*To make an offering online visit
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Final Hymn

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

MARK THE EVANGELIST

(25 APR NT)

The book of Acts mentions a Mark, or John Mark, a kinsman of Barnabas (Col 4:10). The house of his mother Mary was a meeting place for Christians in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). When Paul and Barnabas, who had been in Antioch, came to Jerusalem, they brought Mark back to Antioch with them (12:25), and he accompanied them on their first missionary journey (13:5), but left them prematurely and returned to Jerusalem (13:13). When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out on a second missionary journey, Barnabas proposed to take Mark, but Paul thought him unreliable, so that eventually Barnabas made one journey taking Mark, and Paul another journey taking Silas (15:36-40). Mark is not mentioned again in Acts. However, it appears that he became more reliable, for Paul mentions him as a trusted assistant in Colossians 4:10 and again in 2 Timothy 4:11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oyster Roast - May 1

Save the date! Our annual Christ Church and Community Oyster Roast will be held on Friday, May 1st from 6-9pm

May 12 - Joyful Friends 75+

11:30 am | Dining Room

Join us for lunch and a special event featuring an interactive talk about Canine Companions service and therapy dogs. Not only will you have the opportunity to learn about the training and work of these remarkable dogs, we will have a few pups at the event who will demonstrate their skills that will enhance the lives of people with disabilities.

Please RSVP to the main office or through the church website by May 8th so we have a proper head count for our luncheon.

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School! Contact Amy Schmitt at 703-300-5024 to learn more.

Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp

(Three sessions!)

June 16-18, June 29-July 1, July 13-15 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Join Chef Jen and Chef Doreen for a fun and hands-on cooking experience at Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp. Campers will explore recipes and techniques inspired by the rich culinary traditions of Europe while learning new kitchen skills. Register online at ccpvb.org

JUST JULY: A Summer Book Study

Wednesdays in July | 10:00-11:00 AM | F106
Father Eric will host a midsummer book study on Wednesdays in July on With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God written by Skye Jethani. With explores the narrative of the Bible to show that we were created to be with God, and that restoring this connection is his mission. Instead of life over, under, from or even for God, what leads us into freedom and restoration is life with God. Visit ccpvb.org for more info.



For a complete list of events, ministry activities, and more please visit our website.