



*St* **NICOLAS' CHURCH**  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**MARK THE EVANGELIST**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**



**Officiant: Bishop Henry Scriven**  
**25 April 2021**

### **Image:**

St Mark from the Ebbo Gospels.

The Ebbo Gospels (Épernay, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms. 1) is an early Carolingian illuminated Gospel book known for an unusual, energetic style of illustration. The book was produced in the ninth century at the Benedictine Abbaye Saint-Pierre d'Hautvillers.

### **Opening Music:**

***Beatissimus Marcus*** (Responsory - Feast of St Mark - 25 April) Cappella Musicale Monteberico, From St Mark's Basilica, Venice

Beatissimus Marcus, discipulus et interpres Petri apostolic, secundum quod ab eo audierat Romae rogatus a fratribus Christi scripsit evangelium alleluia. Quo viso Petrus probavit et ecclesiae suae auctoritatem tradidit legem; secundum quod ab eo audierat Romae rogatus a fratribus Christi scripsit evangelium alleluia.

The most blessed disciple Mark, and the interpreter of Peter the apostle, who, after he had heard Rome's request from the Brothers of Christ, wrote the Gospel, alleluia.

Upon seeing this, Peter approved and surrendered his Church's authority to the law; who [Mark], after he had heard Rome's request from the Brothers of Christ, wrote the Gospel, alleluia.

## Welcome & Notices

*The president greets the people having given any notices:*

*Please stand:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

The saints were faithful unto death  
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.  
As we celebrate their joy,  
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,  
and ask for his mercy.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## The Promise of Forgiveness

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
+ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in  
all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We say together*

## The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect for the Day:**

Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit for:*

**New Testament Reading**

**Acts 15: 35 – 41**

But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' <sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. <sup>39</sup> The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

We listen to:

**There is a Redeemer**

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One  
Thank you, oh my father, for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit, 'til the work on Earth is done  
Jesus my redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah oh, for sinners slain  
Thank you, oh my father for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done

When I stand in Glory I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever in that Holy Place  
Thank you, oh my father for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done

*Keith Gordon Green (1953 – 1982)  
BBC Songs of Praise, Hereford Cathedral*

*Please stand for:*

**Gospel**

**Mark 13: 5 – 13**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,  
for all that I have heard from my Father  
I have made known to you.

**Alleluia**

Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

<sup>9</sup> 'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup>And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>13</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

**Sermon**

*Please stand to say*

**Apostle's Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

*Please sit or kneel for:*

**Intercessions**

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

*Please stand for:*

**The Peace**

May the God of peace sanctify you:  
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints. (1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*We show a sign of peace to our neighbour, without physical sharing*

*Please sit as we listen to*

**Be not afraid**

You shall cross the barren desert,  
But you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live  
Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea  
You shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all  
Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest  
And blessed are your poor  
For the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blest are you that weep and mourn  
For one day you shall laugh  
And if wicked men insult and hate you  
All because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you  
Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

*S.j. / Bob Dufford  
Earthen Vessels, Music from the St Louis Jesuits*

### **The Preparation of the Altar**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty  
for you have given us a share with Mark  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

In the darkness of this passing age  
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.

Chosen as lights in the world,  
they surround our steps as we journey on  
towards the city of eternal light  
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.

In communion with angels and archangels  
and all who have served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and saying:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St Nicolas, St Helen, St Michael and all the  
saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread**

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
The Body and Blood of Christ.

**Amen**

*Please come forward and keep as much social distance as possible;  
the president distributes the host in silence*

*We listen to*

Jesus, the name high over all,  
In hell or earth or sky;  
Angels and men before him fall,  
And devils fear and fly.

Jesus, the name to sinners dear,  
The name to sinners giv'n;  
He scatters all their guilty fear,  
He turns their hell to heav'n.

Jesus the prisoner's fetters breaks,  
And bruises Satan's head;  
Power into strengthless souls he speaks  
And life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see  
The riches of his grace!  
The arms of love that compass me  
Would all the world embrace.

His only righteousness I show,  
His saving truth proclaim;  
'Tis all my business here below  
To cry, "Behold the Lamb!"

**Jesus the name high over all**

Happy, if with my latest breath  
I may but gasp His Name,  
preach Him to all, and cry in death,  
"Behold, behold the Lamb!"

*Charles Wesley  
Chet valley Churches*

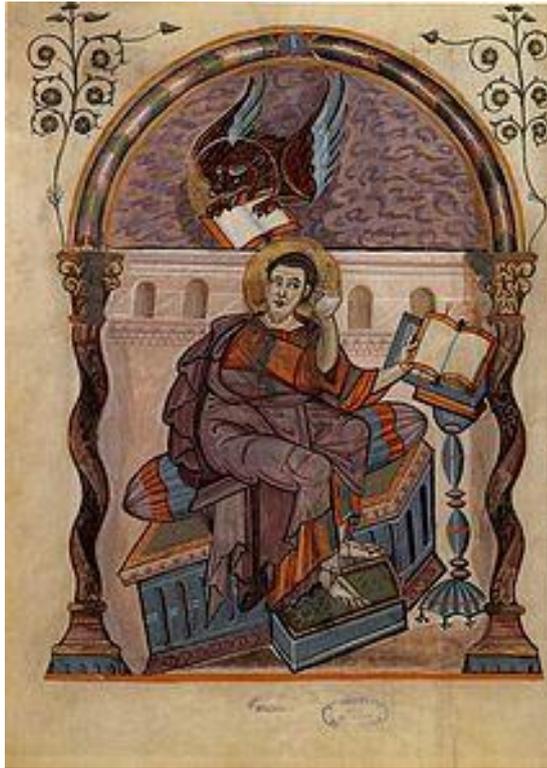
### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

*Closing music:*

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today - Northland Church*



*Mark the Evangelist listening to the winged lion, Mark, image 21 of the Codex Aureus of Lorsch or Borsch Gospels, an illuminated Gospel Book written in Latin between 778 and 820*

**Please maintain social distancing as you leave  
and take this Service Booklet with you, Thank you**

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