




**THE MANE LION**  
MAY 2, 2025

**A Special Thanks to our Cantor Tom Busse, organist Nancy Nichols, Sexton Alastair Jaques and the choir who presented the beautiful Tenebrae service on Good Friday.**



## Service Schedule

May 4

8:00 am & 10:00 am  
Morning Prayer with  
Alastair M. Jaques

May 11

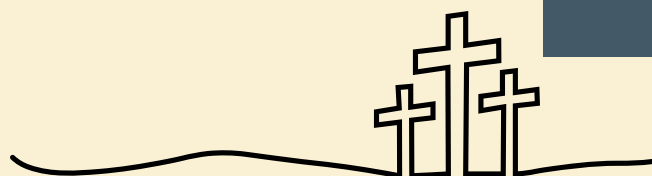
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May 6-10 (Tues-Sat.)

APCK Synod  
No services, Parish office closed



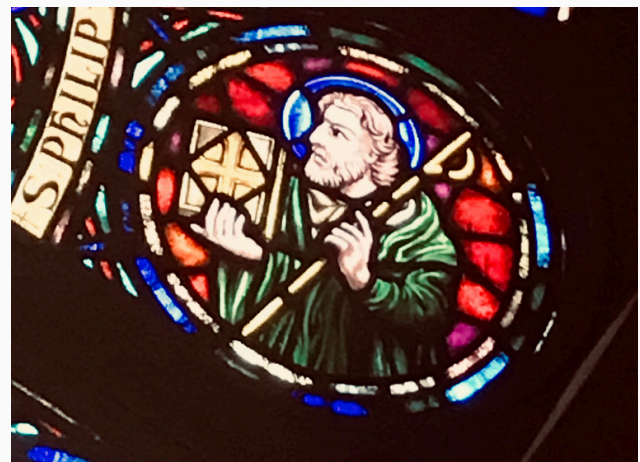
Lift Up is collecting coffee and tea in May. Pick up extra on your next grocery shopping trip and donate for the needy.





## St. Phillip & St. James, Apostles Part of the St Marks Art in the Church series

The First of May marks the Feast St Philip and St James (called James the Less) who can be seen as somewhat mysterious figures, and this is something we generally don't like in Apostles. Even these two saints being celebrated at the same occasion on this particular day might strike some as odd. Saints are most often commemorated on the day of their death or martyrdom—a saint's “heavenly birthday”, if you will. This isn't the case with Philip and James because neither scripture nor holy tradition informs us of the dates of their respective passings into glory. Instead, the association of James the Less and Philip in the same feast and the date of the observance were determined due to the dedication of the Basilica of the Apostles at Rome on May the First sometime within the reign of Pope John III (561-74). It was on this occasion that the supposed relics of these two Apostles were deposited in the basilica. Philip the Apostle is mentioned in all of the Gospels. It's only in the Gospel according to St John that we get much mention of him doing anything, though. We know he was a disciple of Our Lord from the earliest days, being among the first disciples to be called. Later in John's Gospel, Philip is present at the Feeding of the Five Thousand.



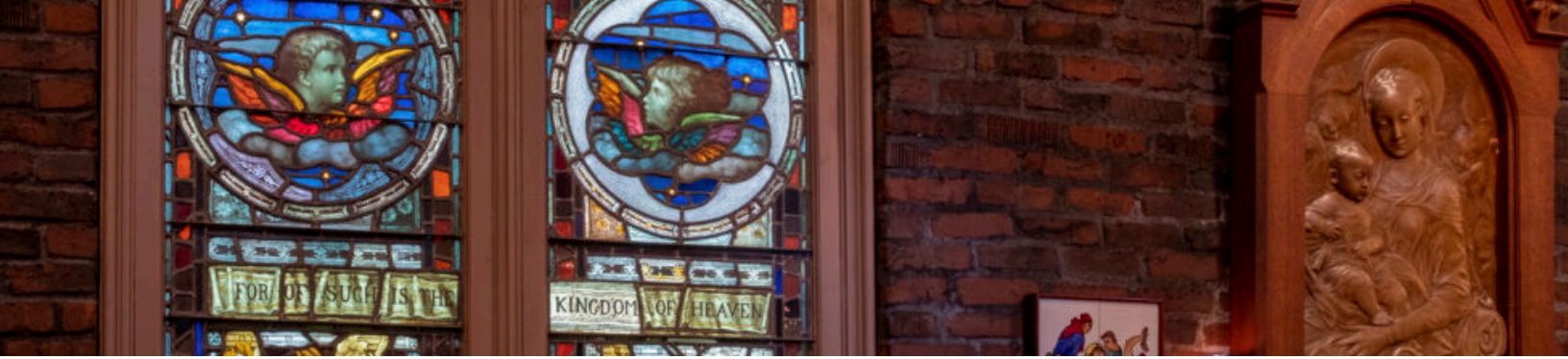
We see Philip acting as something of a “gatekeeper” or an “insider” when he's approached by “certain Greeks” who have come to the Passover Feast at Jerusalem and wish to gain an audience, of sorts, with Jesus. This St Philip should not, however, be confused with the Philip mentioned later in the Acts of the Apostles as among the so-called “Seven Deacons.”.



### ANGLICAN APHORISMS

Love is creative. It does not flow along the easy paths, spending itself in the attractive. It cuts new channels, goes where it is needed.

Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)



James the Less is an even more bemusing figure in scripture and one that we know Christians and Church historians have been perplexed over since at least the days of St Jerome writing as early as 383. This is mostly because the Gospels mention several disciples named James and only distinguishes one of them from the others named and that's James the Great, son of Zebedee who gets his own feast day in July. James the Less, though, gets mentioned just in the lists of the Apostles and, presumably, on those occasions when it's not James, brother of St John the Apostle being referred to though we're not explicitly told how many other disciples there were also named James.

Confused yet? Well, how about trying to find a picture of either of our saints for today. There are pictures and representations of all manner of saints and biblical figures all throughout our church. It's one of the things that people love about the Parish of St Mark. In the various places where we'll find some or all of the Apostles depicted around the church, there's only one place where we'll find Saints Philip and James as being directly named or referenced and that's in the rose window right above the organ galley where all twelve



of the Holy Apostles are honored and depicted. Here, we see St Philip depicted holding the long staff he is most often identified with in Christian art.

And St James holding what also looks like a similar staff but what is actually supposed to be something called a fuller's club. This was a common tool used in the making of cloth in the ancient world. Later Christian tradition outside of Scripture tell us how St James the Less faced martyrdom by first being thrown from the roof of the Second Temple in Jerusalem only to survive and later to be beaten to death with a fuller's club.

- Sexton Alastair M Jaques