

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Holy Eucharist (EOW)

April 21, 2024 - 10:00am

St. Michael's Episcopal Church



Our church family extends a special welcome to all our visitors on this Third Sunday of Easter.

We are so glad you have chosen to worship the Lord with us here at St. Michael's. Our hope and prayer for visitors and regular attendees is that our interactions here will, indeed, bring glory to God. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book in the Narthex.

Check out the weekly and upcoming activities offered here at St. Michael's that are listed on the back pages of this bulletin. We welcome you to attend any and all events that interest you.

Following our service, you are invited for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex. This is an opportunity to meet and visit with the church community, Fr. TJ Tetzlaff, and Steven Murphy, Director of Music.

If you need the services of Fr. TJ, please contact the church office 317-773-6157 or by email at Fr.TJ.stm@gmail.com.

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Prelude

Steven Kent Murphy

Processional Hymn

Give Thanks

CHORUS

♩ = 80 Am/C F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One; Give

| 1 | 2, 3

5 B \flat F/A F E \flat Gm7/C C7 Am/C Gm7/C C7 C/B \flat

thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, His Son. Give Son. And

VERSE

Am7 Dm7 C/D Dm7 Gm7 B \flat /C C B \flat /D C/E Fmaj7 Am/E

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be - cause of

| 1 | 2

15 Dm7 C/D Dm7 E \flat E \flat /D Gm7/C C7 C/B \flat Gm7/C C7 Am/C

what the Lord has done for us; And us. Give

Last time to Coda Φ *D.S. al Coda*

ENDING

19 Gm7/C C7 B \flat /C F Fmaj7

us. Give thanks.

21 Gm7/F F

us. Give thanks.

Opening Acclimation

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.

People Amen

Song of Praise *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

CHORUS

F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the Ris - en Lord, al - le -

VERSE

F Dm Gm C F *Fine* F Dm

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to His Name.

1. Je sus is Lord of
2. Spread the good news o'er
3. We have been cru - ci -
4. God has pro - claimed the
5. Come let us praise the

B \flat C F Dm Gm C *D.S. al Fine*

all the earth, He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al - le
 all the earth, Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 fied with Christ. Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 just re - ward, life for all men, al - le - lu - ia.
 Liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - iour.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
 Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls
 us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and
 the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and
 ever. *Amen.*

People Amen

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with
 Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all

who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?


Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

My Shepherd



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be




makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Gospel

John 10:11-18

All stand as they are able

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Word of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord God

Homily

Fr. TJ Tetzlaff

Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able

All

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Reader Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of a new community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in confidence, saying :
We praise you Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!
People Alleluia! Amen!

Reader The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the church find in the scriptures

healing, mission, and good news for all. We praise you Almighty God!

People Alleluia! Amen!

Reader Christ our cornerstone intercedes for us before God. Let us and all in authority heed God's call for justice in the church, in our community, and in the nation. Pray especially for Joe Biden our President Eric our Governor, Chris our Mayor, for this city of Noblesville. For this let us pray to the Lord. We praise you Almighty God!

People Alleluia! Amen!

Reader We are saved by a God who is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. Let us beg for God's light in those places which seem darkest. Let us ask that God enlighten all who inflict darkness on others. Let us ask that God shine on those who are victims of evil. We praise you Almighty God!

People Alleluia! Amen!

Reader We pray for those serving in the military: Nahum Cook, Kaleb Garrett, Tommy Harris, Ken Morrison.

People Alleluia! Amen!

Reader We pray for the church; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders: The Rev. Cory Irwin, Ms. Carolin Frueh, Ms. Meghan McConnell, Mr. Bryan Furuness, Mr. Tyler Regnier. We praise you Almighty God!

People Alleluia! Amen!

Reader In the power of Christ's name we are healed. Let us recall all who need healing and all in healing professions. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Paige Sexton, Heather Dutchess, Becky Seiter, Emily

Baker, Ken Busch, Mike Byers, Lydia Wentè, Mark Greiner,
Pat Graham, Gabrielle Wright, Kristyn Diekema, Tom Byers.
We praise you Almighty God!

People Alleluia! Amen!

Reader For Sam Graves and those who have passed from this
world into the glory of God; that light perpetual may shine upon
them. We praise you Almighty God!

People Alleluia! Amen!

Celebrant Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us
one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our
earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this
fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be
surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We
ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our
intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives
and reigns for ever and ever.

People Alleluia! Amen!

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people share a sign of peace with one another

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for
us, and offering and a sacrifice for God.

Offertory

My Everything (Adam Young)

**When my hope is lost and my strength is gone
I run to You, and You alone.**

**When I can't get up and I can't go on, I run to
You, and You alone.**

Cause you're my light in the dark

And I sing with all of my heart:

**Hallelujah! My almighty God divine Hallelujah! I am
Yours and You are mine**

This is all I know how to say!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! You're my everything.

**When trouble comes and goes,
and when the cold wind blows,
I lift my hands up, I lift my hands up. When
sorrow knocks me down,
and You pick me off the ground,
I lift my hands up, I lift my hands up.**

And I sing:

**Hallelujah! My almighty God divine Hallelujah! I am
Yours and You are mine This is all I know how to
say!**

**Hallelujah by the grace of God above Hallelujah! I shine
the light 'cause I am loved.**

This is all I know how to say:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

This is all I know how to say:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

You're my everything

Oh, you're my everything.

Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of four lines of music, each with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others held over from the previous measure.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise
Him all creatures here below. Praise
Him above ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Holy Eucharist (E.O.W.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

(arranged by Steve Murphy)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly. God of pow'r and might! Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
7 God of pow'r and might! Heav'n and Earth are full - Full of your Glo - ry!
13 Heav'n and Earth are full Full of your Glo - ry! Ho - san - nah Ho - san - nah in the
19 high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal

Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen!**

The Lord’s Prayer

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

All

**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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.]

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you prefer not to receive you may come forward and cross
your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

Communion Hymn

10,000 Reasons

VERSE 2

C G D Em C G D Em

rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For

26 C G D/F# Em C G

all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing; Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my

CHORUS 1b

Dsus D G C/G G C G D/F# Em

(instr. repeat)

heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

35 C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

VERSE 3

1 2

39 C D G G C G

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. 3. And on that day, when my

43 D/F# Em C G D Em C G

strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your

47 D/F# Em C G Dsus D

praise un - end - ing ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er -

CHORUS 1b

G C/G G C G D/F# Em

more! Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen!

Recessional Hymn

Praise the Lord



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry,
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Murphy

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: 9a – 12p (may vary)
Monday – Thursday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21

8a Holy Eucharist Rite I - Sanctuary

9:15a Choir Practice – Sanctuary

10a Holy Eucharist Rite II – Sanctuary

11a Coffee and Fellowship in the Narthex

Monday, April 22

9:30a Morning Prayer with Fr. TJ (online)

Tuesday, April 23

9:30a Morning Prayer with Fr. TJ (online)

6:30p St. Michael's Social – Fellowship and Dinner at Nori Japanese Restaurant (see announcement)

Wednesday, April 24

9:30a Morning Prayer with Fr. TJ (online)

Thursday, April 25

6:30p Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, April 26

Church office closed

YOUTH SUNDAY - The Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28

We will celebrate our Youth with their participation in our morning services.

8a Holy Eucharist Rite I – Sanctuary

9:15a Choir Practice – Sanctuary

10a Holy Eucharist Rite II – Sanctuary

11a Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex Kitchen

**Announcements for our
Church Community**

LET'S MEET AT THE TABLE is a social opportunity for St. Michael's Community to gather together and enjoy fellowship and dinner!

TO BE HELD:

When? Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Time? 6:30 p

Where? Nori Japanese Steakhouse

3400 Nancy St., Westfield

All families are welcome to attend; but reservations are needed. Please RSVP Jan Carney at jan.carney3@gmail.com or 317-409-0918 for your reservation!

COMING UP..... May 5, 2024 following our 10a Eucharist.
We will observe Rogation Day with a Blessing of our gardens.

 *Strawberry
Festival* Update

Saturday, June 15, 2024

10a – 5p

On the Town Square

We need many volunteers to help make this a successful day!
Here's how you can help:

Please review the sign up list in the Narthex and sign up for open spots for the Strawberry Festival. We need about (10) more shortcake bakers and we're very light on the 1st time slot (10a – 12:30p) for servers. We would like people to stay for 1-2 shifts if possible to make sure we have any position covered. All hands on deck if possible!

Attend the next Strawberry Festival Planning meeting in May (date TBA!) For more information contact Laurie Schoening at mschoe1034@aol.com.

Diocesan News:

The Edge Neighborhood Spring Meeting May 14 @ 7pm

Clergy, convention delegates/alternates, and all other Edge neighborhood members are invited to attend the **spring meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 7pm**. The meeting will be located at [St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Noblesville](#) and hosted by the Edge neighborhood co-conveners: [Steve Lawson](#) and [Rev. T.J. Tetzlaff](#).

Churches in our Diocese who are participants in this Edge Neighborhood are:

Campus Ministry, Episcopal-Lutheran/Ball State, Muncie, Holy Family, Fishers, St. Christopher's, Carmel, St. James, New Castle, St. Michaels, Noblesville, St. Paul's, Richmond, Trinity, Anderson.

Any who are interested in St. Michael's Community are welcome to attend.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Rector.....Fr. TJ Tetzlaff
Music Director.....Steven Kent Murphy
Altar Guild (8a),(10a)....Sara Wood; Carol Motluck
Chalice Bearer (8a).....Mike Burnham
Lector, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte (10a).....Julie Gooden, Janine Cowell, Laurie Schoening
Greeters and Ushers (10a).....Donna and Jeff Padgett
Coffee and Fellowship..... in the Narthex Kitchen
Altar Flowersare given by Jill Webb to the glory of God

[There are many opportunities to serve at St. Michael's. Please help by signing up for Coffee Hour, Lector, Usher/Greeter, Flower donations on the signup in the Narthex.](#)

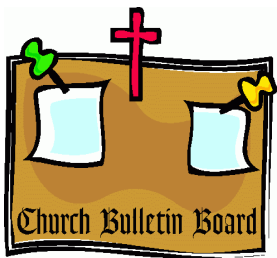
**Take a look in the Narthex where Information
is available on these St. Michael's
OUTREACH MINISTRIES!**



Family Promise

White River Food Bank

POP Tab Collection



Minutes of the latest Vestry Meeting are available for all to read on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. The Monthly Church Schedule, new visitor's info, noteworthy news on our members, the Diocese, and the city of Noblesville are posted. The information is updated by the Vestry, Fr. TJ, and Donna Padgett.

Mission Statement of St. Michael's Church

By being Disciples of Christ, we invite others to be disciples of Christ through daily prayer, weekly worship, regular Bible study, having a spiritual friend, giving to the church and outside the church.

The Vision Statement of St. Michael's Church

St. Michael's will be an active and growing parish family which serves God, our community, and the world by being disciples of Christ.

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The Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

April 25

On April 25, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. Although he was not a direct disciple of Jesus, Saint Mark is the author of one of the four Gospel accounts and played a vital role in spreading the Gospel as a missionary in the early church.

What Do We Know about St. Mark?

Also referred to as John Mark, he was first introduced in Acts 12 as the companion of Paul and Barnabas on their apostolic missions. He worked alongside these two faithful Christians to spread the Gospel across the nations. At one point, however, Mark's decision to withdraw from Pamphylia became a point of contention between Paul and Barnabas, who then decided to separate. Barnabas went with Mark to Cyprus, while Paul continued with Silas to Syria and Cilicia. As Acts 15:36-39 records:

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." Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.