



Welcome Home

St. Mark's Episcopal Church: A Community of Grace

We spread God's word, love like Jesus, enjoy worshipping together, and help our neighbors.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 2026

Welcome Home We are glad you are here to join us for worship and to share in the inclusive, reckless, extravagant love of God. Please fill out a Connect Card; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our website at stmarks-upland.org.

Children & Youth Have a Place Here Children's Chapel for children ages 3-12 featuring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play takes place in the chapel next to the south side of the altar at 9:50AM on Sundays. Youth for Christ for young people in grades 6-12, 11:30AM on fourth Sundays.

Good News: All Are Welcome

All Saints Names Due & Shake Out Sunday, Oct 18; Organ Concert, Oct 18, 3PM; Trunk or Treat, Oct 24, 4-7PM; Blessing of Costumes, Oct 25; Blessing of Pledges, All Saints Sunday, & Daylight Savings, Nov 1; Blessing of Thanksgiving Baskets, Nov 8; Bible Study (9AM) Tuesdays; Men's Coffee, 10:30AM, & Centering Prayer, 7PM, Wednesdays

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God from Canon Serena Beeks

Acknowledgements

Proper 24: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Hazel R

Readers: (8AM) Larry S, Canon
Serena B

(10AM) Karin B, Kim C, Michael M

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Dean B
(10AM) Karin B

Digital Ministry: Jim B, Paul S

Altar Guild: Kay A, Kathy O

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S
(10AM) Ed M

Hospitality: Sharon & Ed M

Ablution Guild: Lisa D

Prelude and Welcome (10AM): Please remain seated.

Entrance Hymn (10AM): Please rise in body or spirit.

Opening Acclamation: Blessed be our God. **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Gloria (10AM): "S" (Service) numbers are found in the front of the hymnal.

Where is God's glory showing up in your life?

Hymnal S-278 *Glory to God in the Highest* William Matthias

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.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Centering Prayer and the Opening Prayer: Please be seated.

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Breathe. Notice God's presence. When the time is right, a prayer is offered.

First Testament

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I

call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between the reader, first, and then the community.

(10AM)



- ¹ Sing to the / LORD a new / **song**; *
sing to the LORD, / all the / whole / **earth**.
- ² Sing to the LORD and / bless the LORD's / **Name**; *
proclaim the good news of sal- / va-tion from / day to / **day**.
- ³ Declare the glory of the LORD a- / mong the / **nations** *
and the wonders of the / LORD a- / mong all / **peoples**.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly / to be / **praised**; *
more to be / fear-ed / than all / **gods**.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they / are but / **idols**; *
but it is the / LORD who / made the / **heavens**.
- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence / of the / **LORD**! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of the / sanc-tu-ary / of our / **God**!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families / of the / **peoples**; *
ascribe to the / LORD ho- / nor and / **power**.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the di- / vine / **Name**; *
come to the holy / coürts / with your / **offerings**.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the / beau-ty of / **holiness**; *
let the whole earth / trëm- / ble in / **awe**.

New Testament

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Gospel: Please rise in body or spirit

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: At the invitation of the preacher, please be seated.

The Nicene Creed: Please rise in body or spirit

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 became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Clergy: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (Silence)

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for peace and justice for the people of Iran, Haiti, and the Holy Land; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That**

there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

When the time is right, the clergy offers a closing prayer.

Confession and Absolution of Sin: Please kneel as you are able.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

DROP! COVER! HOLD ON! and LOCK! COVER! HOLD ON!

As you are able, **lock** your walker/wheelchair or **drop** to the ground or lower than the tops of the pews, **cover** your head or neck with your hands, arms or hymnal, and **hold on**. Close your mouth and eyes to protect from dust and debris.

When the shaking stops look around and above you, visually check your body for injuries especially where there is reduced sensation or that look/feel different.

Before/After the Drill: Introduce yourself to those around you. They may be a lifesaver.

The Peace: Please rise in body or spirit.

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

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Offertory Interlude (10AM)

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: Please rise in body or spirit.
For full text, please see page 361 in the red prayer book.

All things come of thee, O God; **And of thine own have we given thee.**
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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where...
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: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S-128)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of
your glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God...
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor
and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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.**

Fraction Hymn: Spoken at 8AM; sung at 10AM

(8AM) Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

(10AM) Hymnal S-165

Jesus, Lamb of God

Matthias

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

We ask the minister if we desire a gluten-free wafer. We receive the wine in a personal chalice. They are placed in the baskets by the pillars as we return to our seats. To receive a blessing, we cross our arms across our chest. It is the historic position of the church that communion is complete with just one of the elements. We let an usher know if we wish communion to be brought to us.

Communion Hymn (10AM)

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (10AM)

The Prayer of St. Francis: Please rise in body or spirit.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*Blessing: After the blessing the community responds: **Amen.***

Mission Hymn (10AM)

*Dismissal: After the dismissal the community responds: **Thanks be to God.***

Postlude (10AM)