



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.

Easter Day, March 31, 2024, 8 & 10AM

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist

Prelude and Welcome: Please remain seated

We Thank Thee, God

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Acclamation

Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Community: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Entrance Hymn: Please stand as you are able

Hymn 207

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Music found in the blue hymn book in the book racks in front or underneath your pew.

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 180

He is Risen, verses 1 and 4

Unser Herrscher

**He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.**

**He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.**

Welcome

We are glad you are here. To let us know how we can better serve you, please fill out a Connect Card/Prayer Request Card located in the pew rack and give it to an usher or clergy or put it in the offertory plate. Thank you.

Children & Youth Have a Place Here

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at 10 AM.
Youth Group ministry meets first and third Sundays at 11 AM.

Acknowledgements

Music: Choir, Ken Rudolf

Lectors: (8AM) Ralph Monaghan, Cheryl Ward (10AM) John Flasher, Carol Morgan, Kimberly Cortner

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Cheryl Ward (10AM) John Flasher, Linda Gomez

Prayers of the People: Planning for Rites & Rituals; Eucharistic Prayer A: Enriching our Worship 1; Texts: NRSVUE; Psalm text, Wilda Gafney; Psalm tone: after Benjamin Britten, arr. S. Beeks; Sanctus: Hymn S125, Richard Proulx; Fraction: Hymn S155, Gerald R. Near.

Join Us for Holy Eucharist on Sundays - In Person at 8 & 10 AM, Online at 10 AM

Livestreamed via the church's website (www.stmarks-upland.org), Facebook page (Saint Mark's Episcopal Parish Upland, CA), and YouTube channel (Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Upland, CA). Prelude begins at 9:55AM.

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An Open Invitation to Holy Baptism

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized and wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact Rev. Keith to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Health & Community Protocols for Worship - Masks are strongly recommended.

Centering Prayer and the Collect of the Day: Please be seated.

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

Take a deep breath. Notice what your body is telling you. Notice what your soul is telling you. When the time is right...

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:14-26; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

First Testament

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm



- 14 Our Mighty God is my / **strength***
and has become my sal- / **vation**.
- 15 The sound of song and of sal- / **vation***
is in the tents of the / **righteous**:
- 16 "The right hand of the Most High is / **mighty**;
the right hand of our God is exalted; the right hand of the Most High is / **mighty**."
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall / **live**,*
and recount the deeds of the Ancient of / **Days**.
- 18 The Merciful God has punished me se- / **verely**,*
but to death did not hand me / **over**.
- 19 Open to me the gates of / **righteousness**,*
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Fount of / **Justice**.
- 20 This is the gate of the Living / **God**;
the righteous shall enter / **through it**.
- 21 I thank you for you have / **answered me***
and have become my sal- / **vation**.
- 22 The stone the builders re- / **jected***
has become the chief / **cornerstone**.
- 23 This is the Mighty God's / **doing**;
it is marvelous in our / **eyes**.
- 24 This is the day that the Creator of All has / **made**;
let us rejoice and be / **glad in it**.
- 25 Save us, we pray, Com- / **passionate One**!
Generous One, we pray, grant us pros- / **perity**!
- (use second half of chant)*
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God who is / **Holy**.
We bless you from the house of the Ever-Living / **God**.

New Testament

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Sequence Hymn: Please stand as you are able

Hymn 190

Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary

Fisk of Gloucester

In memory of the composer, Thomas Foster, 1938-2024

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

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

The Apostles' Creed: Please stand as you are able.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers of the People

Clergy: We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ: We praise you, Gracious God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Gracious God.

Community: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to the work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of liberation, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.
When the time is right...

You have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, O Eternal One, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

At Easter the Confession of Sin is omitted.

The Peace: Please stand as you are able

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

Everyone's space and sensitivities are respected.

When someone offers their elbow, fist, or a peace sign, we respond appropriately.

Announcements: Please visit our website for the latest weekly newsletter
The Good News (stmarks-upland.org)

Offertory: Your contributions make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

The Offertory is an action and a lifestyle of giving thanks. It is based on the belief that we give out of blessing, not from duty or obligation.

Make an online contribution to St. Mark's by visiting:

<https://tinyurl.com/5dsw728s>



Offertory Anthem

Most Glorious Lord of Life

William H. Harris

Doxology: Please stand as you are able

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

The Great Thanksgiving

God dwells in you. **And also in you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give our thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. 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, 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 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, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

The Bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All are invited to Holy Communion.

The bread and wine are the most powerful signs the church has to express the presence of God in the world and our lives. A special meal between friends, an everyday activity, food prepared with crushing and fermenting, Body and Blood—all add to our understanding of God's presence.

We come to the altar and receive the bread with palms open. 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.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth

French Carol, arr. Simon Lindley

Prayer of St. Francis

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. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Mission Hymn

Hymn 210

The Day of Resurrection

Ellacombe

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

Postlude

Rondo in G

John Bull, arr. Richard Elsasser

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshment.
The Great Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10AM service.*

Easter Dedications

Given to the glory of God and...

In Loving Memory

Neil & Taffy Billman, Judy Racke
Curt McSweeney

Thad & Irene Lewanski; Terry & Don Vinnedge;

James Lewanski; Angela Vinnedge
Dr. Scotti Dole & Carmen Hernandez

Alexander Fenton, John Fenton,
Oonah Fenton, Kathleen Fenton
Butch Stone

Big Mama & Lee

DA & Roy Hunt

My husband Phillip Siesman

Mary, Jim, Jack, Bev & Andrew

My father Phil

Oliver, Geraldine, Mark, Beverly

Grace, John, Tom, Marcella

Our parents

Jeau and Francis

Robert & Geneva Farrell

Dean & Karen Billman
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Margaret Vinnedge
Dole Family

Peggy Fenton-Yang & Lionel Yang
Jennifer Stone
Scott

Ann Porter

Judy Hartman

Gillette Family

Canon Giselle Tackoor

James & Karin Brown

Robert & Judith Shather

Hecker family

Kate Flannery

Betty Farrell

In Thanksgiving for

63 years of marriage

Our parents, children & grandchildren

Jim & Scott

Family and friends

All of the musicians of St. Mark's

For my mother, Zaddel

Beatrice born 3/28/22

Our parents and family

Our Children & granddaughters

Family

All of the musicians at St. Mark's

Pat, my family, and St. Mark's

Joan & Chris Watson

Margie & Paul Turner

Ann Porter

Kay Alexander & Bob Mattus

Canon Serena Beeks

Canon Giselle Tackoor

Corey & Abby Tazzara

Marjorie Turner

Robert & Judith Shather

Canon Clare Bangao

Canon Serena Beeks

Rev. Keith Yamamoto

Happy Easter and Thank You

Thank you so much for celebrating the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ with us.

Thank You to All Who Enhanced Our Worship: Parking Attendants and Sextons led by Dale Biggs; Ushers and Greeters led by Kimberly Cortner; Eucharistic Ministers led by John Flasher; Lectors led by Greg Hewgill; Bread Bakers led by Connie Williams; Oblation Bearers; Altar Guild; Flower Guild led by Christy Hyder; Counters led by Kathy Walker; Digital Ministry led by Bob Mattus; Liturgical Arts led by Canon Serena Beeks; Palm Branch Procurement coordinated by Al and Joseph Montanez; Acolytes led by Paul Beardsley; Worship committee chair Dr. Jim Brown; The Butterfly Brigade and everyone who put in many long hours in setting up for our services and decorating and beautifying the church and grounds for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Thanks especially to all those who made an Easter dedication and generously gave for our beautiful Easter flowers and decorations. And to everyone who showed up – especially you.

Thanks for the Great Easter Egg Hunt: those who contributed so many commercially pre-filled eggs; those who helped the Easter Rabbit “hide” and distribute the eggs led by Melissa Diaz; and the Easter Bunny for making a special guest appearance on a busy Sunday.

Thank You to Those Who Provided the Music for Our Services: St. Mark's Choir, St. Mark's Band, musicians and soloists; guest pianist Rachelle Gensolin; guest organist Kenneth Rudolph. Special thanks to Canon Serena Beeks and Gigi Garner for coordinating music while Larry Goddard was in rehab due to a broken leg.

Thanks to all those who participated in our many and meaningful Lent and Holy Week events:

Women's hygiene kits drive by The Daughters of the King; Red Cross Blood Drive; Seventh Annual Ash and Dash; “Walk in Love” Newcomers program; Lenten Wilderness Walk at Joshua Tree; The Great Kitchen Clean Out facilitated by Sally Beardsley; Financial Wellness Workshop led by Melissa Diaz; Instructed Centering Prayer; Holy Week and Easter 2 Preachers: Kimberly Cortner and Rev. Sally Monastiere; Chapel of Repose crafted by Nancy Kinney – who also donated a ceramic chalice and paten set for the all-night prayer vigil; and Stations of the Cross led by the Daughters of the King. Deanery, Diocese, & National Church offerings: Lent Madness; Good Friday Offering for the Holy Land; ERD, UTO, & Way of Love Lenten Calendars; Deanery 6 Lenten Program and Book Study Series on God Can't, Progressive Holy Week, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

Thank You to Our Partners in Ministry:

The Foothill Family Shelter was started by St. Mark's over 30 years ago at what was once the Upland Motel. During the years, the effort grew to include food donations and eventually the purchase of apartments to house homeless families. Today, the Foothill Family Shelter includes 28 two-bedroom apartments, a community food pantry (also open to those outside of the shelter who are in need), professional counseling, job placement, parenting classes, and most importantly hope. They are led by executive director Savannah Mlot, and a diligent board including Melissa Diaz and Rosalyn Foster, great staff, and wonderful volunteers.

Haiti Partnership with St. Andre's led by Canon Serena Beeks and Guen Vinnedge. The Partnership started in 1999 with the gift of the offering from the school's Christmas Eucharist to St. Andre's, a small rural school of around 150-200 students, primarily the children of subsistence farmers. Starting in 2004, many small groups of parishioners, students, parents, teachers, and clergy have been able to travel to Haiti to get to know our partners better. Your prayers and support for St. Andre's are especially appreciated now during what is a very difficult time in Haiti's history. Through your support, our partner school is still open and providing a safe place for children to grow and learn.

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries serves the residentially challenged, over 10,000 monthly. Cheryl Hunley coordinates participation by St. Mark's including year-round contributions of beanies, gloves, socks, t-shirts, ponchos, blankets, gently used tops, pants, jackets, shoes, canned and dry food, oral, feminine, and hygiene supplies, outdoor equipment, backpacks, Christmas toys, gift cards, and a hot meal ministry where we meet, serve, and eat together.

Red Cross Blood Drive coordinated by Dale Biggs. Since July of 2020 St. Mark's has hosted 20 blood drives collecting 500 units of blood including power red and many first-time donors. We average 28 units of blood per drive. In 2023, we held 5 blood drives collecting 130 units from 125 donors.

Thank you to the Ministers of St. Mark's: Guilds, Groups, Committees, Taskforces, Vestry, members, directors, leaders, liaisons, Senior Warden Karin Brown and Junior Warden Barbara Nalbach.

Thank You to Our Clergy: Priest Assisting, the Rev. Sally Monastiere, for her faithful devotion and service to St. Mark's Parish and the diocese; Rector Emeritus, the Rev. Konrad White; and Dean Emerita, the Rev. Canon Judy Heffron.

Thank You to Our Office Staff: Parish Administrative Assistant Rose Barraza and Organist and Music Director Larry Goddard.

And thank you for making St. Mark's part of your Easter celebrations.

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto

Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church – A Community of Grace

Good News

From Music Director Larry Goddard

My dear parish friends,

I pray that you will have a beautiful Easter Sunday. I miss all of you and look forward to seeing you after Easter Day.

In humble gratitude, your music director,

Larry

From Seminarian Julia Warren

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!! Happy Easter, St. Mark's! Thinking of you all as I listen to "Spirit in the Sky" on the other side of the country.

Peace, Julia

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org

Partnerships & Outreach

Our Biggest Outreach

When a person gives to St. Mark's Upland, they also contribute to diocesan and global ministries. Learn more about the impact of your gift: subscribe to The Episcopal News.

From Our Haiti Partnership

To see thanks, updates, and goals from Father Kesner Gracia, Priest in Charge Bon Sauveur Parish, Cange, Haiti Partnership Program Coordinator, and from Canon Serena Evans Beeks, D.Min., US Coordinator, Haiti Episcopal School Partnerships, National Association of Episcopal Schools, please check out the church website.

How You Can Help Those in the Holy Land

Pray: Join an online community of prayer at www.episcopalrelief.org.

Learn: To keep informed about what's happening, check out the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem at afedj.org/news/

Give: To give, write "Holy Land" in the memo line of your check/envelope.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets in Room 16 on Saturdays, 9-10:30 AM.

Al-Anon meets in Room 16 on Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM.

Next Blood Drive, Tuesday, June 25, from 1PM to 7PM

On March 22, we held our second blood drive of the year and collected 20 units of blood. We had 21 donors and of that 10% were first time donors. Many thanks to the volunteers that came to help. Our next blood drive will be on Tuesday, June 25 from 1PM to 7PM. You can sign up by going to redcrossblood.org. Pass the date to friends and family. Help save a life.

Dale Biggs, Program Leader

Climate Connections

Climate Connections, our diocese's disaster resilience planning program, aims to foster connected communities that are prepared to deal with the immediate aftermath of disasters – including developing disaster action plans and a network of mutual support between congregations. Our efforts culminate in The Great California Shakeout in October. For more information, please contact the church office.

Community & Fellowship

Men's Coffee Fellowship, Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 AM

We meet for coffee and conversation every Wednesday at 10:30AM at Brew Bees, 1118 E. 19th Street, Unit E, Upland. For more info, contact John Flasher.

St. Peter's Guild, Thursday, April 4, from 9AM to 12 Noon

Pinocle players meet every Wednesday from 9 to 12 noon. With enough interest we can form a new group. For more info, contact Chris Watson.

Financial Wellness Workshop, Thursday, April 4, 6-8PM

Get your financial life on track and learn skills to reduce financial stress, improve relationships, and maintain a sustainable budget. Free dinner, RSVP stewardship@stmarks-upland.org.

Newcomers/Inquirers/Seekers Class, Sunday, April 7, at 9AM in the Mason Webber Library

Learn about St. Mark's, the church and one another. Participants will explore the Bible, Worship, Church, and Discipleship. for prayers, questions, introductions, and a brief orientation on a topic with helpful suggestions for further formation. We meet for 45 mins on Sundays at 9AM. Meet by the presider chairs. Next session starts next week, April 7. For more info, contact the rector.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, April 13, at 8AM

Next Men's Breakfast will be potluck in the Parish Hall on April 13 at 8AM. For more info, contact Dale Biggs or Dean Billman.

Book Club, Saturday, April 20, at 10AM

Our next book selection is "Building Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants," by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Kimmerer describes her nonfiction book as "[A] braid of stories...woven from three strands: indigenous ways of knowing, scientific knowledge, and the story of an Anishinabeckwe scientist trying to bring them together in service to what matters most." This series of essays and stories is "an intertwining of science, spirit, and story."

We will meet at 10AM on Saturday, April 20 at the home of Nancy Kinney.

If you have any questions, contact Rose Barraza or Maggie Vizio

St Marks Electronic Bulletin Board

The Electronic Bulletin Board is up and running in the parish office and the church hall. Please check it out for the latest announcements and pictures from recent events. For more info, contact Bob Mattus.

Worship

April Easter Blessings Series

April 7: Discerning Thomas & Blessing of Scholars, non-medical Doctors, and Teachers

April 21: Good Shepherd Sunday

April 28: St. Mark's Day

Easter Season

The Easter season is 50 days. We sing Alleluias, adorn the sanctuary with flowers, vest in white, skip the confession, hear the story of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles, and use the Apostles Creed to affirm our faith. Easter Day is the Sunday after the full moon on or after the Spring equinox. The earliest Easter Day can be is March 22; the latest, April 25. Easter culminates with Pentecost, aka the birthday of the church. This year Pentecost is May 19, 2024. Next year, Easter Day is April 20, 2025.

Loving Our Neighbor: Admitting the Problem with Holy Week and Easter Texts

As we move through Easter, let us be aware that the narratives about the birth of the early church have been used to promote supersessionism (aka replacement theology), Christian triumphalism, and Christian violence and hatred against our Jewish siblings. As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, "If it's not about love, then it's not about God."

Welcome Back Music Director and Organist Lawrence Goddard

After four months of rehab following an accident, Music Director and Organist Larry Goddard returns next Sunday. Welcome back Larry. Alleluia!

Stewardship & Finance

St. Mark's Contributions: January and February

Thank you for your generous donations to St. Mark's! According to our records in Breeze, our contribution database, we received the following contributions through the end of February:

Operating Fund (main church account): \$48,700

Building Fund: \$7,100

Designated Gifts and Church Organizations: \$7,130

We also received a \$5,000 grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles for library repair. The Building Fund donations include a generous \$5,000 donation to match the grant to be able to proceed further with accessing and repairing damage from water leaks into the lower level of the library.

Donating from IRA Accounts (adapted from AARP March 2024 Bulletin)

Required minimum distributions (RMD) are the least amounts of money you must withdraw from your traditional IRA account each year, once you reach a certain age. If you make a qualified charitable contribution directly to St. Mark's for some or all of the RMD, that amount will not be taxed. Your financial advisor or IRA customer service can provide additional details on how to make this type of donation to St. Mark's.

For more information about any events or announcements, please contact the church office.

**We are a community of grace feeding hungry hearts in the Episcopal branch
of the Jesus movement.**

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan of Los Angeles
The Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy, Canon to the Ordinary

Church Elders: Skip and Bobbi Arjo, Murray Duvall, Alice Granewich, and Helena Kooiman - *A Church Elder is a long-time member with a sacred spirituality, energy, and wisdom. Like the grandparent at the family gathering, the tasks of fixing, preparing, and organizing have been passed on to another. Instead, the elder sits in the comfortable chair with the grandchildren gathered around to listen to the family stories.*

Emeriti: Canon Serena Beeks, Head of School Emerita; William Carrington, Organist and Choir Director Emeritus; and The Rev. Konrad White, Rector Emeritus

Canons: Canon Serena Beeks, D.Min. US Coordinator, Haiti Episcopal School Partnerships; Canon Clare Bangao, Coordinator for Mission Congregations; Canon Gisele Tackoor, JD, Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Pilgrim Place; The Rev. Can. Judy Heffron, Dean Emerita - *The title "Canon" is an honor named by the bishop in recognition of significant service to the larger Church and is to be a wholesome example for all Christians. The title "canon" dates from medieval times; it denotes a key advisor to a bishop or a cathedral community. The person may be lay or clergy.*

Media: Bob Mattus, Digital/Broadcast Media; Guen Vinnedge, Instagram and Facebook.

Staff: Administrative Assistant Rose Barraza; Organist and Music Director Larry Goddard; Rector the Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto.

Vestry Members: Karin Brown, Senior Warden (2025); Barbara Nalbach, Junior Warden, Education & Formation (2025); Kimberly Cortner, Communications (2025); Gail Dean, Fellowship (2026); Ken Drew, Finance and Treasurer (2025); Lisa Drew, Membership (2027); Ed Muehlbacher (2027), Communications; Kathy Osterkamp, Worship & Outreach (2026); Paul Stapp, Buildings and Grounds (2027); Marcia Godwin, Assistant Treasurer; and Kay Alexander, Clerk (2024)

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

Vision: We will be a faith community that spreads God's word, loves like Jesus, enjoys worshipping together, and helps our neighbors.

Mission: To be a place where love and hope abound: we welcome everyone to our worship and communion, we help one another understand God and know Jesus, we nurture our community and the world, and we celebrate diversity and work for social justice.

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Happy Easter

The central graphic features the text "Happy Easter" in a large, red, cursive font. The text is surrounded by a decorative border of colorful flowers, leaves, and a blue silhouette of a rabbit. There are also small hearts and dots scattered around the text.

