



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.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 2023

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Prelude and Welcome (10AM): Please remain seated
The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman, CCLI #2296522

Entrance (10AM): Please stand as you are able
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
(see page 9 for lyrics)

Newton, Tomlin, and Giglio

Opening Acclamation

Clergy: Blessed be our loving, liberating, life-giving God.

Community: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Song of Praise (10AM)

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris, CCLI #17827

Sing twice:

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

Announcements

Blood Drive, August 30, Tuesday, 1-7PM. Register through the Red Cross.

"Love God, Love God's World" is a 9-session multimedia Creation Care series in July.

Children Have a Place Here

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar. We hope you will feel comfortable placing your children in the care of our volunteer staff, all vaccinated and masked. You may also keep your children with you. We welcome their extra noise and movement as part of our joyful service!

Sunday School will go on break for July and return the first Sunday in August.

Acknowledgements

St. Mark's Band, Barbara Farr (flute), Andrea Griffin (piano)

First Testament & Psalms: Track 1 (Semi-continuous reading Genesis-Judges) Revised Common Lectionary.

Psalm translation: The Psalter for the Christian People.

Prayers of the People: Form 6, BCP, page 392.

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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Loving Neighbors: Health & Community Protocols for Worship

Masks are strongly recommended. We adjust for healthy spaces between households. Direct physical contact with young children is avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes. Thank you for your continued support.

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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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 God's presence and action around and within. When the time is right the Collect of the Day then "collects" our individual thoughts and prayers. The community responds: Amen.

The Lessons

Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

First Testament

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm

Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse beginning with the south side.

¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- ⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- ¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- ¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- ²² Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- ²³ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

New Testament

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Sequence (10AM)

In Christ Alone

(see page 10 for lyrics/music)

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Gospel: Please stand as you are able

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

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

The Nicene Creed: Please stand as you are able

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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; John, Frank, Katharine, and Ed our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People add their own petitions. When the time is right...

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People add their own thanksgivings. When the time is right...

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People add their own petitions. When the time is right...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

When the time is right, a concluding collect is added.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept. When the time is right...

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Clergy: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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 (10AM)

Ave Maria

Schubert

Barbara Farr, flute, and Andrea Griffin, Piano

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: Eucharistic Prayer A

Full/Large text of Eucharistic Prayer is available in the narthex. See also BCP p.361.

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...

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:

(8AM) **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.**

(10 AM) Sanctus: Bethancourt (Music/Lyrics available in narthex)

Sing twice:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

God of pow'r, of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Sing twice:

Hosanna in the highest

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

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

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...

...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:

Lord's Prayer: Bethancourt (10 AM) Music/lyrics available in narthex.

**Our Father who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.**

Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

And for-give us our tres-pas-ses as we for-give those who tres-pass against us.

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion... but de-li-ver us from e-vil.

For thine is the king-dom ... thine is the po-wer ...

thine is the glo-o-ry for ev-er and ev-er ... A-men.

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

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.**

All are invited to Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn (10AM)

Revelation Song

(see page 11 for lyrics)

Jennie Lee Riddle

The Prayer of St. Francis: Please stand as you are able

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 (8 AM): Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 344 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Mission (10 AM): Please stand as you are able.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(see page 12 for lyrics)

Myrin and Redman

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

Postlude (8 AM) *Little Fugue in F*

Postlude (10 AM) *The Only Name (Yours Will Be)*

G.P. Telemann, arr. Kevin Norris

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus (twice)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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In Christ Alone

VERSE

♩ = 60



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
 slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
 me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Revelation Song

Verse 1 (twice)

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor. strength and glory and power be
to You, the only wise King.

Chorus

Verse 3

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water.
such a marv'lous mystery, yeah.

Chorus (twice)

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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus (and interlude)

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus (twice)

Verse 3

(Instrumental)

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

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