

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.



Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 25, 2026

One service at 9:30 AM

Annual Meeting and Brunch follows in Parish Hall

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

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at the beginning of the service. Youth Group ministry meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM in Room 18.

Good News

Parish Annual Meeting on Jan 25 following one worship service at 9:30 AM
Childcare in room 14 during the annual meeting.

New Member Classes, Third Sundays after 10AM: Feb 15, Mar 15.

Tuesday Bible Study: Join us in room 16 at 9AM.

Wednesday Centering Prayer Group: Join us in the chapel at 7PM.

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Tim Ruzon

Readers: (8AM) Cheri C, Canon

Serena B (10AM) Alma Z, Greg H

Eucharistic Ministers: (9:30 AM)

Canon Serena B, Dr. Jim B

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Bob M,

Craig G

Altar Guild: Ann P, Sola O, John F

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S

(10AM) Paul S

Hospitality: Syliva O, Moli T

Ablution Guild: Rosalyn F

Acknowledgements

Prayers of the People: Rites & Rituals; Eucharistic Prayer: EOW;

Lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Prelude and Welcome: Please remain seated.

Liebster Jesu

Johann Gottfried Walther

Entrance Hymn: Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

Opening Acclamation

Clergy: Blessed be our Loving, Liberating, Life-giving God.

Community: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

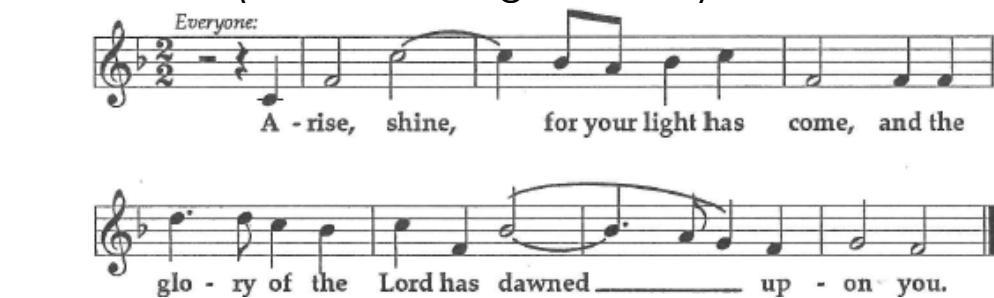
Prayer of Preparation

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.

Canticle

Arise, Shine (The Third Song of Isaiah)

Martin How



Everyone:
A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on - you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the people. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you. **Refrain**
Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut. **Refrain**

They will call you The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. **Refrain**

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. Epiphany means manifestation, revelation, realization. How has Christ been revealed to you this week? How is Christ being revealed through you? After the prayer, the community responds:

Amen.

First Testament

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm: Sung

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I / **fear?***
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be a- / **afraid?**

⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I / **seek;***
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my / **life;**

⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the / **Lord***
and to seek God in the / **temple.**

⁷ For in the day of trouble the Lord shall shelter me in / **safety**; *
 the Lord shall hide me in the secrecy of the holy place
 and set me high upon a / **rock**.

⁸ Even now the Lord lifts up my / **head** *
 above my enemies round a- / **about me**.

⁹ Therefore I will offer in the holy place an oblation
 with sounds of great / **gladness**; *
 I will sing and make music to the / **LORD**.

¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O **LORD**, when I / **call**; *
 have mercy on me and / **answer me**.

¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my / **face**." *
 Your face, **LORD**, will I / **seek**.

¹² Hide not your face from / **me**, *
 nor turn away your servant in dis- / **pleasure**.

¹³ You have been my helper; cast me not a- / **way**; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my sal- / **vation**.

New Testament

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Sequence Hymn: Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 652

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Rest

Gospel: Please face the reader.

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

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

Video Presentation

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.

The Prayers of the People

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

Reader: God, help your Church. Heal her divisions. Increase her joy. Unite her members that we might have a common purpose: to proclaim the gospel.

(After a time for prayer...)

When we call, O Lord, **Hearken to our voice.**

God, help this nation and the world. Where there are heavy burdens, where oppression reigns, show the strength of your arm and set your people free. May the coming of your kingdom be ever nearer.

(After a time for prayer...)

When we call, O Lord, **Hearken to our voice.**

God, help your creation. You make glorious the way of the sea; you bring us joy at the harvest. Teach us to live in harmony with all you have made.

(After a time for prayer...)

When we call, O Lord, **Hearken to our voice.**

God, help our local community and all communities. May the power of love drive away the love of power. Even now lift up the heads of the downcast.

(After a time for prayer...)

When we call, O Lord, **Hearken to our voice.**

God, help the sick and suffering. Do not forsake them but show yourself to be the strength of their lives and their salvation. May Jesus be the healer of every disease and sickness among the people.

(After a time for prayer...)

When we call, O Lord, **Hearken to our voice.**

God, help the dying and the dead. Hide them in the secrecy of your dwelling. May all those being saved say with boldness, "I belong to Christ. Forever."

(After a time for prayer...)

When we call, O Lord, **Hearken to our voice.**

Confession and Absolution: 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.

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.

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Offertory Anthem: Please remain seated.

Little Prelude in E Minor BWV 555.1

J. S. Bach

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: Please stand as you are able

All things come of thee, O Lord; **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.

...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: (Hymn S-131)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...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 Anthem: Hymnal S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 All 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

All

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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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 with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 341 *For the bread which you have broken* Omni die

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

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

Hymnal 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

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

Postlude

Fanfare in C Major

Henry Purcell

*Please join us in the parish hall for brunch and the annual parish meeting.
Childcare available.*

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

Our 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.

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

Vestry

Class of 2026:

Gail Dean, Fellowship

Kathy Osterkamp, Outreach,

Worship

Class of 2027:

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Lisa Drew, Jr. Warden, Finance

Susan Mackall, Christian

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Ed Muehlbacher, Outreach

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Rose Barraza, Office Administrator

The Rev. Sally Monastiere, Assisting Priest

The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto, Rector

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