



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.



Chalking of the Doors
Second Sunday after Christmas, January 4, 2025

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 10AM. Youth Group ministry meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM in Room 18.

Good News

Sunday, Jan 4: Chalking of the Doors, Sunday School resumes, Grief and Loss Support Group led by Dr. Elizabeth J. James, DMFT, MA, LMFT, LPCC (limited)

Thursday, Jan 8, 8-2PM: Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, Jan 10, 8AM Men's Breakfast Potluck moved to the Rectory.

Saturday, Jan 17, 10AM: St. Mark's Book Club.

Wednesday, Jan 21, 10AM: Dress A Girl.

New Member Classes, Third Sundays at 9AM: Jan 18, 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: Band, Gigi G

Digital Ministry: Kay A, Bob M

Readers: (8AM) Cheri C, Larry S

Altar Guild: Dr. Jim B, EB S, Bively S,

(10AM) Rob G, Karin B, Brandon H

Cheri C

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Dean B

Ablution Guild: EB S

(10AM) Luke B, Craig G, Brandon H

Hospitality: Karin & Dr Jim B

Acknowledgements

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

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84:1-8; Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a; Matthew 2:1-12

Chalking of the Doors Please join us outside

South doors at 8AM; North doors at 10AM.

When the magi saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11)

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**God bless this church, from door to door, from wall to wall,
From room to room, from floor to roof, from beginning to end.**

God bless this church, and all who enter here, all who work here, all who play here, all who pray here, all who learn here, all who visit here. Amen.

(From The Anglican Family Prayer Book by the Rev. Anne E. Kitch)

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

Hights and Lows (Band only)

Hillsong

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

Christ, Be our Light

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Opening Acclamation

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

Community: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now are forever. 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.

Song of Praise (10AM)

Great Mystery

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

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

What is being born in you? What is being born in us?

When the time is right the Collect of the Day then "collects" our individual thoughts and prayers. The community responds: **Amen**.

First Testament

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty.

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

Psalm

Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between reader and community, beginning with the reader.

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD, of hosts! *

 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

 by the side of your altars, O LORD, of hosts, my Sovereign and my God.

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

 they will always be praising you.

⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ They will climb from height to height, *

 and the God of gods will appear in Zion.

⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

 hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *

 and look upon the face of your Anointed.

New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and

revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Goodness of God

Gospel

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been

warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

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

Reader: That the Prince of Peace may guide the leaders of the nations, and all women and men everywhere, into the ways of freedom and truth; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace, justice, and reconciliation in the Holy Land and Haiti; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury-Elect, Sean, Presiding Bishop of our Church, John, our Bishop, and Antonio, Bishop-Elect, that they may guide us in our journey to Bethlehem, uniting the whole Church as we live into our spiritual kinship with one another; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those for whom the despair has suffocated hope: the lonely, the fearful, the hungry, and those who bear a private grief; that they may see the dawn of God's love, and revive the eternal hope that never fades away; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our families and friends, and for all our absent loved ones; for those who are sick; and for those who have died and who now feast at the heavenly banquet of God's grace; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may be released from the captivity of our sins, the places of ignorance that cause us to choose despair over hope; that we may be forgiven by the power of the Holy Spirit; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we who gather to share the Holy Eucharist and those throughout the world who come to receive this sacrament of Holy Presence, may bear witness to Christ born in our hearts; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Please offer your own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Blessing of Life Hallmarks & Milestones: Please be seated for introductions.
At the invitation, please stand as you are able for prayer 50, pg. 830 in the red prayer book.

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 (10AM): Please remain seated.

Light of the World (band only)

Lauren Daigle

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 in 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:

(8 AM) 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

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.

...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,
(8AM) 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.

(10AM) Lord's Prayer: Bethancourt

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.

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

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 (10AM): Please remain seated.

The Day that Christmas Came (Band only)

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 (10AM)

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

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

Postlude (10AM)

Instrumental

Please join us in the parish hall for fellowship and light refreshment.

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

Susan Mackall, Christian

Education

Class of 2027:

Paul Stapp, Senior Warden

Lisa Drew, Jr. Warden, Finance

Ed Muehlbacher, Outreach

Class of 2028:

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The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto, Rector

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Christ, Be Our Light

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Great Mystery

Chorus:

How wonderful, how marvelous
How beautiful, how glorious
Every day a new horizon,
We see another piece
Unfolding in our hearts, this Great
Mystery

Verse:

How wild the Spirit's wind
The power that raised You up now
dwells within
You're closer than a breath,
Fulfilling every promise that You
said.
Finishing the work You started, we
believe

We will see this Great Mystery.

Chorus

Verse:

How vast eternity,
Where our earthly trials are swept
into your sea.
Our every battle won,
for You hold what's been and all
that is to come.
When You o-pen up our eyes, we'll
be
Face to face with this Great
Mystery

Chorus and Repeat chorus

Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so
good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night

You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of
God

Chorus

Bridge
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me. (repeat)

Chorus

Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my
God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came

To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge
And I'll never know how much it
cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it
cost
To see my sin upon that cross
Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
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