



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 of Easter, May 4, 2025

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

Everything is Yours

Audrey Assad & Steve Wilson

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

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Huges

Opening Acclamation: Please stand as you are able.

Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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 (10AM)

How Great is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, & Ed Cash

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

Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Welcome Home

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

Children & Youth Have a Place Here

Children's Chapel for children ages 3-12 through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play takes place in the chapel next to the altar at 10 AM.
Youth Group meets first and third Sundays at 11 AM.

Good News

Newcomers/Inquirers class, Sunday, May 4, 9AM, Mason Weber Library
Lectio Divina (Book Study) Artist's Way on Tuesday, May 6, 9AM in room 16.
Book Club, Saturday, May 17, 10AM, Maggie Vizio's home
Life Line Screening Event, Monday, May 19
Foxberry Preschool, Bilingual Summer Camp, May 26-August 15, 8AM to 5PM

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Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at 10AM.
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Today's Ministers

Music: St. Mark's Band, Gigi G
Readers: (8AM)
(10AM)
Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Dale B
(10AM) Craig G, Brandon H, Luke B
Digital Ministry: Kay A, Bob M

Altar Guild: Kay A, Cheryl H, Kathy O
Greeters & Ushers:
Hospitality: Sharon & Ed M
Sextons: (8AM) Larry S (10AM) Ed M
Ablution Guild: EB S

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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.

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The Acts of the Apostles

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

Psalm

Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse alternating between reader and community beginning with the reader.

- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² O LORD, my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴ Sing to the LORD, you faithful servants; *
give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.
- ⁵ For God's wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
God's favor endures for a lifetime.
- ⁶ Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁷ While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- ⁸ Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- ⁹ I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the LORD, saying,
- ¹⁰ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- ¹¹ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- ¹² You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹³ Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD, my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

New Testament

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

Gospel: Please stand as you are able.

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He

said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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: Give thanks to the One who clothes us with joy. The Lord is our helper and restorer; therefore, let us pray, "O LORD, our God, we will give you thanks for ever."

Leader: O God, you have chosen your Church to bring your name before all nations: give us hearts to feed your lambs and tend your sheep. Give us hearts to follow Jesus.

O LORD, our God, **we will give you thanks for ever.**

Lord Christ, we look for the day when all will live together in peace, when every voice will together sing this hymn: to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! O LORD, our God, **we will give you thanks for ever.**

Creator of the deep, protect and preserve our lakes, rivers, and oceans, and all creatures who live therein. May we be good stewards of the gift of water. O LORD, our God, **we will give you thanks for ever.**

Ancient of Days, we pray for the senior members of our community. Bless with patience and confidence those who rely on others for support, care, and transportation. Bless their caretakers with strength. O LORD, our God, **we will give you thanks for ever.**

O Lord our God, restore to health those who cry out to you. Lift up the lowly. Turn wailing into joyful dancing. O LORD, our God, **we will give you thanks for ever.**

Living God, you restore the life of those in the grave: may we, and all the dead, experience resurrection and life everlasting. O LORD, our God, **we will give you thanks for ever.**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Blessing of Life Hallmarks, Milestones: Please be seated.

At the invitation of the clergy, please stand for prayer 50 on page 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.

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.

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Offertory Hymn (10AM)

Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

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.**

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:

Sanctus: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Bethancourt)

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.

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.

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:

Lord's Prayer: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (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 come to the altar and receive the bread. 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 Hymn (10AM)
Gratitude

Brandon Lake

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors: *After the prayer the community responds:* **Amen.**

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 (10AM)
Blessed be Your Name

Matt Redman, Beth Redman

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

Postlude (10AM)
Children of Light

Kristian Stanfill, Jason Ingram, Jesse Reves, & Pat Barrett