



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

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

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

September 25, 2022 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 21 Blessing of Teachers

On Facebook at 10 AM: [Facebook Live](#), online at: [In-Spirit Worship](#) (stmarks-upland.org), or on [Youtube](#).

Children have a place here: Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in room 18 off the Parish Hall. 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!

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.

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Welcome (10AM)

Centering Prayer & Music (10AM): Please be seated

Centering prayer is a method of Christian prayer which enhances a person's relationship with God. Through centering prayer a person can experience God's presence within, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

Sit comfortably, be aware of your breathing, and close your eyes or soften your gaze. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence within – for example, peace, grace, love.

When engaged with your thoughts, return ever-so-gently to the sacred word.

Music will be played during this time. The entrance hymn will follow after a brief pause.

Prelude (10 AM): Please remain seated

Softly And Tenderly

Thompson

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling

Calling for you, and for me

See, on the portals He's waiting and watching

Watching for you and for me

Come home, come home
 Ye who are weary come home
 Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling
 Calling, O sinner, come home

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

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual

Unison

G C G Am Em Dm G C

1 In the morn - ing, when I rise, in the morn-ing, when I rise,
 2 Dark mid -night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry,
 3 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,

G Am C D G C F C

in the morn - ing, when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark mid -night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

Refrain (Harmony)

G G7 Am G7 C7

Give me Je - sus. Give me Je - sus,

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

Clergy: Please join us in the collect for purity – together

Reader & Community:

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.

Praise Hymn (10AM):

Christ is with Me

Reverend Rob Bethancourt

Sing twice, with gestures as desired

Christ is with me

Christ within me

Christ before me, Christ behind

at my left and at my right

Christ above me, Christ below

Christ is with me

Collect of the Day

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

When the time is right the Collect of the Day then “collects” our individual thoughts and prayers.

The community responds, **Amen.**

The Lessons: Please be seated

During the reading of the lessons, please be aware of a word, phrase, or image that grabs your attention. Please consider adding this in the comments.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

First Testament

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

³ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps faith for ever;

⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸ The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹ The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

New Testament

Reader: A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and

destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Be Still and Know

Fettke and Herrington

VERSE

G C F C G G⁷/B C G⁷/D C/E



1. Be still ___ and know that I ___ am God. Be still ___ and
(2. I) am ___ the Lord that heal ___ - eth thee. I am ___ the
(3. My) bound - less mer - cy shall ___ en - dure. My bound - less
(4. I) love ___ you with a stead - fast love. I love ___ you
(5. In) Thee ___ O Lord I put ___ my trust. In Thee ___ O

6 F F/E♭ D⁷ Bm/D D⁷/F♯ G C F

10 C F C/G G⁷ 1, 2, 3, 4. C G 5. C

know _____ that I _____ am God. 2. I trust.
 Lord _____ that heal - eth thee. 3. My
 mer - cy shall _____ en - dure. 4. I
 with _____ a stead - fast love. 5. In
 Lord _____ I put _____ my

Gospel: Please stand as you are able

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

Clergy: Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed – Together Reader and Community:

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

The Prayers of the People were written by St. Mark's Episcopal School and Preschool for the 1993 Triennial Meeting of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

Clergy: In peace, we pray to you, Loving God.

Reader: Gracious God, we pray for your Church. We pray for this preschool, Sunday School, and all schools, and especially the family of Episcopal schools, that your light of love may be cast into the mind of all children. Gracious God;

Community: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of all nations, that they might make wise and just decisions which will afford all children the opportunity to lead enlightened and fruitful lives. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us the courage and patience to teach our children to love themselves, that they may discover their gifts of creativity within and may learn to share responsibly with the world. Help us to guide and nurture the joy and freedoms of the child. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

Make us always sensitive to the changes in behavior that may occur as children grow and mature. Help us to recognize and support those children who have special needs of us. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

May we seek to know those things that only you can reveal. May we learn from our children as much as we hope they will learn from us. May we never grow weary in the challenges facing us. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the privilege of shaping young minds. We pray that in the time we have with our children we may share with them the good news of your unconditional love, both in word and deed. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for those we work with and for. May we challenge, encourage, and support each other as we strive to do our best. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the teachers, aides and office staff. We give thanks for the founding Vestry, Boards, Heads, Directors and Rectors. We especially give thanks for our children, grandchildren, and families. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all those who have died and are now at rest with you, praying especially for members of our school and preschool communities:

The community is invited to name people aloud and silently. When the time is right...

Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

We offer ourselves, that we may receive and accept your revelations, and that our lives as educators, parents, administrators and partners may be so affected, that in all that we do with and for our children, your glory may be revealed. Gracious God; **Hear our prayer.**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

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

God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, which are part of the Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts that we might accept, learn, and love everything and everyone whom you have given us. Help us to share our lives and what we have, and to learn from all those who are in school with us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution of Sin: Please kneel as you are able

Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

When the time is right...

Clergy: Together.

Reader and Community: **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.**

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 \(stmarks-upland.org\)](http://stmarks-upland.org)

Blessing of Teachers

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

For your convenience, the offertory plates are located by the baptismal font as you enter and also by the front pews as you approach the altar for communion.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/5ds728s>



Offertory Anthem (10AM)

The Solid Speech of God

Julie Perrin, Shawn Whelan

1 bar = 60

Voice: Dm B_b C Dm Dm F B_b Am

Piano: (Accompaniment)

For all be - ings with-out speech For plants that sing their si - lent song For
Who will speak for wild ones now And love the more than hu - man world? Earth
Can we hear the voice of God The so - lid speech of all that is? In

11 F C Am⁷ Dm F Am⁷ B_b6 Dm

Vo. wild - er - ness in word-less prayer The spac - ious - ness for which we long.
calls in tu - mult and in peace A - live in us like leaves un - furled.
rock and wa - ter, flow - ing air In warmth of fire, a Spi - rit place.

Pno. (Accompaniment)

Doxology: Please stand as you are able

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (See page 361 in the red prayer book.)

Clergy: God be with you.

Community: **And also with you.**

Clergy: Lift up your hearts.

Community: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Clergy: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Community: **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...
...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Community: 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.

Sanctus

Reverend Rob Bethancourt

G A D Em
Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r of pow'er and might

10 Em A D D7 G
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - san

20 A D Em Em A 1.
na in the high - est Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

30 D D7 2. D Dsus4 D
Lord name of the Lord

Holy and gracious God...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Community: 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:

Reader and Community: Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.

Clergy: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Community: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Our Father (10AM)

Reverend Rob Bethancourt

Our Father who art in heaven, hallow - 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 daily - ly bread. and for - give us our trespasses as we for - give those who trespass a - gainst us. And

37 C F Dm7 C G

lead us not... in - to temp - ta - tion But de - li - ver us from

43 E F G C Am

e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,

49 F G C Am F G

thine is the po - wer, thine is the

55 C Am Dm7 G C Dm7 Dm7/G C

glo - ry for ev - er and ev - er - men - .

All are invited to Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn (10 AM)

All to Jesus (I Surrender)

Van DeVenter and Weeden

♩=74 VERSE

C F/C C G⁷ C F/C C G⁷ C



1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to Him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at His feet I bow;
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;
 5. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, now I feel the sac - red flame;

5 F/C C G⁷ C F/C C G⁷ C



I will ev - er love and trust Him, in His pres - ence dai - ly live.
 World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
 Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, let Thy bless - ing fall on me.
 O the joy of full sal - va - tion! Glo - ry, glo - ry to His name!

CHORUS

9 C F/C C Dm G C

I sur - ren - der all,

13 F/C C F C/G G⁷ C

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Clergy: The service continues with the Prayer of St. Francis – together

Reader and Community: **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.**

Closing Hymn (10AM)

Higher Ground

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel and Johnson Oatman Jr.

Verse 1

I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day
Still praying as I'm onward bound
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

Chorus

Lord lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's tableland
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

Verse 2

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay
Tho' some may dwell where these abound
My pray'r my aim is higher ground

Verse 3

I want to live above the world

Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled
For faith has caught the joyful sound
The song of saints on higher ground

Verse 4

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found
Lord lead me on to higher ground

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

Postlude (10 AM)

Higher Ground (Instrumental Reprise)

St. Mark's Band

Acknowledgements

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