

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.

Easter Day, April 20, 2025, 8 & 10AM

Prelude and Welcome: Please remain seated.

We Thank Thee, God

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please ring bells when you feel the Spirit and at all said and sung "Alleluias."

Opening Acclamation (x3)

Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Entrance Hymn: Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal 207

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Blue hymn books are found in the book racks in front or underneath your pew.

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

Hymnal 180

He is Risen, verses 1 and 4

Unser Herrscher

**He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.**

**He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.**

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 Sundays at 10 AM. Youth Group meets first and third Sundays at 11AM

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir; Ken Rudolf, Organist; Canon Serena B, Interim Director

Readers: (8AM) Ralph M, Cheryl W (10AM) Rosemary W, Derek M, John F

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Dale B, Cheryl W (10AM) Karin B, Craig G

Digital Ministry: Paul S, Dr. Jim B

Altar Guild: Ann P, Sola O, John F

Greeters & Ushers: (8AM) Cheryl H, Dean R, Linda G (10AM) Rosalyn & Greg F, Sola O, Cynthia B

Hospitality: EB & Paul S

Sextons: (8AM) Larry S (10AM) Paul S

Ablution Guild: Kathy B

Acknowledgements

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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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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 what your body is telling you. Notice what your soul is telling you.

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

The Lessons

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Acts of the Apostles

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm



¹ Give thanks to the Lord, who is / **good**; *
whose mercy endures for- / **ever**.

² Let Israel now pro- / **claim**, *
"The mercy of the Lord endures for- / **ever**."

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my / **song**, *
and has become my sal- / **vation**.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and / **victory** *
in the tents of the / **righteous**:

¹⁶ "The right hand of the Lord has / **triumphed**! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has / **triumphed**!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but / **live**, *
and declare the works of the / **Lord**.

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me / **sorely**, *
but did not hand me over to / **death**.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of / **righteousness**; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the / **Lord**.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the / **Lord**; *
those who are righteous may / **enter**."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you / **answered me** *
and have become my sal- / **vation**.

²² The same stone which the builders re- / **jected** *
has become the chief / **cornerstone**.

²³ This is the Lord's / **doing**, *
and it is marvelous in our / **eyes**.

(use second half of music)

²⁴ On this day the Lord has / **acted**; *
we will rejoice and be / **glad in it**.

New Testament

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

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Sequence Hymn: Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal 190

Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary

Fisk of Gloucester

In memory of the composer, Thomas Foster, 1938-2024

Gospel: Please face the reader.

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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: We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ: We praise you, Gracious God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to the work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of liberation, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty. We pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land and Haiti. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence. We praise you, Gracious God. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

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>

For Zelle, use give@stmarks-upland.org.



Offertory Anthem

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Johann Horn (1490-1547)

Arr. John Ferguson

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

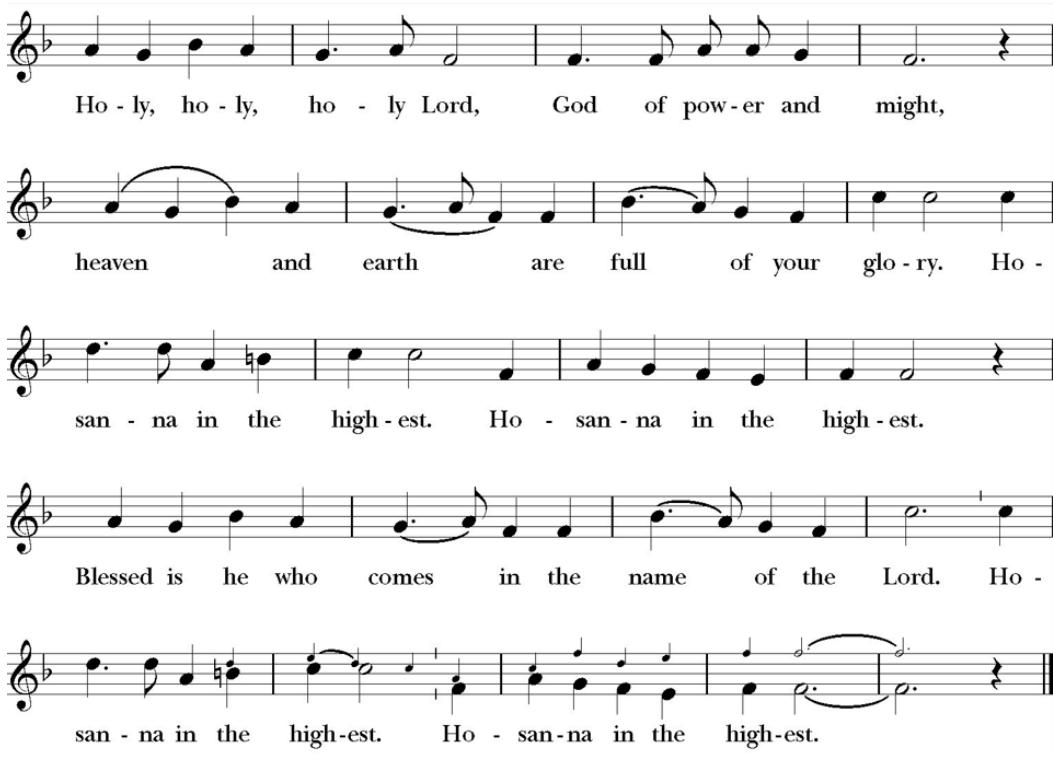
All things come of thee, O God; **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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:

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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We come to the altar and receive the bread with palms open. 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 or similar words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Cups on the outer rim of the communion tray have non-alcoholic wine - white grape juice.

Communion Anthem

Hilariter!

Anonymous

From a German manuscript, 1623

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

Prayer of St. Francis

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.**

The dismissal will be announced from the front of the church. Please remain in place until the altar party leaves the sanctuary.

Mission Hymn

Hymnal 210

The Day of Resurrection

Ellacombe

Dismissal: After the dismissal the community responds,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Please join us for fellowship and refreshment.

The Great Easter (Paper/No Plastic) Egg Hunt follows the 10AM service.

Happy Easter!

Welcome Home! We are glad you are here to join our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank You to All Who Enhanced Our Worship: St. Mark's Choir, guest organist Kenneth Rudolph, Interim Music Director Canon Serena Beeks; Parking Attendants and Sextons led by Dale Biggs; Ushers and Greeters led by John and Vicki Levario; Acolytes led by Susan Mackall; Eucharistic Ministers led by John Flasher; Lectors led by Greg Hewgill; Bread Bakers led by Connie Williams; Oblation Bearers; Altar Guild; Flower Guild and Flowering Cross led by Christy Hyder; Counters led by Kathy Walker; Children's Chapel coordinated by Susan Mackall; Youth ministries led by Lisa and Peter Drew; Children & Youth Balloon Alleluia Acclamation; Alleluia Balloons, Boxes, Coloring Sheets coordinated by Connie Williams and Susan Mackall; Digital Ministry led by Bob Mattus; Liturgical Arts including the Butterfly Brigade led by Canon Serena Beeks; Worship committee chair Dr. Jim Brown; and everyone who put in many long hours in setting up for our services and decorating and beautifying the church and grounds for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Thanks especially to all those who made an Easter dedication and generously gave for our beautiful Easter flowers and decorations. And to everyone who showed up – especially you.

Thank You for the Easter Brunch and Great Easter Egg Hunt: those who contributed, painted, decorated, stuffed, and hid the paper mâché eggs; those who contributed the candy and other stuffings; and the Easter Bunny for making a special guest appearance on a busy Sunday.

Thank you to Fellowship led by Betty Farrell and Susan Mackall who coordinated the delicious Easter Brunch, decorations in the parish hall and outdoors including the Easter bunny bench and arch. Many thanks to all who brought food to share, who served, decorated, and cleaned up.

Thanks to all who participated in our Lent and Holy Week events:

Red Cross Blood Drive; Eighth Annual Ash and Dash; St. Patrick's Irish Dancers and Dinner; "Walk in Love" Newcomers program; Lenten Wilderness Walk at Joshua Tree with Desert Journey and Local Lent Walk at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and Koi Pool coordinated by Craig Gillette; Instructed Centering Prayer; Blessing of Sacred Tables/Home Altars/Prayer Corners; Church Ministry Inventory Videos; Holy Week and Easter 2 Preachers: John Flasher and Canon Serena Beeks; Palm Branch Procurement coordinated by Al and Joseph Montanez; Overnight Online Prayer Vigil coordinated by Craig Gillette, Digital Ministry, and Nancy Kinney; Good Friday Stations of the Cross led by the Daughters of the King and Cross and Nails by Men's Coffee and Blood Drive.

Deanery, Diocese, & National Church offerings: Lent Madness; 60th Anniversary of Selma March; Good Friday Offering for the Holy Land; ERD, UTO, & Way of Love Lent Calendars; Deanery 6 Program on Dietrich Bonhoeffer – "Bonhoeffer" movie screening, "Life Together" book study, and Bonhoeffer Festival; Deanery 6 Collaborative Holy Week and the Great Vigil of Easter.

Thank You to Our Partners in Ministry:

The Foothill Family Shelter was started by St. Mark's over 30 years ago at what was once the Upland Motel. During the years, the effort grew to include food donations and eventually the

purchase of apartments to house homeless families. Today, the Foothill Family Shelter includes 28 two-bedroom apartments, a community food pantry (also open to those outside of the shelter who are in need), professional counseling, job placement, parenting classes, and most importantly hope. They are led by Interim Executive Director Bonnie Cole, Community Development Coordinator Deanna Alsdorf, a diligent board including Melissa Diaz, great staff, and wonderful volunteers.

Haiti Partnership with St. Andre's led by Canon Serena Beeks and Guen Vinnedge. The Partnership started in 1999 with the gift of the offering from the school's Christmas Eucharist to St. Andre's, a small rural school of around 150-200 students, primarily the children of subsistence farmers. Starting in 2004, many small groups of parishioners, students, parents, teachers, and clergy have been able to travel to Haiti to get to know our partners better. Your prayers and support for St. Andre's are especially appreciated now during what is a very difficult time in Haiti's history. Through your support, our partner school is still open and providing a safe place for children to grow and learn.

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries serves the residentially challenged, over 10,000 monthly. Cheryl Hunley coordinates participation by St. Mark's including year-round contributions of beanies, gloves, socks, t-shirts, ponchos, blankets, gently used tops, pants, jackets, shoes, canned and dry food, oral, feminine, and hygiene supplies, outdoor equipment, backpacks, gift cards, and a hot meal ministry where we meet, serve, and eat together.

Red Cross Blood Drive coordinated by Dale Biggs. Since July 2020 we've hosted 22 blood drives and collected 628 units of blood with 647 donors. We've had 69 Power Red and 98 first-time donors. Our current badge is Premier Blood Partner. Our average units collected is 29 per drive - the Red Cross says 25 units collected per drive is a successful drive. In 2024 we held 5 blood drives, collected 159 units of blood, and had a total of 181 appointments filled. To give blood, you can register at <http://www.redcrossblood.org>.

Thank you to Our Church Ministers, Leaders, Staff, and Clergy: Guilds, Groups, Committees, Taskforces, Music Director Search Committee, Vestry - Senior Warden Paul Stapp and Junior Warden Lisa Drew; Priest Assisting, the Rev. Sally Monastiere, for her faithful devotion and service; Rector Emeritus, the Rev. Konrad White; Dean Emerita, the Rev. Canon Judy Heffron; Postulant and Yale Divinity School seminarian Julia Warren; Interim Music Directors Canon Serena Beeks and Gigi Garner; Bookkeeper Shari Hardy; Venue Rental Coordinator Carol Morgan; and Office Administrator Rose Barraza.

And thank you for making St. Mark's part of your Easter celebrations.

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto

Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church – A Community of Grace

Good News at a Glance

From Julia Warren, Postulant & Seminarian at Yale Divinity

Happy Easter, St. Mark's! I am sending well-wishes and alleluias from Connecticut! I miss you all and look forward to being with you all during this summer. The next time I see you, I will...

- have completed my second year of seminary (out of three)
- be embracing a summer of rest in Pasadena (maybe my last summer 'off' ever)
- be married! Andrew and I will be wed on May 31. Your prayers as we prepare for this day are appreciated.

Let us celebrate the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Peace- Julia Warren

Community & Fellowship

Into Eternal Life: Cheryl Geisler

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Cheryl Geisler, 75 years old, wife of Roger Geisler, on April 14, after a long illness. They joined the community just before lockdown and attended the online service until Roger could join the choir when it resumed in-person singing. Please keep Roger, their daughter, three sons, friends, family, and loved ones in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Cheryl, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A Celebration of the Life of Christopher Watson, Saturday, April 26, 2PM

Your prayers and presence are appreciated for the memorial service for Chris Watson on Saturday, April 26, at 2:00PM, at St. Mark's Upland. We welcome home to St. Mark's Blane Abernathy, Rev Nathan Biornstad, and Barbara Harris. The family has requested no black attire. Please keep Tim, Christopher, Helen, Joanna, and Joan in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Chris, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fellowship Ministry

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Fellowship Ministry for their hard work and dedication in coordinating the Palm Sunday Sign Making, Easter Egg Decorating, Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper, The Great Easter Egg Hunt, and the Easter Brunch. Your efforts have truly made this season special for everyone involved.

Warm regards, Betty Farrell, Susan Mackall

Celebrate Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 11, 2025

Join us for an enhanced hospitality hour for Mothers on Mothers' Day.

Men's Coffee Fellowship, Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, Starbucks

We meet for coffee and conversation every Wednesday at 10:30AM at the Starbucks located at 1202 East 20th Street, Suite A, Upland, 91784. Contact John Flasher at menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org.

Newcomers/Inquirers Class, Sunday, May 4, 9AM, Mason Webber Library

Learn about St. Mark's, the Episcopal Church, and one another. No question is off-limits or insignificant. Questions about confirmation and reception also welcome. Newcomers and the curious welcome. Meet by the presider chairs in the sanctuary. No registration necessary.

Men's Breakfast, Second Saturdays at 8AM - May 10, Parish Hall

Join in the fun and fellowship at the next Men's Breakfast is May 10, Saturday at 8AM in the parish hall. We will be doing a potluck. Bring something if you want. Not required to attend. We always have lots of good food. Contact Dale Biggs or Dean Billman at mensbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org

Book Club, Third Saturdays at 10AM, May 17

On May 17 we will meet to socialize and discuss *The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians* by James Patterson. This has been called "a love letter to the heroes of literacy" that "uncovers true stories from booksellers and librarians" and where readers "meet the smart and talented people who live between the pages and who can't wait to help you find your next favorite book." We will meet at Maggie's home. On June 21 we will discuss *The Beach House* by Jane Green; on July 19, *Who Shot Van Gogh* by Alan Turnbull. Contact Maggie Vizio at bookmarks@stmarks-upland.org

Lectio Divina: The Artist's Way, Tuesday, May 6, 9AM

Join us on Tuesday, May 6, at 9AM as we use the Lectio Divina method to discuss *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Julia Cameron.

"A revolutionary program for personal renewal, *The Artist's Way* will help get you back on track, rediscover your passions, and take the steps you need to change your life."

Lectio Divina: Bible Study returns April 29

Join us for in-person Lectio Divina Bible study. Lectio is a contemplative method of reading the Bible. We will listen to an upcoming Sunday gospel lesson three times from different versions of the Bible and respond to a reflection question after each reading. Our time includes introductions, check-in, a break, and open discussion.

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org

Partnerships & Outreach

Foxberry Preschool, Bilingual Summer Camp 2025 - May 26 - August 15, 8 AM to 5 PM.

Foxberry Summer Camp welcomes children ages 5-10 to explore Spanish and Chinese through daily language immersion. Campers enjoy three hours of Spanish in the morning and three hours of Chinese in the afternoon. Hosted at the beautiful St. Mark's Education Building, our inviting classrooms and shaded playground offer a perfect blend of fun and learning. We provide a warm lunch and healthy snacks daily, turning mealtimes into delicious opportunities for cultural discovery and vocabulary practice.

To register: www.foxberrypreschool.com

Our Biggest Outreach

When a person gives to St. Mark's Upland, they also contribute to diocesan and global ministries. Learn more about the impact of your gift: subscribe to The Episcopal News.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets in Room 30 on Saturdays, 9-10:30 AM.

Al-Anon meets in Room 30 on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM.

Blood Drive, Tuesday, June 24, from 1PM to 7PM

On March 20, we held our second blood drive of the year and collected 26 units of blood. We had 3 first time donors. There were 30 possible donors. Many thanks to the volunteers that came to help. Our next blood drive will be on Tuesday, June 25 from 1PM to 7PM. You can sign up by going to redcrossblood.org. Pass the date to friends and family. Help save a life. To give blood, sign up at redcross.org.

Taking Reservations for Renting St. Mark's Spaces

Are you planning a spring or summer event? Make sure you check out Venues at St. Mark's for your event. We offer indoor and outdoor spaces of different sizes for your party needs. Reservations are starting to fill up for this spring. Contact Venue Rental Coordinator Carol Morgan at venerental@stmarks-upland.org.

Worship

New Paschal Candle and Flower Stand/Holder

Many thanks to Dennis Sampson, a woodworker and designer and former school parent, for refurbishing the Paschal Candle stand and Flower holder. You see Dennis' work every Sunday during Lent in the small processional cross which he designed and made for the school in the spring of 1983. Canon Serena Beeks, Liturgical Arts

Easter Season

The Easter season is 50 days. We sing Alleluias, adorn the sanctuary with flowers, skip the confession, hear the story of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles, and use the Baptismal/Apostles Creed to affirm our faith. Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the Spring equinox. The earliest Easter Day can be is March 22; the latest, April 25. Easter culminates with Pentecost, aka the birthday of the church. This year Pentecost is June 8, 2025. Next year, Easter Day is April 5, 2026.

Pentecost Readers

Are you willing to present a reading or prayer in another language for Pentecost? Please let Lector Coordinator Greg Hewgill know at lectors@stmarks-upland.org.

All Are Welcome to the Eucharistic Table and Baptismal Font

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, and wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the service - hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact Rev. Keith or the church office to inquire about Holy Baptism.

Loving Our Neighbor: Admitting the Problem with Holy Week and Easter Texts

As we move through Easter, let us be aware that the narratives about the early church have been used to promote supersessionism (aka replacement theology), Christian triumphalism, and Christian violence and hatred against our Jewish siblings. Let us love all our neighbors.

Buildings and Grounds

Help Us Build a Safer, More Welcoming St. Mark's Campus

Your generosity can bring these vital improvements to life:

- Protect Our Classrooms: Seal the patio concrete to prevent flooding in Room 29 and ensure dry, safe spaces for learning.
- Improve Accessibility: Replace the handicap ramp at the Library to ensure access for all.
- Brighten the Sanctuary: Install energy-efficient, lower-hanging LED lights to create a more inviting and sustainable worship environment.
- Protect Our Ministries: Patch or fully replace the roof of the Christian Education Building to safeguard vital programs.
- Refresh & Organize Community Spaces: Re-paint church pillars, kitchen, organize kitchen storage, and install secure locks to support future event rentals and gatherings.
- Prevent Future Flooding: Repair the track area and install a French drain system to redirect water away from vulnerable spaces.
- Enhance Parking Safety: Re-paint parking lot lines and patterns for better navigation and safety for all who visit.

Stewardship & Finance

Did you ever have news that was so exciting, so important, so urgent, that you could not wait to share it? Imagine the spice-bearing women who encounter the heavenly messengers at the empty tomb learning that it was all true - everything that Jesus had told them would happen had, indeed, happened.

This is the exact spirit which we carry with us all year that inspires us to share not only the Good News, but also the ways in which our lives have been transformed by God's blessings. We share our time, talent, and treasure freely because of the love we have experienced in redemption and in the death-defying power of Jesus and his ministry in the world. Such an enthusiasm cannot be contained, it must be recounted.

It is a story we will rush to share with the world.

St. Mark's Contributions: January through March

Thank you for your generous donations to St. Mark's! According to our records in Breeze, our contribution database, we received the following contributions during the first quarter:

Operating Fund (main church account): \$71,800

Building Fund: \$1,945

Outreach (Haiti and Altadena Fire Relief): \$1,700

Designated for Particular Church Ministries: \$510

We continue to have a deficit due to increases in utility and other operating costs. We also have a backlog of building maintenance and replacement projects. We did receive an Employee Retention Credit check in March 2025, which reimbursed for a portion of salaries in 2021 and will improve our cash flow.

How to Give Stocks or Mutual Fund Shares to St. Mark's

We have a brokerage account through Charles Schwab to accept stock and mutual fund gifts to St. Mark's. Donors are not assessed capital gains if the stock is transferred to St. Mark's.

1910 Legacy Society

Please let us know if you have included St. Mark's in your estate planning and would like more information about membership in the 1910 Legacy Society. For more information, contact Legacy Society Shepherd Dean Billman.

For more information about any events or announcements, please contact the church office.

We are a community of grace feeding hungry hearts in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan of Los Angeles

The Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy, Canon to the Ordinary

Church Elders: Bobbi and Skip Arjo, and Helena Kooiman - *A Church Elder is a long-time member with a sacred spirituality, energy, and wisdom. Like the grandparent at the family gathering, the tasks of fixing, preparing, and organizing have been passed on to another. Instead, the elder sits in the comfortable chair with the grandchildren gathered around to listen to the family stories.*

Emeriti: Canon Serena Beeks, Head of School Emerita; William Carrington, Organist and Choir Director Emeritus; and The Rev. Konrad White, Rector Emeritus.

Canons: Canon Serena Beeks, D.Min. US Coordinator, Haiti Episcopal School Partnerships; Canon Clare Bangao, Coordinator for Mission Congregations; Canon Gisele Tackoor, JD, Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Pilgrim Place; The Rev. Can. Judy Heffron, Dean Emerita - *The title "Canon" is an honor named by the bishop in recognition of significant service to the larger Church. The title "canon" dates from medieval times; it denotes a key advisor to a bishop or cathedral community. The person may be lay or clergy.*

Media: Bob Mattus, Digital Media; Guen Vinnedge, Instagram and Facebook.

Staff & Clergy: Office Administrator Rose Barraza; Bookkeeper Shari Hardy; Venue Rental Coordinator Carol Morgan; Interim Music Directors Canon Serena Beeks and Gigi Garner; Priest Assisting the Rev. Sally Monastiere; Rector the Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto.

Vestry Members: Class of 2026: Gail Dean, Fellowship; Susan Mackall, Christian Education; Kathy Osterkamp, Worship.

2027: Paul Stapp, Senior Warden; Lisa Drew, Junior Warden, Finance; Ed Muehlbacher, Outreach.

2028: Ginger Rudisill, Membership; Dale Biggs, Buildings and Grounds; EB Stapp, Communications.

Marcia Godwin, Treasurer; Carol Morgan, Clerk.

Easter Dedications
*Flowers and decorations
Given to the glory of God and...*

In Loving Memory

David Nalbach
Betty Lou Anthony
Joe & Catherine Sanchez
Kathy Roche
Alicia Enriquez
Jack & Kathy Napier
Robert Ward
Our parents
Joseph & Lucille Mattus, Ken & Donna Mattus,
Mary Delany
Mike & Adam Alexander
Husband, Phill; Brother, Dan
Dr. Scotti Dole & Carmen Hernandez
Butch Stone
Jack, Bev, Andrew Gillette, Jim, Mary Polatte
John A. Ward
Clarence Yamamoto
Larry Goddard
Thad & Irene Lewanski; Dona Terry Vinnedge;
James Lewanski
Guihua Zhao
Morgan K Curry & Andrew M Sanchez
Geneva & Robert Farrell
Sufaamai & Iosefa Te'l
Grace, John, Tom, Marcella
Betsy Sanford
Helmut Muehlbacher, Paul Huse
Tom Lopez
Our departed family members
Mark Langley & Sotera Almodiel
Papo Rudy
Oliver & Geraldine Brown
Big Mama & Lee
D.A. & Roy Hunt
Cheryl Geisler
Chris Watson

Barbara Nalbach
Kathryn Nasiali
Diane Sanchez
Dean Roche
Manuel Enriquez
Diane Sanchez
Betty Ward
John & Andrea Flasher

Bob Mattus
Kay Alexander
Judy Hartman
Dole family
Jennifer Stone
Gillette family
Anonymous
Rev Keith Yamamoto
Kathy Osterkamp

Margaret Vinnedge
Yawen Li
Diane M Sanchez
Betty Farrell
Moli Torres
Robert & Judy Shather
Kathy Osterkamp
Ed & Sharon Muehlbacher
E.R. Lopez
John & Vicki Levario
Vina Langley
Melissa & Mike Diaz
Dr. Jim Brown
Scott Porter
Ann Porter
Roger Geisler
Joan Watson

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In Thanksgiving for

My daughters, Mary & Jean
Our family
Opanyi, Minayo, Ozan, Opanyi, Sumru
Birthdays of Ken, Peter, Ryland, Kieran & Marvin
Our family
Abundant blessings
Family & friends of Bob M & Kay A
God's blessings
Friends and family
My family
Many blessings of family & friends
Adan, Umi, Daniell
Our children & grandchildren
Jesus & all the Saints
Jim & Scott
All the blessings of Christ

Kate Flannery
Dean & Karen Billman
Kathryn Nasiali
Lisa Drew
Oduyemi
Janet Botengam
Bob Mattus
Zaddel Tackoor
Jennifer Stone
Nancy Kinney
Paul & Marjorie Turner
Moli Torres
Robert & Judy Shather
Tammy & Ken Carney
Ann Porter
Stevens family

In Honor of

Douglas Vest
Diocesan staff, past & present
Torres children & all grandchildren

By
Kathryn Nasiali
Canon Clare Bangao
Moli Torres

Happy Easter