



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

THE GOOD NEWS

Lent III March 07, 2021

Worship this Sunday 10AM on our Website: [In-Spirit Worship \(stmarks-upland.org\)](http://stmarks-upland.org)

or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/3859753247425331>

Join us for Easter Day on Sunday, April 4

The Bishop will join us for confirmations and official admission to the Episcopal denomination on Sunday, April 25, St. Mark's Day.

Your feedback is welcome. Please know that we are learning from our mistakes. And there is plenty of room for growth. Please send your comments and suggestions to: parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org

Outside Stations of the Cross: A Mobile Experience

Many thanks to Andrew Kilkenny designer of the Stations of the Cross 2021 app which enables you to experience the Stations of the Cross visiting 10 different locations around Upland and Claremont from the safety of your mobile app: www.lastations.org.

Many thanks to the St. Mark's team led by Canon Serena Beeks who made the St. Mark's stations (12 and 13) incorporating the cross in front of the church.

Will You Come? Survey for Easter Sunrise Service for Sunday, April 4 at 6 AM

We need your input for our Easter Sunrise Service survey. Will you come, stay away, sleep in, attend in spirit instead? Please complete this quick short survey by Monday, March 9 – less than a week. The link to the survey can be found [here](#) and at the church [website](#).

In-Spirit Worship Readers

Our schedule has moved to our website, www.stmarks-upland.org. Please check the schedule and use the readings and psalms on the lectionary pages found [here](#).

Watch Last Sunday's Service on YouTube:

Please subscribe to the St. Mark's YouTube page so that we can have access to more editing tools from YouTube. Many thanks to Landon Abernathy.

Check-In, Bible Study & Prayer

Join us Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 9:40AM am for Prayer and Bible Study - prayer sheets available on the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/> Meeting ID: 937 8054 5256 <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>

Wednesday Evening Taizé Service

Worship, Wednesday, at 7:30 pm on Zoom - join via computer, tablet, or smartphone with this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJmL2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09>

Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

Lent Meditation on Dirt: Week 3 Memories & Emotions

What memories and emotions arise with the dirt? What are your earliest memories with dirt? What memories do you have with the location where your dirt came from? What emotions are evoked? Some people connect with God through nature as much as they do through religious church services. How is this making you feel? How is this affecting your body, mind, and spirit? Are you drawn

toward it or away from it or against it? Is your breathing picking up or slowing down? Are you assuaged or provoked? How are you reacting? This week follow your memories and emotions. Again, you are invited to engage as you are able. What is being revealed?

Please consider posting an image that represents a memory associated with the dirt – it could be a photo of a camping trip, a regular walking/biking path, a postcard,...

Two online diocesan services planned for Eastertide

Bishop John Harvey Taylor invites the diocesan community to two online services in Eastertide. The first will be The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m., coordinated by the Rev. Canon Susan Russell with participation by Taylor, Bishop Suffragan Diane M. Jardine Bruce and Canon to the Ordinary Melissa McCarthy and people from all over the diocese. The second service, on the second Sunday of Easter, April 11, will be a simple celebration of Holy Eucharist conducted by Taylor and Canon Kathy O'Connor. Both services will be livestreamed and available for viewing on demand on the diocese's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

Quiet Time with God in Lent

Many thanks to Spiritual Director, Kimberly Cortner, for facilitating our St. Mark's annual Lenten Quiet Day on February 20, the first Saturday of Lent. If you would like to receive the handouts and a list of the resources used, please connect with Kimberly via stillpoint@stmarks-upland.org.

An Invitation to Further Reflection: A Sermon Appraisal

"An effective sermon offers one clear message of good news authentic to the preacher relevant to the audience holding attention and inviting transformation." from Backstory Preaching Please consider completing a sermon appraisal here:

<https://www.surveymz.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

Lent Resources Online

Episcopal Migration Ministries <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/episcopal-migration-ministries/lenten-devotion-series-2021/>

Devotionals 365 days a year <https://d365.org/>

Lent Madness <https://www.lentmadness.org/about/>

Episcopal Relief and Development <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

Way of Love Calendar (all the way at the bottom) <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Into Eternal Life: Elmer Burkhardt, Grandfather of Matthew Corlew

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elmer Burkhardt, 91, grandfather of Matthew Corlew, who was buried on February 27, 2021. He was born in Germany and came to America in 1955. He built a mobile home park in Morongo Valley where he lived and ran a German restaurant with his wife and family. Elmer had one sister, five daughters and lots of grandchildren. He touched many lives, loved wide-open spaces and was known as a good man, a hard worker. Please keep Matthew and family in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Elmer. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Need an Appointment for the COVID-19 Vaccine?

For those of you who do not have a computer or are having trouble trying to get information about the vaccine on the computer, please let the church office know we have church members willing to help you navigate the web and phones to help make a reservation for you.

Readers Needed

The Lectors Guild is in need of readers for the Sunday services. We have returned to livestreaming on Facebook and that means readers are recording their assignments and uploading them to Google Drive to be included in the worship service. Readings are assigned in advance by Chris Watson and training on recording and uploading is available. If you would like to participate in this vital ministry, please contact Chris at lectors@stmarks-upland.org

Palms for Palm Sunday

Palm fronds will be available for pick up on Saturday, March 27th.

Easter Flowers/Memorial Donations

In lieu of Easter Flower donations, St. Mark's will be collecting tributes in thanksgiving for, in memory of and in honor of loved ones. Donations will be used to provide drive-through Stations of the Cross banners as well as enhance our in-spirit worship abilities. Please use the link below to make your tribute. [Easter Dedications \(stmarks-upland.org\)](https://stmarks-upland.org/Easter-Dedications)

Hymnals Available

Do you miss having a hymnal to hold during services? Saint Mark's is allowing parishioners to sign out a hymnal for home use. Hymnals and the sign out sheet will be available at our outreach events,

Alternative Easter Egg "Hunt"

In lieu of St. Mark's Traditional Easter Egg Hunt, St. Mark's Fellowship Ministry will be giving out a Decorative Easter Bag filled with Easter items to anyone who requests one. To request an Easter Bag please email the Fellowship Committee: fellowship@stmarks-upland.org by March 23rd. These bags can be given to your children, grandchildren, and adults. The decorative Easter Bags will be filled with pre-filled nut-free Easter candy and other small Easter items. Please pick up your Easter bags at St. Mark's on March 31st, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

If you would like to help the Fellowship Ministry with this project, you can do so by donating pre-filled plastic Easter Eggs. Please drop off your donated items Monday through Thursday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm at St. Mark's Office.

Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks due by the 25th

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please let us know and send a photo by the 25th of the month before your celebration month. The visual celebration will be on the first Sunday of the month. Send to [blessings@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: blessings@stmarks-upland.org)

St. Mark's Book Club meets Third Saturdays from 10 to 12 noon

The St. Mark's Book Club will be gathering on the third Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Please contact any member or Sue Andrews, Coordinator, at BookClub@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

Women's Prayer Breakfast Meets Fridays at 11am

The women's prayer breakfast meets every Friday at 11 am via Zoom. All women are invited to join us. Please contact Kathryn Barbour at womensprayerbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org

Pinochle Group meeting Wednesdays 9am to 12noon

Want to know how to play cards via zoom? Join the Pinochle group. They now play on Wednesdays from 9am to 12 noon. For more information, please contact Chris Watson at stpeter@stmarks-upland.org.

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows with the Bishop on April 25 - In Person

The Bishop will join us for confirmations, reception, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows on and official admission to the Episcopal denomination on Sunday, April 25, St. Mark's Day. Confirmation is the mature affirmation of baptismal vows especially appropriate when a person was baptized as an infant and parents and godparents took vows on the person's behalf. Reception is the official admission into the Episcopal denomination especially appropriate when a person was raised/registered/active/identifies as a person coming from another denomination or faith. If you are interested in one of these rites, please contact the rector.

Phone Scam: Calling on Behalf of a Loved One

With this scam the scammer calls on behalf of a loved one for money. The loved one cannot talk to the victim directly because they have been in a bad accident. A variation is that the scammer claims to have suffered an injury that makes their voice sound different. Please confirm with a phone call to another family, friend or the hospital.

STEWARDSHIP

Update from the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee has changed the format from a six week fall campaign to a year-round committee working closely with the Finance Committee, the 1910 Legacy Society, gift giving and the upcoming capital campaign activities. We are reviewing how these activities interrelate and reviewing policies and procedures to function in a more streamlined and cohesive fashion. We are aligning our work to support the mission of St. Mark's Parish. The membership of this committee includes Vicki and John Levario as Co-Chairs, Dean Billman as vestry liaison, Rev. Keith Yamamoto, Carol Morgan, Barbara Harris, Marcia Godwin, Yawen Li, and Ken Drew.

Your Contributions Make a Difference, Thank You!

Please send pledges or donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. You may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. Or you may make your donation through [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com). Donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org.

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OUTREACH

The St. Mark's Commission for Racial Equity and Justice

VOICES FOR RECONCILIATION - Page Turners – New book study group

In response to the racial unrest that occurred in 2020, St. Mark's began work last Fall for the formation of the above-mentioned Commission. To date, the Planning Committee has established Vision and Mission Statements, and soon we will complete our Objectives and Activities. However, to get a jump start on our proposed Activities, a new Zoom-format book study group will begin soon. Our first book will be *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. We will meet every two weeks beginning Tuesday, March 9th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and will continue through until May 25th (will skip Apr. 6th). Discussion leaders for this book will be John and Andrea Flasher. If this time is inconvenient for you, it is our hope that you will purchase *Caste* and study with us at your leisure. There are no experts here, so we will all be reading, learning and hopefully growing together. We will need your email address to send Zoom ID information. For more information regarding Page Turners or the new Commission, please contact Andrea Flasher at racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org.

TOUCH Collection

The next TOUCH collection will be held on Saturday, March 13th, from 9AM to 11AM. Nonperishable foods, toiletries, and warm clothing are welcome items as well as fast food gift cards. Thank you for your donations. They are appreciated! Information, call Dave Nalbach (909)635-4297

Breakfast Bagging 2.0

Over the years, St Mark's Breakfast Bags Ministry has provided more than 7400 breakfast bags to area homeless people. Because of the pandemic we are not able meet in person to assemble bags but are currently gathering food and personal items for the Foothill Family Shelter on a monthly basis with the help of The Daughters of the King and the Girls Friendly Society. All are encouraged to support this ministry. You can supply items for the bags or donate to the fund mailing a check to St Mark's marked Breakfast Bags in the memo line.

For further information on what items are requested each month, please contact Rosalyn Foster at breakfastbaggers@stmarks-upland.org

We are Praying for You – The Daughters of the King

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org. Or contact the clergy or a member of the Daughters of the King who pray both daily individually and together every Sunday before the morning service.

One Body & One Spirit Emergency Appeal

Join us in giving generously to the One Body & One Spirit Emergency Appeal to help our congregations and ministries most at risk during this crisis. The mailing address for checks made payable to "Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles" is: Bishop John Harvey Taylor; 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

YOUTH

GFS resumes meetings on Zoom

Girls Friendly Society is an organization for girls between 5 and 21. Meetings are scheduled for 4PM every other Monday. Next meeting March 5. Topics include women of the church and relevant topics of interest to young women. The meetings will be brief, about 40 minutes, and include fellowship, a reading, an activity, and prayer.

I look forward to seeing the girls. For further information please contact Rosalyn Foster at gfs@stmarks-upland.org

Choristers Rehearse Tuesdays at 4 PM

Children in grades 3-6, are invited to join Choristers on Tuesday afternoons at 4PM via Zoom for a half hour. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please email me at music@stmarks-upland.org

upland.org for the link. God bless everyone,
Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

Youth Group News

During our time away, we have been meeting online using Zoom and in messages. We are currently meeting via Zoom, please check your messages for dates and times. If you would like to be added to the group, please message Rob Garretson at youth@stmarks-upland.org. Also, please note that all our in-person activities with other groups are on hold until further notice. Thanks, and stay safe and healthy,

Rob Garretson  Director of Youth Ministries

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We embrace Christ at the center of our lives, sharing the Gospel with all people and loving ourselves and each other as Christ loves us

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