

Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever has been happening...

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.

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – January 29, 2023

One Service 9AM

Annual Parish Meeting

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Helpful links, acknowledgments, and announcements below.

Prelude (8:55 AM): Please be seated

Aria for Organ

Camil Van Hulse

Welcome & Call to Order

Entrance Hymn: Please stand as you are able

Hymn 542

Christ is the world's true light

St. Joan

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

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.**

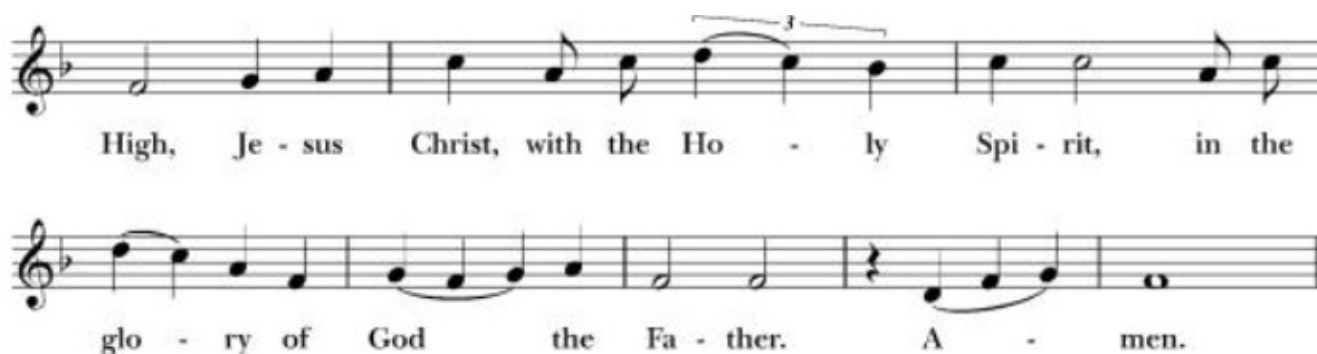
Praise Hymn

Hymn S-280

Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Centering Prayer and the Collect of the Day

Clergy: 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.***

Introductions: Please be seated

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Appointment of Clerk: Vicki Levario

Declaration of Quorum: Minimum of 25 members in good standing.

Minutes of the 112th Annual Parish Meeting: May be dispensed with by a majority vote.

Reports

Senior Warden: Carol Morgan

Junior Warden: Kimberly Cortner

Finance Chair: Marcia Godwin

The Psalm 15

Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse, beginning with the south side.

- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from their heart.
- ³ There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to their friend; *
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbor.
- ⁴ In their sight the wicked is rejected, *
but they honor those who fear the LORD.
- ⁵ They have sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back their word.
- ⁶ They do not give their money in hope of gain, *
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.
- ⁷ Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown

Rector's Report

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Rathbun

Gospel: Please stand as you are able

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Elections

Vestry: Gail Dean, Kathy Osterkamp

Convention Delegate: Kathy Walker

The Nicene Creed: Please stand as you are able.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Clergy: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. So let us pray to the Lord, saying, "For your blessing and guidance, we give you thanks."

Reader: God, bless your Church. May our souls hunger and thirst for righteousness. Give us the grace to do those things you require of us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. For your blessing and guidance, **We give you thanks.**

God, bless the people of this and every nation. You make foolish the wisdom of the world; we pray that our leaders find their wisdom in you. Teach us to be merciful and open us to receive mercy from others. For your blessing and guidance, **We give you thanks.**

God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth. For your blessing and guidance, **We give you thanks.**

God, bless our local community. May we be a people who do no evil to our friends, who heap no contempt upon our neighbors. For your blessing and guidance, **We give you thanks.**

God, bless the poor in spirit with the inheritance of your kingdom. You choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong. Be the source of life for all those suffering and sick. For your blessing and guidance, **We give you thanks.**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.
When the time is right...

Remembering led by Rev. Sally Monastiere, Discerner Rodney Hume-Dawson,
and the Daughters of the King

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 remain standing

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)

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/5dsw728s>



Offertory: Please remain seated

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Healey Willan

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 II b Incarnation, Scottish Liturgy

Full text is available in the narthex.

God dwells in you. **And also in you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

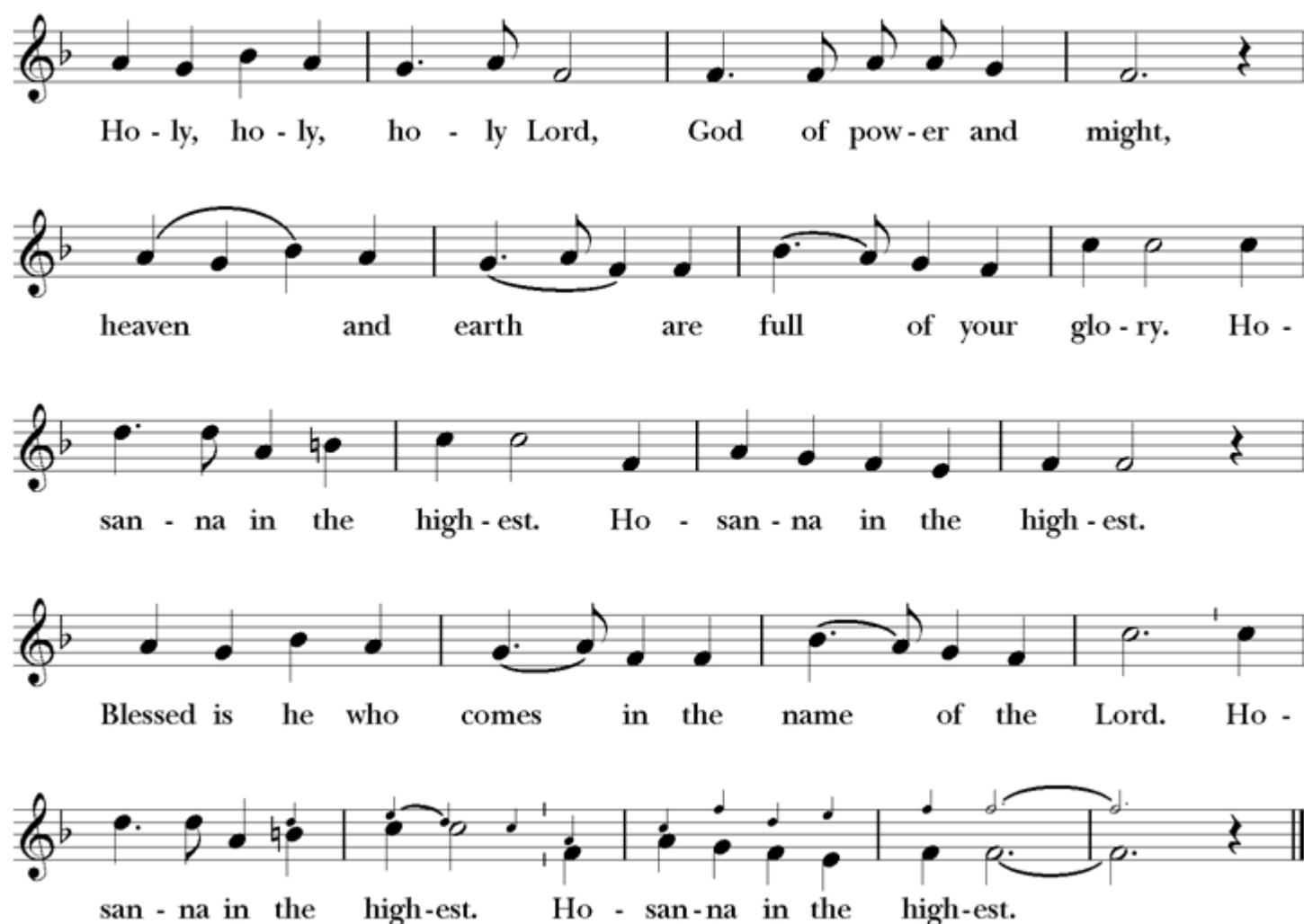
Let us give our thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker....

As children of your redeeming purpose, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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: Hymn S-125



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.

Clergy: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God....
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor,
glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
**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!**

Fraction Hymn S-155



All are invited to Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Hymn S-336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

The Prayer of St. Francis: Please stand as you are able

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.***

Mission Hymn

Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

Adjournment & Dismissal

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

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

First Meeting of the New Vestry

Continuing Vestry Members

Carol Morgan, Senior Warden (2024); Kimberly Cortner, Junior Warden (to be confirmed for 2023) (2025); Sharon Muehlbacher, Buildings & Grounds (2024); Marcia Godwin, Finance (2024); Barbara Nalbach, Outreach, Education & Formation (2025); Karin Brown, Vestry Affairs (2025); and Dean Billman, Legacy Society (2024).

Clerk: Kathryn Barbour

Treasurer: Ken Drew

Acknowledgements

Music: Ken Rudolf

Join Us for In-Spirit Worship Online

At 10 AM on [Facebook](#); on our website at [Live-Stream](#); 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.