



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 5, 2026, 8 & 10AM

Please ring bells at all "Alleluias"
Blue hymn books are found in the book racks in front or
underneath your pew.

Welcome Home! We are glad you are here to join our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to share in the inclusive, reckless, extravagant love of God. To receive more information, please fill out a Connect Card and visit our website at stmarks-upland.org.

Children & Youth Have a Place Here Children's Chapel for children ages 3-12 featuring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play takes place in the chapel next to the south side of the altar at 9:50AM on Sundays. Youth for Christ for young people in grades 6-12 meets on the first Sunday and will resume on May 3, at 11:30AM in room 18.

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Tim R

Readers: (8AM) Cheri C, Ralph M

(10AM) Karin B, Kimberly C,

Michael M

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Linda G

(10AM) Luke B, Craig G, Brandon H

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Kay A, Bob

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Altar Guild: Kay A, Cheryl H,

Kathy O

Sextons: (8AM) Ken & Lisa D

(10AM) Paul S

Hospitality: Michael & Violeta M

Ablution Guild: Kathy B

Acknowledgements

Eucharistic Prayer: Enriching Our Worship; Psalms: Psalter for the Christian People; Prayers of the People: Planning for Rites and Rituals. OneLicense copyright #A-401793

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

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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Prelude and Welcome: Please remain seated.
Fugue in C Major BWV 547

J. S. Bach

Entrance Hymn: Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymnal 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

Easter Hymn

Opening Acclamation (x3)

Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 181 *Awake and sing the song*

St. Ethelwald

Prayer of Preparation

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.

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.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts of the Apostles

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

George A. MacFarren
(1813–1887)



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, | who is | **good**; *
whose mercy en- | dures | för- | **ever**.
- 2 Let Israel | now pro- | **claim**, *
"The mercy of the Lord en- | dures | för- | **ever**.
- 14 The Lord is my strength | and my | **song**, *
and has be- | come | my sal- | **vation**.
- 15 There is a sound of exul- | ta-tion 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 | pun-ished me | **sorely**, *
 but did not | hand me | ov-er 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 | right-eous | m^äy | **enter**."
 21 I will give thanks to you, | for you | **answered me** *
 and have be- | c^öme | my sal- | **vation**.
- 22 The same stone which the | build-ers re- | **jected** *
 has be- | c^öme | the chief | **cornerstone**.
- 23 This is the | L^örd's | **doing**, *
 and it is | mar-vel - ous | in our | **eyes**.
- 24 On this day the | Lord has | **acted**; *
 we will re- | j^öice | and be | **glad in it**.

New Testament

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

Sequence Hymn: Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymnal 188

Love's redeeming work is done

Savannah

Gospel: Please face the reader.

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him. 'This is my message for you.'" So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see 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 in body or spirit.

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: Let us pray for the church and the world. (Silence.)

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 Iran, Haiti, and the Holy Land. 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 in body or spirit.

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 the "stmarksupland" Zelle tag or scan QR code below.



Offertory Anthem

Hilariter

17th Century arr. K Lee Scott

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: Please stand in body or spirit.

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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 power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 -san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed 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:

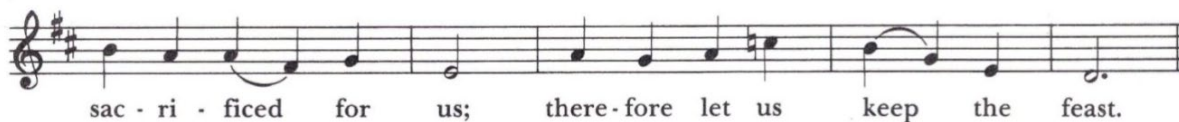
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.



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.**

Communion will be offered in stations at the front of the altar. The cups on the outer rim of the communion tray have consecrated (blessed) non-alcoholic grape juice.

Communion Anthem

Now the green blade riseth

arr. John Karl Hirten, Ruzon

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Prayer of St. Francis: Please stand in body or spirit.

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

Hymnal 210

The day of resurrection!

Ellacombe

Dismissal: After the dismissal the community responds,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Happy Easter!

The Great Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10AM service.
Please join us for fellowship and refreshment.

Thank You to All Who Enhanced Our Worship: St. Mark's Choir, Music Director and Organist Tim Ruzon; Parking Attendants and Sextons led by Dale Biggs; Ushers and Greeters led by John and Vicki Levario; Acolytes; 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 Alleluia Procession & Acclamation 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; Ninth Annual Ash and Dash serving 336 people in 229 vehicles including a trash collector and letter carriers and three dogs ; "Walk in Love" Newcomers program; Lenten Wilderness Walk at the California Botanic Garden coordinated by Craig Gillette; Instructed Centering Prayer; Palm Branch Procurement coordinated by Al Montanez;

Prayer Vigil coordinated by Craig Gillette; Good Friday Stations of the Cross led by the Daughters of the King.

Deanery, Diocese, & National Church offerings: Lent Madness; Good Friday Offering for the Holy Land; Deanery 6 Program on Paula Gooder's Women of Holy Week; 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 in 1984. What was once a motel voucher program has grown into one of the most successful transitional housing programs in the area. In addition to the 28 two-bedroom apartments we provide for families, the program provides full wrap-around services that includes professional counseling, job placement, parenting classes, a community food pantry, and most importantly hope. Foothill Family Shelter is led by Executive Director, Bonnie Cole, a supportive and experienced staff, a community of volunteers, and a diligent board that includes parishioner Melissa Diaz as the representative for St. Mark's.

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. Trianon was overtaken by gangs in March and our partners have become refugees. Our contributions currently support the churches and schools taking in the dispersed populations of the Artibonite Valley, including our friends from Trianon.

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries serves the residentially challenged and marginally housed (including some who have a vehicle to sleep in) 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,

Christmas toys, 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 26 blood drives and collected 769 units of blood with 721 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. Last year we held 4 blood drives, collected 116 units of blood, had a total of 119 appointments filled, and 13 first-time donors. This year, we have had 2 blood drives with 3 more to go. The next blood drive is scheduled on May 11, Monday, from 10-4PM in our parish hall. 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, Sabbatical Committee Chair Susan Mackall; Vestry, Senior Warden Paul Stapp and Junior Warden Lisa Drew; Priest Assisting the Rev. Sally Monastiere; Music Director and Organist Tim Ruzon; 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

An Easter Message from Our Seminarian Julia Warren

Happy Easter, St. Mark's! I am singing Alleluias from Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where I am celebrating the resurrection of our Lord with my students. By next Easter, I will be back in Southern California for good! Thank you all for your continued prayers throughout my seminary journey. Let us rejoice in the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Peace,

Julia Warren

Candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

*Julia Warren will be ordained deacon on June 13 and
ordained priest on January 9, 2027.*

Community & Fellowship

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

La Tapatía Mexican Grill Dine-In Fundraiser, April 23

Raise funds for St. Mark's in the most delicious way possible. 20% of all proceeds on Thursday, April 23, will go to the church. When ordering, the flyer must be presented. La Tapatía Mexican Grill on Foothill & Euclid (152 W. Foothill Blvd, Upland, CA 91786). For more information, contact Vicki Levario.

Men's Coffee Fellowship, Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, April 7, 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.

Fiber Arts: Dress A Girl, Second Wednesdays, April 8

Fiber Arts Guild is back with the enhancement of Dress-A-Girl. If you knit, crochet, sew by hand or machine, can use scissors, or can iron join us Wednesday morning, April 8, at 10AM in room 18 just off the parish hall for our workshop. We will be making prayers shawls, lap robes, baby blankets and very simple shift style dresses for underprivileged girls around the world. All are welcome. We have cut out several dresses and made up a few. We look forward to making many more. Contact Rosalyn Foster at FiberArts@stmarks-upland.org.

Grief and Loss Support Group, Every Other Thursday, April 9

The Grief and Loss Support Group meets every other Thursday from 11:00 AM – noon, in the Weber-Mason Library, located at the west end of the front office complex. The group will be an informal meeting of any who have suffered major loss and will be facilitated by Lisa Drew, MS School Counseling. The goal of the group is to provide a safe place to be heard

and to listen as participants express the feelings that come with loss. Participants will learn strategies for growing through grief and have a chance to make new friends who understand. Participants are encouraged to bring something to write on and write with. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, email juniorwarden@stmarks-upland.org.

Men's Breakfast, Second Saturdays at 8AM, April 11, Parish Hall

Join in the fun and fellowship at the next Men's Breakfast is April 11, 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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study returns April 14, 9AM

Join us for in-person Tuesday Morning Bible study. 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. We meet in room 16 from 9-10:30AM. Our time includes introductions, check-in, a break, and open discussion.

Book Club, Third Saturdays at 10AM, April 18

Our next selection, "The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World" by Robin Wall Kimmerer, will be discussed at our meeting, hosted by Nancy Kinney, on Saturday, April 18.

In "The Serviceberry...", Indigenous scientist Kimmerer uses the serviceberry plant as a metaphor for an Indigenous-inspired "gift economy" to critique consumerism and advocate for a more reciprocal relationship with nature. One reviewer calls the book "a call to action to reimagine our values and build a fairer, more sustainable society."

For more information, contact Maggie at bookmarks@stmarks-upland.org

National Faith + Climate Forum, April 25 at St. Mark's

We are excited to share that St. Mark's will serve as a host site for "The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow," National Faith + Climate Forum 2026 on Saturday, April 25, in the Parish Hall.

Keynote speaker Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson is the author of What If We Get It Right?, co-founder of Urban Ocean Lab, and co-editor of All We Can Save. Whether you've joined us before or are stepping into this

movement for the first time, your participation is vital. Together, we will learn, connect, and catalyze action toward a more sustainable and equitable world. For more information, contact Nancy Kinney or the church office.

Newcomers/Inquirers Class, Third Sundays, April 19, Webber Mason Library

Learn about St. Mark's, the Episcopal Church, and one another. No question is off-limits or insignificant. Questions about confirmation and reception welcome. Newcomers and the curious welcome. Meet by the presider chairs in the sanctuary. Third Sundays following the 10AM service. For more information contact the clergy or church office. All welcome.

Learn American Sign Language (ASL)

Join us this summer to learn American Sign Language with Sylvia Otsuka. This is a basic introduction to the language. No prior experience is needed. Learn the alphabet, greetings, and how to introduce yourself. Simple church related words and phrases will be included and can be used during your next church service. All ages are welcome - children 12 years old or younger require an adult present.

Classes will be held on Sundays at 9AM, from June 14 through August 2 in room 16.

Sylvia has a degree in Sign Language Interpreting, is a certified Educational Sign Language Interpreter and a credentialed American Sign Language teacher.

Use the QR code to register.



Prayer Requests

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

Partnerships & Outreach

Collecting Hygiene Items for Foothill Family Shelter, April 12

Our parish chapter of Daughters of the King, Sancta Sophia, will be collecting personal hygiene items for the Foothill Family Shelter. The Shelter is especially in need of deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner. We will be gathering these items through April 12. Please place your donated items in the Shelter's bin in the church narthex. Thank you for your kindness.

Foxberry Preschool, Bilingual Summer Camp 2026

June 1 to August 21, 8 AM to 5 PM

Our Bilingual Summer Camp is designed for children ages 5-10 to explore both the Spanish and Chinese languages. The camp offers a three-hour Spanish immersion program in the morning and a three-hour Chinese immersion program in the afternoon. We are excited to host the camp at the beautiful St. Mark's Education Building, featuring inviting classrooms and a shaded playground for both fun and learning. Our program provides a warm lunch and healthy snacks, as food is an important component of culture and a valuable learning opportunity for practicing vocabulary. To register: www.foxberrypreschool.com

Blood Drive, May 11, from 10AM to 4PM

On March 20, we held our second blood drive of the year and collected 26 units of blood and saved 78 lives. Many thanks to the volunteers that came to help. Our next blood drive will be on Monday, May 11 from 10AM to 4PM. Help save a life. To give blood, sign up through the Red Cross. For more information, please contact Dale Biggs.

Sacred Resistance: Inland Empire

Sacred Resistance is a social justice ministry and advocacy branch of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles (EDLA). Rooted in the commitment to resist evil and protect the vulnerable, Sacred Resistance works to support immigrants, refugees, and all marginalized communities. Visit the EDLA website to find out more. To find out about local training event and actions within the Inland Empire please contact the clergy or church office.

Recovery at St. Mark's

Al-Anon meets in Room 30 on Tuesday evenings.

Let Us Host Your Next Event

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 venuerental@stmarks-upland.org.

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.

Worship

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 May 24, 2026. Next year, Easter Day is March 28, 2027.

Pentecost Readers

Are you willing to present a reading or prayer in another language for Pentecost Sunday, May 24? 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: 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 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, 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-pave and re-paint parking lot 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): \$151,182.37

Building Fund: \$84,990

Outreach (Haiti and Altadena Fire Relief): \$3,346

Designated for Particular Church Ministries: \$400

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.

Please be aware that no clergy, staff, or lay leader from St. Mark's will request gift cards or other monetary support through e-mail or text.
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St. Mark's Episcopal Parish: A Community of Grace

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

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

The Rev. Dr. Antonio José Gallardo Lucena will be consecrated 8th Bishop of Los Angeles on July 11 at All Saints Pasadena.

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.*

Vestry

Class of 2027: Paul Stapp, Senior Warden; Lisa Drew, Jr. Warden, Finance; Ed Muehlbacher, Outreach

Class of 2028: Dale Biggs, Buildings & Grounds; Susan Mackall, Christian Education; Ginger Rudisill, Buildings & Grounds; EB Stapp, Worship

Class of 2029: Benjamin Fudge, Sylvia Otsuka, Communications; Maggie Vizio, Fellowship

Marcia Godwin, Treasurer; Carol Morgan, Clerk

Staff and Clergy

Dr. Jim Brown, Kimberly Cortner, John Flasher, Licensed Lay Leaders; Bob Mattus, Angel Jauregui, Guen Vinnedge, Lionel Yang, Online & Social Media Ministry; Carol Morgan, Venue Rentals; Tim Ruzon, Music Director & Organist; Rose Barraza, Office Administrator; the Rev. Sally Monastiere, Assisting Priest; and the Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto, Rector

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Easter flowers and decorations are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving, honor, and memory of the following:

In Thanksgiving for

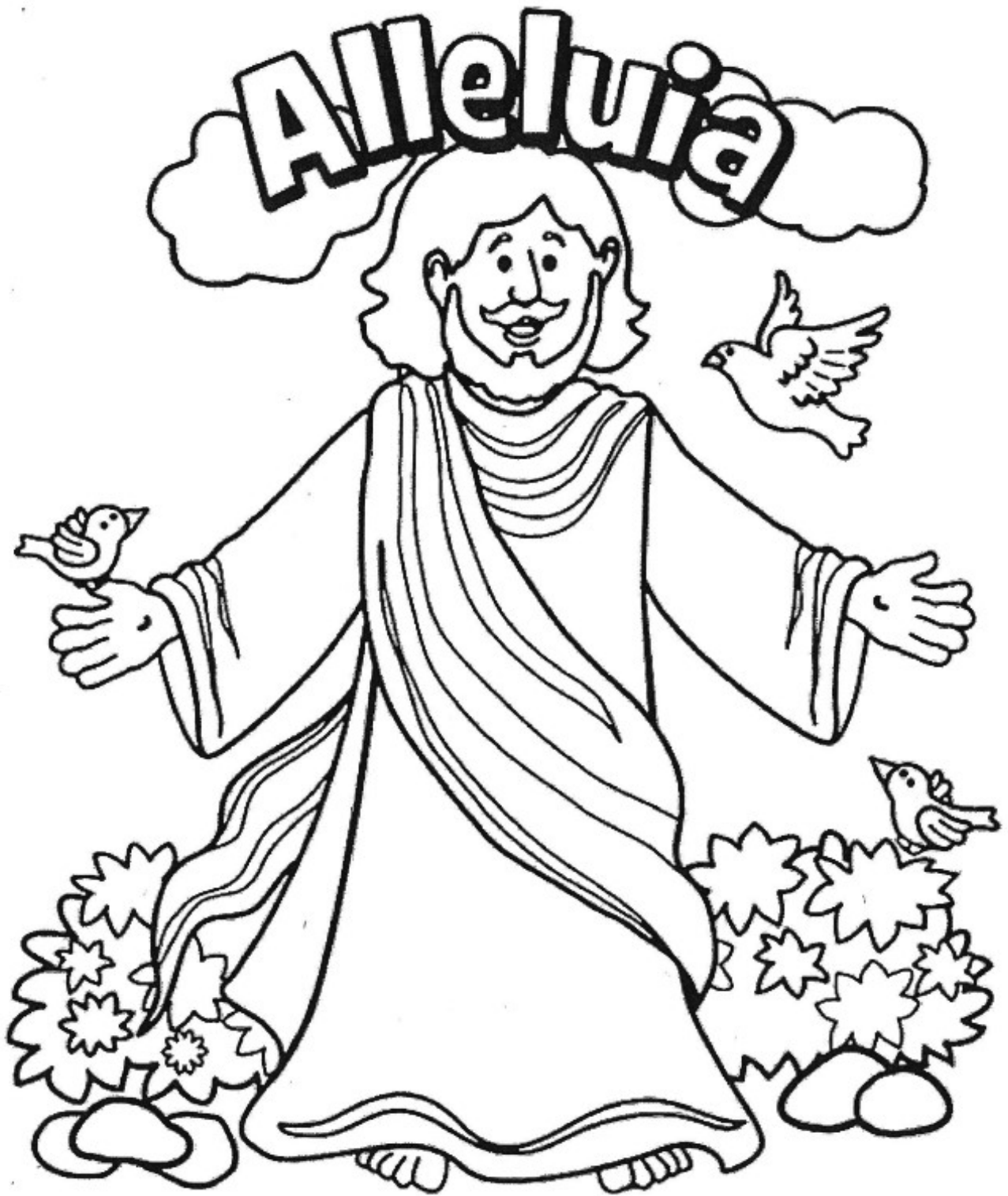
Ken & Peter Drew, My son & family, grandchildren, Judy & Dean Racke, Neil & Eunice Billman, Thanksgiving upon my family & me, God's love & care, Jim & Scott, family, Family & friends, My Nuclear family, Nicholas Sanchez, the Risen Lord, Dean Racke, our family's health and happiness

In Honor of

Brandon K Shade, Douglas Vest, All families, daughter Jamie, husband Donald, Ralph Monaghan, Jane R & Namcita, My family, Joel D. Lamore, Peggy Yang

In Loving Memory of

Thad & Irene Lewanski, James Lewanski, Don & Terry Vinnedge, John Mirau Jack & Kathleen Napier, Mike Vizio, Catherine Zimmerman, Phill, Chester, Dan, Orestes & Trinidad Ocmeja, Ralph & Drusilla McIntosh, DA & Roy Hunt, Big Mama, Lee, Mr. Cunningham, Betty Lou Anthony, Robert Ward, Linda Sheffield, Joe & Lucille Mattus, Ken & Donna Mattus, Mary Delaney, Butch Stone, Mike & Adam, Dr. Scotti Dole & Carmen Hernandez, Rev Paul Edwards, Clarence Yamamoto, Ancestors, Skip Arjo, Larry Goddard, Rev Lee Harris, Cathy Norell, Pat Worcester, Pamela & Robert Rycroft Sr, Wrigley, Mr. & Mrs. Hayashi, Geneva & Robert Farrell, Doris Travis, Buzz Travis, Grandma, Bishop J. Jon Bruno, Ruth Young, Jean Berwind & Frank Gleeson, Mark H. Langley & Sotera Almodiel, Ed Langley, Paul Huse, Helmut Muehlbacher, Jessica Huse, Ken Muehlbacher, Judy Racke, Neil & Taffy Billman, Oonah & Alexander, John & Kathleen Fenton, Richard Webster, Colin Devellerez



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