



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.



Transfiguration Sunday, February 15, 2026
Shrove Sunday

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Ash & Dash, 6-10AM

Imposition of Ashes, 12 Noon & 7PM

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

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at the beginning of the service. Youth Group ministry meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM in Room 18.

Good News

Worship Committee Meeting, Mon, Feb 9, 6:30PM

Men's Breakfast, Potluck, Sat, Feb 14, 8AM

Shrove Sunday Potluck, Feb 15 following 10AM

New Member Classes, Third Sundays after 10AM: Feb 15, Mar 15.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 18

Quiet Day, March 7, Christ Church Ontario, 8:30-12:30PM

Deanery 6 Lent Soup Supper Program, Gooder's "Women of Holy Week"

Wednesdays, 6-8PM. Feb 25 - Miriam, Christ Church Ontario

Lent Walk in Claremont; Men's Breakfast: Sat, Mar 14.

Joshua Tree & Desert Journey; Book Club: Sat, Mar 21.

Tuesday Bible Study: Join us in room 16 at 9AM.

Wednesday Centering Prayer Group: Join us in the chapel at 7PM.

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Tim Ruzon

Readers: (8AM) Cheri C, Ralph M, (10AM) Michael M, John F, Derek M

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Canon Serena B (10AM) Karin B

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Paul S, Dr. Jim B

Altar Guild: Kathy W, Kate F,

Cheryl W, Alma Z

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S

(10AM) Stan & Sally K

Hospitality: Sally & Stan K, Kim C

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Acknowledgements

Prayers of the People: Rites & Rituals; Eucharistic Prayer: EOW;

Lessons: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Prelude and Welcome (10AM): Please remain seated.

Alle Menschen müssen sterben

Johann Georg Albinus, J. S. Bach

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Johann Pachelbel

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

Hymnal 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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.

Canticle (10AM)

Arise, Shine (The Third Song of Isaiah)

Martin How



For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the people. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you. **Refrain**
Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut. **Refrain**

They will call you The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the

brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. **Refrain**

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. Epiphany means manifestation, revelation, realization. How has Christ been revealed to you this week? How is Christ being revealed through you? After the prayer, the community responds:

Amen.

First Testament

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalm

(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between reader and community, beginning with the reader.

(10AM Sung)



¹ The LORD is Sovereign; let the people / **tremble**; *
the LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth / **shake**.

² The LORD is great in / **Zion**; *
and is high above all / **peoples**.

³ Let them confess the Name of the LORD,
which is great and / **awesome**; *
the LORD is the / **Holy One**.

⁴ "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established / **equity**; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in / **Jacob**."

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our / **God**, *
and fall down before the footstool of the / **Holy One**..

⁶ Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who
call upon your / **Name**, *
they called upon you O LORD, and you / **answered them**.

⁷ You spoke to them out of the pillar of / **cloud**; *
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you / **gave them**.

⁸ "O LORD, our God, you answered them in- / **deed**; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil / **deeds**."
(use second half of chant)

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship upon God's holy / **hill**; *
for the LORD our God is the / **Holy One**.

New Testament

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory,

saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Hymnal 129 *Christ upon the mountain peak* Mowsley

Gospel: Please stand as you are able and face the reader.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

The Sermon: At the invitation of the preacher, please be seated.

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

Reader: Lord our God, move your Church by your Holy Spirit. May we proclaim your greatness in the world. Inspire in us a prophetic message and let us not be overcome by fear. "

(After a time for prayer...)

Majestic God, **Show us your glory.**"

We pray especially today for our Bishop, John. May he, like your servant Moses, lead your people into a deeper experience of you.

(After a time for prayer...)

Majestic God, **Show us your glory.**

O mighty King, lover of justice, may this and every nation, strive for justice and peace. We pray that the leaders of the nations trust and care for those in their charge.

(After a time for prayer...)

Majestic God, **Show us your glory.**

Holy One, you have chosen to wear the clouds and meet our forebearers on the mountains. In doing so, you remind us that you created all things good and continue to manifest your glory through those things you have created. Remind us to also honor your creation.

(After a time for prayer...)

Majestic God, **Show us your glory.**

O Lord, after they witnessed your majesty, Jesus led his disciples back down the mountain to minister to the people. Lead us to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ to our neighbors.

(After a time for prayer...)

Majestic God, **Show us your glory.**

God our Parent, touch those who are overcome by fear, sickness or any other adversity. Overshadow them with the healing power of your love.

(After a time for prayer...)

Majestic God, **Show us your glory.**

God of Love, we pray for the dying and the dead. May all those who experience death also come to know the new day of resurrection that comes through your Risen Son.

(After a time for prayer...)

Majestic God, **Show us your glory.**

Confession and Absolution: Please kneel as you are able.

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.

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.

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Offertory Anthem (10AM): Please remain seated.

Behold the Tabernacle of God

William H. Harris

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

All things come of thee, O Lord; **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.

...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:

Sanctus: (Hymn S-131)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...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.

Fraction Anthem

(8AM) Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

(10AM, Hymnal S-169)

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them.

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

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 words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn (10 AM)

Hymnal 328

Draw nigh and take

Song 46

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

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

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 (10AM)

Hymnal 457

Thou art the way

St. James

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

Postlude (10AM)

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

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.

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

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