

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.

Christ the King, November 22, 2026

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 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, 11:30AM on fourth Sundays.

Good News: Haiti Marketplace, Nov 22; St. Nicholas Potluck Lunch, Dec 6; Bible Study (9AM) Tuesdays; Men's Coffee, 10:30AM, & Centering Prayer, 7PM, Wednesdays

Acknowledgements

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Hazel R
Readers: (8AM) Cheryl W, Canon Serena B
(10AM) Derek M, Paul T, Barbara M
Eucharistic Ministers:(8AM) Canon Serena B (10AM) Dr. Jim B

Digital Ministry: Craig G, Rob G
Altar Guild: Kay A, Kathy O
Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S
(10AM) Sally & Stan K
Hospitality: Michael & Violeta M
Ablution Guild: Kathy B

Prelude and Welcome (10AM): *Please remain seated*
Liebster Jesu BWV 731 J. S. Bach

Entrance Hymn (10AM): *Hymnal 440* Liebster Jesu

Opening Acclamation: *Please rise in body or spirit*
Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Where is God's glory showing up in your life?
Gloria (10AM): Hymnal S-278 *Glory to God in the Highest* William Matthias
"S" (Service) numbers are found in the front section of the blue Hymnal.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

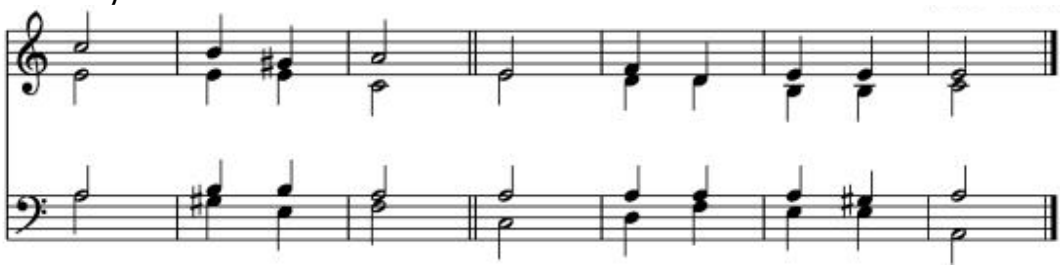
Prayer of Preparation
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Centering Prayer and the Collect of the Day: Please be seated.
God be with you. **And also with you**. Let us pray.
Breathe. Notice God's presence. When the time is right, a prayer is offered.

First Testament
A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich

pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
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 the reader, first, and then the community.
(10AM)



1 Be joyful in the LORD, / all you / **lands; ***
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before God's / pre-sence / with a / **song.**
2 Know this: The LORD a- / lone is / **God; ***
we belong to the LORD who made us,
we are God's people; and the / sheep / of God's / **pasture.**
3 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy / courts with / **praise; ***
give thanks and call upon the / Name / of the / **LORD.**
4 For good is the LORD; whose mercy is / ev-er- / **lasting; ***
and whose faithfulness en- / dures from / age to / **age.**

New Testament
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM): Hymnal 436 Truro

Gospel: *Please rise in body or spirit*
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared

for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

The Nicene Creed: *Please rise in body or spirit*
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.

Prayers of the People
Clergy: Let us pray for the church and the world. (Silence.)

Reader: King Jesus, remember your body, the Church. You have rescued us from the powers of this world and have transferred us into your kingdom. Make us strong with all the strength that comes from your glorious power. We praise you, Christ the King; **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, remember this and every nation. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Raise up leaders who govern their people wisely and justly. We praise you, Christ the King; **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, all things in heaven and on earth are created through you and for you. May we who care for your creation do so with all due respect. We praise you, Christ the King; **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, bring peace, justice, and reconciliation to Iran, Haiti, and the Holy Land. We praise you, Christ the King; **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, remember this region in which we live and work and worship. Drive far from us all fear and dismay. Rescue the missing; find the lost. May all of your children live in safety. We praise you, Christ the King; **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, you know intimately the experience of pain and suffering in your own body. May all those suffering know that you are with them in their pain. We praise you, Christ the King; **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, accept those who have died into your kingdom. Give all the departed peace through the blood of your cross and raise them to newness of life. We praise you, Christ the King; **You have come to your people and set us free!**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
When the time is right, the clergy offers a closing prayer.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon: *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 your Son 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 rise in body or spirit*

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

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Offertory Anthem (10AM)
King of Glory, King of Peace David Ashley White

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: *Please rise in body or spirit.*
For full text, please see page 361 in the red prayer book.
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.
…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: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S-128)
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.
…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.
…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 Hymn: *Spoken at 8AM; sung at 10AM*
(8AM) Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**
(10AM) Hymnal S-165 *Jesus, Lamb of God* Matthias
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

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.

Communion Hymn (10AM): Hymnal 314 Adoro Devote

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (10AM)

The Prayer of St. Francis: *Please rise 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 460 Hyfrydol

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

Postlude (10AM)
Little Fugue in D Minor J. S. Bach