



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.

**Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024**

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

*Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*

J. Sebastian Bach

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

Hymn 193

*That Easter Day*

Puer Nobis

Opening Acclamation

*Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

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

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Hymn of Praise (10AM)

Hymn S-278

*Glory to God*

**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.**

## Welcome

We are glad you are here. To let us know how we can better serve you, please fill out a Connect Card/Prayer Request Card located in the pew rack and give it to an usher or clergy or put it in the offertory plate. Thank you.

## Announcements

Episcopal Spirituality 101, First/Third Sundays at 11:30AM in the conference room at west end of the front offices, enter by door near presider chairs

Men's Coffee Fellowship, Wednesday at 10:30AM at Brew Bees in Upland.

St. Peter's Pinocle Guild, Wednesday from 9AM to 12 Noon in the conference room.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers at the altar are given by Lisa Drew in thanksgiving for Ken and Peter Drew's birthdays.

## Acknowledgements

Music: Phil Smith, Choir

Lectors: (8AM) J. Montanez, R. Monaghan, (10AM) B. Nalbach, K. Cortner, R. Garretson

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) C. Ward (10AM) K. Alexander

Prayers of the People: Planning for Rites & Rituals; Eucharistic Prayer A: Enriching our Worship 1; Texts: NRSVUE; Psalm text, Psalter for Christian People; Psalm tone: after Benjamin Britten, arr. S. Beeks; Sanctus: Hymn S125, Richard Proulx; Fraction: Hymn S155, Gerald R. Near.

## Children & Youth Have a Place Here

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at 10 AM.

Youth Group ministry meets first and third Sundays at 11 AM.

## Join Us for Holy Eucharist on Sundays - In Person at 8 & 10 AM, Online at 10 AM

Livestreamed via the church's website ([www.stmarks-upland.org](http://www.stmarks-upland.org)), Facebook page (Saint Mark's Episcopal Parish Upland, CA), and YouTube channel (Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Upland, CA). Prelude begins at 9:55AM.

Photo and Video Release: In an effort to reach a broad audience, St. Mark's livestreams its services/events and records them for broadcast via the internet. Your attendance at a service/event constitutes your consent to such filming, photographing, audio recording, or broadcast and for any other use in whole or in part, including publicity and promotion.

## An Open Invitation to Holy Baptism

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 opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, 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 wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact Rev. Keith to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Health & Community Protocols for Worship - Masks are strongly recommended.

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 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.***

The Lessons

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

The Acts of the Apostles

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

## Psalm

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



- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my / **cause**; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my / **prayer**.
- <sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my / **glory**; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false / **gods**?"
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD does wonders for the / **faithful**; \*  
when I cry out, the LORD will / **hear me**.
- <sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not / **sin**; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your / **bed**.
- <sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed / **sacrifices** \*  
and put your trust in the / **LORD**.
- <sup>6</sup> Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better / **times!**" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O / **LORD**.
- <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my / **heart**, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil in- / **crease**.
- <sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall a- / **sleep**; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in / **safety**.

## New Testament

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

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

Hymn 195

Jesus Lives!

Mowsley

Gospel: Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 as you are able.

**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 for the world.

*Leader:* We are amazed at your creative genius - how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us. Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church: the laity, bishops, priests, and deacons; all those in positions of leadership. Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

We ask you to heal the relationships between nations, and neighbors. We pray for peace in the Holy Land. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak peace as an example for the world. Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break the chains which bind them and heal them, God. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love. Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love which knows no limits of time or space. Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

*When the time is right, a concluding collect is added.*

*During Eastertide the Confession of Sin is omitted.*

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.*

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>



Offertory Hymn (10AM)

*Allein Gott in der Hoh*

J. Sebastian Bach

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

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.**

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:

(8AM) **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.**

Fraction Hymn sung at 10AM - Music found in the blue hymnal, Hymn 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

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.**

*The Bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.*

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

(10AM) Fraction Hymn S-155

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

*All are invited to Holy Communion.*

*Healing prayer and anointing by the Daughters of the King are available in the chapel to the left of the altar.*

We come to the altar and receive the bread. 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 to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn (10AM)

Hymn 671

Amazing Grace

New Britain

The Prayer of St. Francis

**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. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Mission Hymn (10AM)

Hymn 178

Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

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

Postlude (10AM)

Postlude in D

C. Armstrong Gibbs

**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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