

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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 8, 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: Blessing of Thanksgiving Baskets, Nov 8; Fiber Arts X Dress a Girl Nov 11; Diocesan Convention, Nov 13-14; Outback Fundraiser, Nov 16; TOUCH Thanksgiving Luncheon, Book Club, Nov 21; Haiti Marketplace, Nov 22; St. Nicholas Sunday, Dec 6; Bible Study (9AM) Tuesdays; Men's Coffee, 10:30AM, & Centering Prayer, 7PM, Wednesdays

Acknowledgements

Proper 27: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Today's Ministers

Music: Band, Hazel R
Readers: (8AM) Ralph M, Cheri C
(10AM) Paul T, Barbara N, Derek M
Eucharistic Ministers:(8AM) Dale B
(10AM) John F, Craig G
Digital Ministry: Emilio & Michael D

Altar Guild: Bively S, Dr. Jim B, EB S, Cheri C
Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S
(10AM) Dale B
Hospitality: Connie W, Dale B, Judy H
Ablution Guild: Ginger R

Prelude and Welcome (10AM): *Please remain seated.*
Everything is Yours Audrey Assad, Steve Wilson

Entrance Song (10AM): *Please rise in body or spirit*
The Earth is Yours Michael Gungor

Opening Acclamation: Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise (10AM)
Where is God's glory showing up in your life?
Goodness of God Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson

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 Opening Prayer: *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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Testament
A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from

care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

The Psalm

Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between the reader, first, and then the community.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

New Testament

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Sequence Song (10AM)
Instrumental

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, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 for the world. (Silence)

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
We pray for peace and justice for the people of Iran, Haiti, and the Holy Land; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Confession and Absolution of Sin: *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.
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Blessing of Veterans: Please come forward for introductions and a blessing

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 Interlude (10AM)
Thy Will Bernie Herms, Hillary Scott, Eily Lynn Weisband

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where…
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) Sanctus: Spoken
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. Hosana in the highest.

(10 AM) Sanctus: Bethancourt
Sing twice:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of pow'r, of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Sing twice:
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself…
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…
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.

(10AM) Lord's Prayer: Bethancourt
Our Father who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pas-ses as we for-give those who tres-pass against us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion... but de-li-ver us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom ... thine is the po-wer ...
thine is the glo-o-ry for ev-er and ev-er ... A-men.

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

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.

Healing Prayer (10AM)
Healing prayer and anointing by the Daughters of the King are available in the chapel to the left of the altar.

Communion Song (10AM)
Hymnal 335 *I am the bread of life* Suzanne Toolan

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (10AM)
In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. **Amen**.

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 Song
(8AM) Hymnal 688 *A mighty fortress is our God* Ein feste burg
(10AM) *Great Mystery* Bede Benjamin-Korporall, Jesse Early

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

Postlude (10AM)
Canticle of the Turning Traditional, Rory Cooney