



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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27, 2025

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

Cantilena

Josef Rheinberger

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

Hymnal 585

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

Bingham

The baptismal font at the threshold is a reminder of our entry/initiation into the Body of Christ and our baptismal ministry beyond the building in the world.

Opening Acclamation

Clergy: Glory be to our loving, liberating, life-giving God.

Community: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Clergy: There is one Body and one Spirit;

Community: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Clergy: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

Community: **One God and Father of all.**

The 10AM service continues on page 3.

(8AM) 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.

(8AM) 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 8AM service continues on page 6.

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 and the Youth Group are currently on a break and will resume in August.

Good News

Foxberry Preschool, Bilingual Summer Camp, May 26-August 15, 8AM to 5PM
Blood Drive, Thursday, August 21
Timeless Celebrations Event Showcase, August 24, 4-7PM

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God from Canon Serena Beeks in honor of her anniversary.

Today's Ministers

Music: St. Choir, Canon Serena B, Ken Rudolf
Readers: (8AM) Ralph M, Cheryl W
(10AM) Alma Z, Brandon H, Melissa S
Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Cheryl W
(10AM) John F

Digital Ministry: Cameron G, Daniell T
Altar Guild: Kay A, Cheryl H, Kathy O
Hospitality: Melisa D, Judy H, Connie O
Sextons: (8AM) Larry S (10AM) Paul S
Ablution Guild: Kathy B

Acknowledgements

Eucharistic Prayer: "Eucharistic Prayer with Creation II," The Season of Creation; Nicene Creed: Enriching our Worship; Psalm: The Psalter for the Christian People; Lectionary: RCL, Track 2

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.

Vestry

Class of 2026: Gail Dean, Fellowship; Kathy Osterkamp, Outreach, Worship;
Susan Mackall, Christian Education
Class of 2027: Paul Stapp, Senior Warden;
Lisa Drew, Jr. Warden, Finance; Ed Muehlbacher, Outreach
Class of 2028: Dale Biggs, Buildings & Grounds; Ginger Rudisill, Membership; EB Stapp,

Marcia Godwin, Treasurer & Carol Morgan, Clerk

Staff and Clergy

Canon Serena Beeks and Gigi Garner, Interim Music Directors;
The Rev. Sally Monastiere, Assisting Priest; The Very Rev. Keith Yamamoto, Rector;
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(10AM) Collect of the Day

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Holy Baptism

Clergy: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented. Who do you present to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

The candidate is presented:

I present Jane Montañez.

The clergy addresses the community:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in *her* life in Christ? If so, please say, "We will."

Community: **We will.**

Let us join with this candidate and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Community: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Jesus as your Savior? **I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in Jesus' grace and love? **I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey Jesus as your Lord? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Clergy: Let us now pray for *this person* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver *her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Community: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open *her heart* to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send *her* into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Clergy: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism of Jane

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

The baptism party moves to the altar.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim Christ's resurrection, and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.

The newly baptized is presented with a candle to signify a new identity in Christ and membership to a larger family – a community of grace. Applause is appropriate.

Baptismal Hymn: The Baptism party returns to their seats.

Baptized in Water

Bunessan/Tune of Morning has Broken

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King.
Born of the one Faith, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

The Lessons

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

First Testament

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

Psalm

Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse alternating between reader and community beginning with the reader.

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- ⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁷ The LORD is high, yet the LORD cares for the lowly; *
and perceives the haughty from afar.

⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

New Testament

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Hymnal 711

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek Ye First

Gospel: Please stand as you are able

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

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

At 10AM the service continues with the Peace on page 9.

(8AM) 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.

(8AM) Prayers of the People

Clergy: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For healing, reconciliation, and hope among all peoples;

For peace and justice in the Holy Land and Haiti.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all lay leaders, priests, deacons, and other ministers; **For all who serve God's people.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. The people add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. The people add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

When the time is right...

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After an absolution the community responds: 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.

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)
Hymnal 467

Sing, My Soul

St. Bees

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.**
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 in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the San Gabriel Mountains rise above chaparral and citrus groves, where suburb and desert meet, and winds carry both stillness and story. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again. We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens. Together with angels and ancestors, sage and buckwheat, coyote and ground squirrel, towhee and hummingbird, rattlesnake and monarch, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

Sanctus: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S-130)

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.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me. Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me. Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **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-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert

*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 (10AM)

Hymnal 325

Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

Let Us Break Bread

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors: *After the prayer the community responds:* **Amen.**

The 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 388

O Worship the King

Hanover

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

Postlude (10AM)

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Paul Manz