

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.



Independence Day (transferred), July 5, 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 is on summer break.

Good News

July 8: Blood Drive, 1-7PM

July 11: Consecration of New Bishop

July 12: Blessing of School Supplies for Foothill Family Shelter

Aug 1: Deanery 6 Reception for New Bishop – All Welcome!

Learn ASL at 9AM through Aug 2

Centering Prayer, Wednesday evenings at 7PM

Book Club, Third Saturdays

Fiber Arts, Second Wednesdays

Bible Study resumes in September

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Hazel R

Readers: (8AM) Cheri C, Ralph M
(10AM) Carol C, Michael M, Kim C

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Canon
Serena B (10AM) Luke B, Creg G,
Brandon H

Digital Ministry: Kay A, Bob M

Altar Guild: Kathy W, Kate F, Cheryl
W, Alma Z

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S
(10AM) Ken & Lisa D

Hospitality: Betty F, Kathy B

Ablution Guild: Nancy K

Acknowledgements

Eucharistic Prayer A: Enriching our Worship 1; Psalm text, The Psalter for the Christian People;

Prayers of the People: "Litany of Thanksgiving" BCP, 836

Independence Day Readings: Deuteronomy 10:17-21; Psalm 145:1-9;

Hebrews 11:8-16; Matthew 5:43-48

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

All praise to thee, my God, this night

W. T. Best

Entrance Hymn (10AM): Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymnal 475

God himself is with us

Tysk

Opening Acclamation

Clergy: Blessed be our God.

Community: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Kyrie (10AM) S-89

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

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.

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.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Testament

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

The Psalm

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

(10AM)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my / **King,***
and bless your Name for ever and / **ever.**
- 2 Every day will I / **bless you***
and praise your Name for ever and / **ever.**
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be / **praised;***
there is no end to your / **greatness.**
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to an-/ **other***
and shall declare your / **power.**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your / **majesty***
and all your marvelous / **works.**

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous / **acts,***
and I will tell of your / **greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great / **goodness;***
they shall sing of your righteous / **deeds.**

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of com- / **passion,***
slow to anger and of great / **kindness.**

(use second half of chant)

⁹ The LORD is loving to / **everyone***
and your compassion is over all your / **works.**

New Testament

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Hymnal 437

This is My Song

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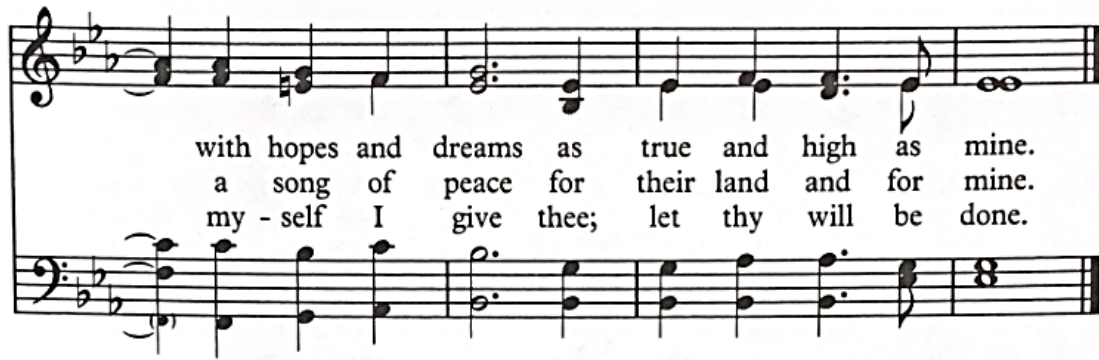
1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
 Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;



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, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

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

Rev. Betsy Hooper Rosebrook

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:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of women and men, revealing the image of Christ, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, **We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, **We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places, **We thank you, Lord.**

We give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus, **We thank you, Lord.**

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

Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence)

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide

in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Clergy (this or similar): Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace: Please rise in body or spirit.

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 Interlude (10AM)

Herzliebster Jesu

Johann Crüger arr. Paul Manz

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: Please rise in body or spirit.

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 to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sanctus: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S-127)

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.**

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.

Fraction Hymn: Spoken at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S-154)

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. 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 309 *O Food to pilgrims given* *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

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 Hymn (10AM)

Hymnal 716 *God bless our native land* *America*

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

Postlude (10AM)

Psalm XVIII *Benedetto Marcello*

Please join us for fellowship and refreshment.

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 worshipping together, and helps our neighbors.

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