



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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2026
Rejoice Sunday, Mothering Sunday,

Join us for Easter, April 5, 2026

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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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

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at the beginning of the service. Youth Group ministry meets the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM in Room 18.

Good News

Mar 15: Confirmation & New Member Classes at 11AM

Mar 21: Book Club; Lent Wilderness Walk at Joshua Tree

This week - No Bible Study. Lectio resumes next Tuesday, 9AM in room 16.

Centering Prayer Group Wednesdays, 7PM in Children's Chapel.

Lent Soup Supper Program, Wednesdays, 6PM: Mar 18, St. Ambrose

Claremont; **Mar 25, St. Mark's Upland**

Workdays, Rehearsals & Due Dates: Open Egg preparation, all Sundays;

Open Choir Rehearsal, 3/24&31; Altar Guild & Palm Sunday Prep, 3/28; Easter Dedications, 3/29; Butterflies, 4/3; Flowers, 4/4.

Holy Week, 3/30-4/4: **Mon, 7PM; Tue, 7PM;** Wed, Tenebrae, Holy Trinity

Covina, 6PM; **Maundy Thursday, Prayer Vigil, TBD;** St. John's LaVerne, 6PM;

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 12PM; St. Paul's Pomona, 7PM; Easter

Vigil, St. Ambrose Claremont with Peep Showcase, 7PM.

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Tim R

Readers: (8AM) Larry S, Cheri C

(10AM) Derek M, Moli T, Rosemary W

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Dean B

(10AM) Karin B

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Dr. Jim B,
Rob G

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

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S

(10AM) Alma Z

Hospitality: Betty F, Kathy B

Ablution Guild: Nancy k

Acknowledgements

Eucharistic Prayer: Enriching Our Worship, see BCP, page 369; Psalm

translation: Wil Gafney; Prayers of the People: Planning for Rites and Rituals. 1

Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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

Christus, der uns selig macht BWV 620

J. S. Bach

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund BWV 621

J. S. Bach

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

Hymnal 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

Opening Acclamation: Please stand as you are able.

Clergy: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

Community: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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.

Kyrie: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S-98)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Instructed Centering Prayer and the Collect of the Day: Please be seated.

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

*When the time is right the Collect of the Day then "collects" our individual thoughts and prayers. The community responds: **Amen.***

First Testament

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name

to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm: Spoken at 8AM; Sung at 10AM

(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)

William Croft
(1678–1727)



1 The Lord | is my | **shepherd; ***

I shall | nōt | be in | **want.**

2 He makes me lie | down in green | **pastures ***

and leads me be- | side | still | **waters.**

3 He re- | vives my | **soul ***

and guides me along right pathways | for his | Name's | **sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall | fear no | **evil; ***

for you are with me;

your rod and your | staff, they | com-fort | **me.**

5 You spread a table before me

in the presence of | those who | **trouble me; ***

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my | cup is | run-ning | **over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the | days of my | **life, ***

and I will dwell in the house | of the | Lord for | **ever.**

New Testament

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

Hymnal 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

Gospel: Please stand as you are able.

At the invitation of the clergy, please be seated.

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?**" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "**Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?**" Some were saying, "**It is he.**" Others were saying, "**No, but it is someone like him.**" He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "**Then how were your eyes opened?**" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash. 'Then I went and washed and received my sight.'" They said to him, "**Where is he?**" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the

blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jewish leaders did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "**We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.**" His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities; for they had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "**He is of age; ask him.**"

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely

we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see, ‘your sin remains.’”

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

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

The Nicene Creed: Please stand as you are able.

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: We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for John, our Bishop, Antonio, Bishop-elect, for our parish clergy and lay leaders. We pray for all baptized ministers and those preparing for baptism. **○ Christ, hear us.**

We pray for our city, our state, and our country; for legislatures and courts and for all elected officials. **O Christ, hear us.**

We pray for those who suffer from violence and fear, for peace and justice in Haiti and the Holy Land; give us wisdom and courage in the face of suffering. **O Christ, hear us.**

For all those who are injured, for those who are sick, for those needing ongoing care. For all those who seek healing. **O Christ, hear us.**

For this community and this congregation; for our joys and for our challenges.

O Christ, hear us.

For those we love but see no longer; for all those who have died. **O Christ, hear us.**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Confession and Absolution of Sin: Please kneel as you are able.

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.

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 a person offers their elbow, fist, or a peace sign, we respond appropriately.

Announcements: Please visit our website for the latest weekly newsletter

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Offertory Anthem (10AM): Please remain seated

Ave Verum Corpus

Edward Elgar

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: Please stand as you are able.

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

...But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

...And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By Christ's blood, we are reconciled. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

...Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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-165)

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

(10AM) 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. 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 will be administered around the altar including the in front of the broad step and the sides at the altar rail. You may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail.

We are experimenting with a non-alcoholic option – consecrated grape juice is on the outer rim during Lent to be more hospitable for Easter.

Communion Anthem (10AM): Please be seated

Hymnal 315 *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray* Song 1

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Postcommunion Prayer: Please stand as you are able.

We thank you, gracious God, that you have fed us with your life, embraced us with your love, and filled us with your Spirit; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Creator, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing: After the blessing the community responds, **Amen.**

Mission Hymn (10AM)

Hymnal 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing* Azmon

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

Postlude (10AM)

Toccata Gothique Léon Boëllmann