



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

THE GOOD NEWS

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

Good Friday on Facebook at 7PM

<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarkseiscopalparishupland/videos/134028495328568/>

Two Online Diocesan Services for Eastertide: April 3 & 11

Bishop John Harvey Taylor invites the diocesan community to two online services in Eastertide: The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 3 at 8 pm; and the second Sunday of Easter, April 11. Both services will be livestreamed and available for viewing on demand on the diocese's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Easter Sunday on Facebook and You Tube at 10AM

<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarkseiscopalparishupland/videos/1335434503522507/>

Outside Stations of the Cross: A Mobile Experience

Many thanks to engineer Andrew Kilkenny who designed the Stations of the Cross 2021 app which enables you to experience the Stations of the Cross visiting 10 different locations around Upland and Claremont from the safety of your mobile device: www.lastations.org.

Many thanks to the St. Mark's team led by Canon Serena Beeks who made the St. Mark's stations (12 and 13) incorporating the cross in front of the church.

Bishop's Visitation: April 25

The Bishop will join us for confirmations and official admission to the Episcopal denomination on Sunday, April 25, St. Mark's Day.

In-Spirit Worship Readers

Readers needed! If you would like to be a reader for our online services, please contact Chris Watson lectors@stmarks-upland.org Our schedule has moved to our website, www.stmarks-upland.org. Please check the schedule and use the readings and psalms on the lectionary pages found [here](#).

Check-In, Bible Study & Prayer

Join us Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 9:40AM am for Prayer and Bible Study - prayer sheets available on the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/> Meeting ID: 937 8054 5256 <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>

Wednesday Evening Taizé Service

Greetings everyone, there will be NO Taizé service next Wednesday, April 7. Weekly Taizé services will resume on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Please make necessary adjustments to your calendar and plan to join us then. Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music.

Worship, Wednesday, at 7:30 pm on Zoom - join via computer, tablet, or smartphone with this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJmL2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09>

Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

Your feedback is welcome. Please know that we are learning from our mistakes. And there is plenty of room for growth. Please send your comments and suggestions to: parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

An Invitation to Further Reflection: A Sermon Appraisal

"An effective sermon offers one clear message of good news authentic to the preacher relevant to the audience holding attention and inviting transformation." from Backstory Preaching Please consider completing a sermon appraisal here:

<https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office and Preschool closed April 2 - April 11th

Please contact the rector for any pastoral concerns. The office and preschool will reopen Monday, April 12.

Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks due by the 25th

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please let us know and send a photo by the 25th of the month before your celebration month. The visual celebration will be on the first Sunday of the month. Send to [blessings@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: blessings@stmarks-upland.org)

Prayer requests

Please send your prayer requests to [prayer@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: prayer@stmarks-upland.org)

STEWARDSHIP

Your Contributions Make a Difference, Thank You!

Please send pledges or donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. You may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. Or you may make your donation through [PayPal](#). Donations are being accepted through our email address, [contributions@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: contributions@stmarks-upland.org).

OUTREACH

Foothill Family Shelter

URGENT NEED! Their pantry is getting bare. Below is a list of items most urgently needed.

- Boxed potato products (mashed, au gratin, etc.)
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned chili
- Rice-a-roni
- Oatmeal (individual packets for easy distribution)
- Canned beans (pinto, black, garbanzo, kidney, etc.)

You may take them directly to the Shelter Office at 1501 West 9th Street, #D, Upland, or bring them by the back parking lot of the church on Tuesday March 30, from 7pm to 7:45 pm.

Thanks for all you do, Rosalyn [breakfasterbaggies@StMarks-upland.org](mailto: breakfasterbaggies@StMarks-upland.org)

Blood Donors Needed

Communities and hospital patients across the country count on the American Red Cross for help every day. As a Blood Donor, you play a critical role in providing help to those in need. Please help by clicking on the link [Schedule Now!](#) Our next Blood Drive is Friday, April 30 from 8 AM to 2 PM in the Parish Hall.

The St. Mark's Commission for Racial Justice and Equity

VOICES FOR RECONCILIATION - Page Turners – New book study group

In response to the racial unrest that occurred in 2020, St. Mark's began work last Fall for the formation

of the above-mentioned Commission. To date, the Planning Committee has established Vision and Mission Statements, and soon we will complete our Objectives and Activities. However, to get a jump start on our proposed Activities, a new Zoom-format book study group will begin soon. Our first book will be *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. We will meet every two weeks beginning Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and will continue through until May 25 (**will skip Apr 6**). Discussion leaders for this book will be John and Andrea Flasher. If this time is inconvenient for you, it is our hope that you will purchase *Caste* and study with us at your leisure. We will need your email address to send Zoom ID information. For more information regarding Page Turners or the new Commission, please contact Andrea Flasher at racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org.

YOUTH

GFS Meetings on Zoom

Girls Friendly Society is an organization for girls between 5 and 21. Meetings are scheduled for 4PM every other Monday. Topics include women of the church and relevant topics of interest to young women. The meetings will be brief, about 40 minutes, and include fellowship, a reading, an activity, and prayer. I look forward to seeing the girls. For further information please contact Rosalyn Foster at gfs@stmarks-upland.org

Choristers Rehearse Tuesdays at 4 PM

Children in grades 3-6, are invited to join Choristers on Tuesday afternoons at 4PM via Zoom for a half hour. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please email me at music@stmarks-upland.org for the link. God bless everyone,
Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

EASTER DEDICATIONS

Kay Alexander	In Thanksgiving for	Family & Friends
Ann Porter	In Thanksgiving for	Jim & Scott
Arlene Lundergan	In Thanksgiving for	McKenna, Avery, Colton, Charlie, Gavin, Cayden, & Dieter
Harris Family	In Thanksgiving for	Friends & Family
Harris Family	In Memory of	Our loved ones
Mike and Myrna Dole	In Memory of	Dr. Scoti Dole and Carmen Hernandez
Ann Porter	In Memory of	DA & Roy Hunt
Scott Porter	In Memory of	Big Mama & my friend Lee
Cheryl Hunley	In Memory of	Jesus loving family who have gone on to be with Him
Craig and Theresa Gillette	In Memory of	Beverly, Michael and Lupe
Margaret M Vinnedge	In Memory of	Thad and Irene Lewanski and Terry Vinnedge
Dean & Karen Billman	In Memory of	Neil and Taffy Billman & Judy Racke

St. Mark's Episcopal Parish: A Community of Grace

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We embrace Christ at the center of our lives, sharing the Gospel with all people and loving ourselves and each other as Christ loves us

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