



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 of Easter, May 17, 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 meets on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM in Room 18.

Good News

May 19: Foxberry Preschool Art Show

May 21: Foothill Family Shelter Gala, Padua Hills

June 6: SoulCollage Workshop

June 13: Julia Warren Ordination, St. John's Los Angeles

June 14: Visitation and Celebration of the Rev. Julia Warren, Deacon

June 21: Blessing of Class of 2026, Father's Day

July 11: Consecration of New Bishop

Register for Foxberry Preschool Bilingual Summer Camp, June 1- Aug 21

Register to Learn American Sign Language, June 14 – Aug 2

Bible Study, Tuesdays 9AM | Centering Prayer Group Wednesdays 7PM

Today's Ministers

Readers: (8AM) Can Serena B,
Cheri C

(10AM) Barbara N, Kate L, Carol M,

Eucharistic Ministers:(8AM) Canon

Serena Beeks W (10AM) Karin B

Digital Ministry: (10AM) Paul S, Dr.

Jim B

Altar Guild: Ann P, Sola O, John F

Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S

(10AM) Ken & Lisa D

Hospitality: Sylvia O, Moli T

Ablution Guild: Rosalyn F

Acknowledgements

Prayers of the People: Planning for Rites & Rituals; Eucharistic Prayer A:

Enriching our Worship 1; Texts: NRSVUE; Psalm text, Inclusive Psalter;

Readings: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John

17:1-11

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

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J. S. Bach

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

Hymnal 195

Jesus lives!

Mowsley

Opening Acclamation: Please stand in body or spirit.

Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Community: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Praise (10AM): Hymnal S-278, Glory to God in the Highest

The "S" (Service) numbers are found in the front section of the blue hymnal.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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 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.***

Acts of the Apostles

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

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)

George A. MacFarren
(1813–1887)



- 1 Let God arise, and let your / enemies be / **scattered**; *
let those who / hate you / flee be- / **fore you**.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives / it a- / **way**; *

- as the wax melts at the fire,
 so let the wicked perish at the / pre-sence / öf / **God**.
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice / be-fore / **God**; *
 let them also be / mer-ry / a^und / joyful.
- ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's Name;
 exalt the One who rides u- / pon the / **heavens**; *
 the name of our God is the LORD,
 re- / joice be- / fore the / **Lord**!
- ⁵ Defender of widows, / father of / **orphans**, *
 God in heaven's / ho-ly / ha-bi- / **tation**!
- ⁶ God gives the solitary a home
 and brings forth prisoners / in-to / **freedom**; *
 but the rebels / shall live / in dry / **places**.
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth be- / fore your / **people**, *
 when you marched / through the / wil-der- / **ness**,
- ⁸ The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
 at the presence of God, the / God of / **Sinai**, *
 at the presence of God, the / God of / Is-ra- / **el**.
- ⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon / your in- / **heritance**; *
 you refreshed the / land when / it was / **weary**.
- ¹⁰ Your people / found their / **home in it**; *
 in your goodness, O God,
 you have made pro / vi-sion / for the / **poor**.
- ³³ Sing to God, O kingdoms / of the / **earth**; *
 sing / prais-es / to the / **LORD**.
- ³⁴ God rides in the heavens, the / an-cient / **heavens**; *
 God's voice, thunders / forth a / might-y / **voice**.
- ³⁵ Ascribe / power to / **God**; *
 God's majesty is over Israel; God's / strength is / in the / **skies**.
- ³⁶ How wonderful is God in his / ho-ly / **places**! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power
 to the chosen people! / Bles-sed / b^e / **God**!

New Testament

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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Sequence Hymn (10AM): Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymnal 189

Love's redeeming work is done

Resurrexit

Gospel: Please face the reader.

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have

received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

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

The Apostles' Creed: Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

Prayers of the People

Clergy: Let us pray for the church and the world. (Silence.)

Reader: Holy Father, protect your Church for your name's sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Restore, support, strengthen, and establish us and always for your glory. We are yours; **Be glorified in us.**

Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor. We are yours; **Be glorified in us.**

Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet

protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand. We are yours; **Be glorified in us.**

Gracious God, grant peace and justice to the people of Iran, Haiti, and the Holy Land. We are yours; **Be glorified in us.**

Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy. We are yours; **Be glorified in us.**

God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care. We are yours; **Be glorified in us.**

Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness. We are yours; **Be glorified in us.**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

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.

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Offertory Hymn (10AM)

Doxology & The Great Thanksgiving: Please stand 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

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 that 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-155)

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 176

Over the chaos of the empty waters

West Park

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

The Prayer of St. Francis: Please stand 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 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

Dismissal: After the dismissal the community responds:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude (10AM)

The Glory of God in Nature

Beethoven

Please join us for fellowship and refreshment.

Beating the Bounds is a custom still observed in parts of the Anglican communion. Historically, on Ascension Day (40 days after Easter Day), the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands.

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 worshiping together, and helps our neighbors.

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