



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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2025
Memorial Day**

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

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Hymnal 213

Come Away to the Skies

Middlebury

Opening Acclamation: Please stand as you are able.

Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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.

Gloria (10AM)

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the Highest

William Matthias

(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.

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.

Good News

Foxberry Preschool, Bilingual Summer Camp, May 26-August 15, 8AM to 5PM
Celebrate Dads & Grads, Sunday, June 15
Blood Drive, Thursday, June 19

Children & Youth Have a Place Here

Sunday school for children ages 3-12 in the chapel next to the altar at 10AM.
Youth Group ministry meets first and third Sundays at 11AM.

Today's Ministers

Music: Choir, Canon Serena B, Ken Rudolf
Readers: (8AM) Ralph M, Canon Serena B
(10AM) Alma Z, Bill B, Melissa S
Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Linda G
(10AM) Dr. Jim B
Digital Ministry: Paul S, Daniell T

Altar Guild: Judy S, Dr. Jim B, Eb Stapp, Larry & Bively Shade
Hospitality: Connie W, Dale B, Coco
Sextons: (8AM) Team Kozaka
(10AM) Team Drew
Ablution Guild: Rosalyn F

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Jesus said, "Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to all nations."

From the Gospel reading for Ascension Day, Luke 24:44-53

Beating the Bounds is a custom once observed in many Anglican parishes. 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, to remember those in our care, and to give thanks and blessings for the land.

In our time, boundaries are more fluid. In the best traditions of Beating the Bounds, we give thanks today: For those who expand the reach of this parish through their work in Digital Ministry, Social Ministry, and the World Wide Web. May their efforts remind us of God's abiding presence and our common global ministry of reconciliation.

In this same spirit, we also remember: St. Mark's worships on sacred and un-ceded land of the Tongva and Keech peoples. We acknowledge the history of displacement, violence, and genocide they and other Indigenous communities have endured. And we name and honor their continued presence, resilience, and contributions.

May we learn, grow, and become instruments of justice, reconciliation, and renewal - in our neighborhood, across our digital borders, and throughout God's beloved world.

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.

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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 Lessons

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9

The Acts of the Apostles

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm

(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse alternating between reader and community beginning with the reader.

(10AM)



¹ May God be merciful to us and / **bless us**, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to / **us**.

² Let your ways be known upon / **earth**, *
your saving health among all / **nations**.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O / **God**; *
let all the peoples / **praise you**.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for / **joy**, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon / **earth**.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O / **God**; *
let all the peoples / **praise you**.

⁶ The earth has brought forth its / **increase**; *
may God, our own God, / **bless us**.

(Use second half of music)

⁷ O God give us your / **blessing**, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of / **you**.

New Testament

A reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Hymnal 447

The Christ Who Died But Rose Again

St. Magnus

Gospel: Please stand as you are able.

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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 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.

Prayers of the People

Clergy: Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. The God of peace has prepared for us such good things as surpass our understanding, so let us rejoice, saying, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."

Leader: By the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, teach your Church to walk in the ways of Jesus. May the gospel be found in our minds, in our hearts, and on our lips.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Bring peace to the Holy Land and Haiti. We look for the day, O God, when all the peoples gather around your throne in praise and worship.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

O God from whom all good proceeds: bless the earth to bring forth her increase. Guide all your people to honor you by caring for your creation.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Give to our city, O God, your peace. Shine the light of your love on those places that are plagued by gangs and violence, hatred and sadness. Be merciful to us and bless us. Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Almighty God, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Give to the sick and suffering a taste of the water of life. Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Grant us, O God, by your great mercy, entrance into your heavenly city where we might worship at your throne, see you face to face, and reign with you forever and ever. Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

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.

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 Anthem (10AM)

Deep River

African-American Spiritual

The Basses and Tenors of St. Mark's Choir

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, 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 S125)

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: Said at 8AM; sung at 10AM (Hymnal S155)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

We come to the altar and receive the bread. 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 to the communicants 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 321

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Rockingham

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

Hymnal 300

Glory, Love, and Praise, and Honor

Benifold

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

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in F

Harald Rohlig