



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

We will be a faith community that spreads God's word, loves like Jesus, enjoys worshiping together, and helps our neighbors.

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist May 15, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

On Facebook at 10 AM: [Facebook Live](#) or online at: [In-Spirit Worship \(stmarks-upland.org\)](http://In-Spirit Worship (stmarks-upland.org))

Children have a place here: Sunday school for children ages 3-6 is in the chapel; children ages 7-10, in the room off the Parish Hall. We hope you will feel comfortable in placing your children in the care of our volunteer staff who are vaccinated and masked. You may also keep your children with you. We welcome their extra noise and movement as part of our joyful service!

Because We Love Our Neighbor: Health & Community Protocols for Worship

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (on health and community measures) "We are committed to gathering in the safest and healthiest way possible. Love of neighbor is not simply a good idea. It is a commandment of Jesus based on the teaching of Moses to always seek the good and the well-being of each other."

Because St. Mark's cares for the young, the elderly, and the immuno-compromised... because vaccinations are essential to creating a safer/healthier workplace and worship space... because our health and strength are intertwined with one another... and because health is not an individual endeavor... All those 12 years and up show proof of vaccination, and those ages 2 years and up wear masks for in-the-building services. Masks may be removed by readers at the pulpit, altar, or presider chairs (when reading but not singing). We make available disposable masks for any who need them. We are respectful of those around us and adjust for healthy spaces between households. Direct physical contact with young children is avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes. Please consider getting a booster and social distancing. State and health officials allow churches to determine their own mask/vaccination policies. Thank you for your continued support.

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Opening Voluntary (10 AM): Please remain seated

"Holy Ground"

Geron Davis

St. Mark's Band

Welcome (10AM)

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

Hymn 1 "Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night Is Over"

Christe sanctorum

Opening Acclamation

Clergy: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Collect for Purity

Clergy: Please join us in the collect for purity – together

Reader & Community:

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.

Praise Hymn (10AM)

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

African-American Spiritual/setting Jeffrey Rickard

St. Mark's Band

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the second for the alto, the third for the tenor, and the bottom for the bass. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a line of music. The chords indicated above the staff are G, C, G, C, G, A, D, A7, D, D7, G, C, G, C, G, Am, D7, G, C, Am7, D, G, C, G. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a
2 I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a
3 I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an

1 river; I've got peace like a river in my soul.
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Collect of the Day

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.**

The Lessons: Please be seated

During the reading of the lessons, please be aware of a word, phrase, or image that grabs your attention. Please consider adding this in the comments.

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 147:12-20 (Gafney); Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

The Acts of the Apostles

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm

Reader: Let us say the Psalm responsively by whole verse - alternating between the north and south sides of the church - beginning with the south side. (Or something else suitable including in unison.)

¹² Praise the EVER-LIVING GOD, O Jerusalem! *

Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³ For she strengthens the bars of your gates; *

she blesses your children within you.
14 She sets peace at your border; *
 she satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
15 She sends forth her word to the earth; *
 her word runs swiftly.
16 She lays down snow like wool; *
 she scatters frost like ashes.
17 She hurls down hail like crumbs— *
 who can stand before her cold?
18 She sends forth her word, and melts them; *
 she makes her wind blow, and the waters flow.
19 She declares her word to Rebekah's line, *
 her statutes and ordinances to Sarah's seed.
20 She has not dealt thus with any other nation; *
 they do not know her ordinances.
Praise the WISDOM OF THE AGES!

New Testament

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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Sequence Hymn (10AM)

Hymn 536 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" Torah Song

Gospel: Please stand as you are able

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The Apostles' Creed is from the responses by the community in the Baptismal Covenant and appropriate for Eastertide (BCP, p. 304)

Clergy: Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed – Together Reader and Community:

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: Sisters, brothers, and non-binary siblings, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, Loving God, make all things new.

Reader: Heavenly father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Loving God,

Make all things new.

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven. Loving God, **Make all things new.**

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the world. May our voices join the song of creation. Loving God, **Make all things new.**

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred. Loving God, **Make all things new.**

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. Loving God, **Make all things new.**

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life. Loving God, **Make all things new.**

Let us offer our own prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

When the time is right, a concluding collect is added.

During the Great 50 Days of Easter the Confession of Sin is omitted.

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: www.stmarks-upland.org

Offertory: Your contributions make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

For your convenience, the offertory plates are located by the baptismal font as you enter and also by the front pews as you approach the altar for communion.

Make an online contribution to St. Mark's by visiting:

<https://tinyurl.com/5dsw728s>



Offertory Anthem (10AM)

"Mighty to Save"

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

St. Mark's Band

Well, everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, Well, let mercy fall on me. Well everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of the Savior, the hope of nations. Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains. God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save. Forever, author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave. So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, and fill my life again. I give my life to follow everything I believe in. And now I surrender.

Chorus. Bridge: Shine your light and let the world see. Singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus. Chorus. Bridge: Shine your light and let the world see. Singing for the glory of the risen King.

Doxology: Please stand as you are able

All things come of thee, O Lord; **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer for Easter by Kay Sylvester

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.**

Creator God, we see your handiwork in everything that is: every molecule and every galaxy displays your creating love. We thank you for the endless beauty and joy of your Creation. We thank you that, by your exquisite attention, you created life – all life, everywhere, from the one-celled water dwellers to the mighty elephants and whales. The majesty and delight of living things surrounds us, and we thank you that our lives are part of a radiant web of holy, interconnected breath and energy. Your divine life surrounds us and permeates us.

We praise you in the song of all Creation:

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.

We acknowledge, O God, the many ways in which we fail to care for the world, and for each other. Though you teach us in the textbook of Creation, and invite us to listen to your law and hear your prophets, we have not heeded your love for us and your call to us. In your good time, O God, you sent Jesus to share our nature and live our life. He brought healing and hope to those who suffer; he calmed the storm of our despair; he met our hunger with your abundance. Even so, we struggle to comprehend your kingdom of peace and limitless grace; so, on the very night before he died, we remember that Jesus kept the Passover with his friends. He took bread, gave you thanks, and shared it with them, saying, take and eat; this bread is my body, given to set you free. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the everlasting promise, given to set you free. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

We remember the long night of his despair, when he prayed as his friends slept. Betrayed, denied, and abandoned, he was arrested and condemned to death.

We remember that he did not fight; we remember that he did not flee; we remember that he was crucified and died.

We remember that his story continues. With the women at the tomb and the frightened disciples, we proclaim the mystery of our Easter faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, send your Spirit upon these gifts that your earth has given and human hands have made; let them be for us the body and Blood of Christ, the holy food and drink of new and unending life. Give us, in this holy food, the courage to witness to the power of Resurrection to overcome despair, and to heal us. By your Holy Spirit, unite us into a community of faith and an outpost of your kingdom, where the powers of the world are overthrown by your perfect love.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the power of the holy spirit, we give you thanks, O God of grace and resurrection light, here and everywhere, now and forever. Alleluia!
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:
Reader and Community:

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.

"Our Father" (10AM)

Fr. Rob Bethancourt

St. Mark's Band

The musical score consists of three staves of music for 'Our Father' in G major, 2/4 time. The first staff (Fr. Rob Bethancourt) starts with a F major chord (F, A, C) followed by a Dm7 chord (D, F, A, C). The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven hal - low - ed be thy'. The second staff (St. Mark's Band) starts with an E major chord (E, G, B) followed by an F major chord (F, A, C) and a G major chord (G, B, D). The lyrics are: 'Name, - thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it'. The third staff (Fr. Rob Bethancourt) starts with a G major chord (G, B, D) followed by a C major chord (C, E, G). The lyrics are: 'is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily - ly'. The fourth staff (St. Mark's Band) starts with an Am major chord (A, C, E) followed by a Dm7 chord (D, F, A, C). The lyrics are: 'bread. and for - give'. The fifth staff (Fr. Rob Bethancourt) starts with an Em major chord (E, G, B) followed by an F major chord (F, A, C). The lyrics are: 'us our tres - pas - ses as we for - give those who'. The sixth staff (St. Mark's Band) starts with a Gsus4 chord (G, B, D, E) followed by a G major chord (G, B, D). The lyrics are: 'tres - pas a - gainst us. And'.

37 C F Dm7 C G
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from

43 E F G C Am F G
evil. For thine is the kingdom,

49 F G C Am F G
thine is the power,

55 C Am Dm7 G C Dm7 Dm7/G C
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.

Clergy: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Community: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are invited to Holy Communion.

Spiritual Communion (In Spirit)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Voluntary (8AM)

“Dundee”

Ravenscroft & Psalter/Healey Willan

Communion Duet (10AM)

“Give Me Jesus” Jeremy Camp

Laura Schinler and Blane Abernathy, duet/Rob Garretson, acoustic guitar

1) In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus. Refrain: Give me Jesus, you can have all this world, just give me Jesus. 2) When I am alone, give me Jesus. Refrain: Give me Jesus, you can have all this world, just give me Jesus. 3) When I come to die, give me Jesus. Jesus, give me Jesus. Refrain: Give me Jesus, you can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Clergy: The service continues with the Prayer of St. Francis – together
Reader and Community:

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Mission Hymn

Hymn 525

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Aurelia

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

Closing Voluntary

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewellyn and Will Herron
St. Mark’s Band