

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is

to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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—The Episcopal Parish of—
**St. Mark
& St. Paul**
—On the Mountain—

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!
Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House,
the building directly behind the church.

Nursery care is available during both services (more information on Announcement insert).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 137 (*blue book*): "O wondrous type! O vision fair"

Wareham

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Prayer Book (*red*) page 355
Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Gloria in Excelsis: Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day (*insert*)

First Reading: Exodus 25:12-18 (*insert*)

Psalm 2 (*Spoken at 8:30; sung at 11:00.*)



1 Why are the nations | in an | uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter | empty | threats?
2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes | plot to- | gether, *
against the Lord and against | his A- | nointed?
3 "Let us break their | yoke," they | say; *
"let us cast off their | bonds from | us."
4 He whose throne is in hea- | ven is | laughing; *
the Lord has them | in de- | rision.
5 Then he speaks to them | in his | wrath, *
and his rage fills | them with | terror.
6 "I myself have | set my | king *
upon my holy | hill of | Zion."
7 Let me announce the decree | of the | Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I be- | gotten | you.
8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your in- | heritance *
and the ends of the earth for | your po- | ssession.

9 You shall crush them with an | iron | rod *
and shatter them like a | piece of | pottery."

10 And now, you | kings, be | wise; *
be warned, you rulers | of the | earth.

11 Submit to the | Lord with | fear, *
and with trembling | bow be- | fore him;

12 Lest he be angry | and you | perish; *
for his wrath is | quickly | kindled.

+13 Happy | are they | all *
who take re- | fuge in | him!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (*insert*)

Sequence Hymn 129: "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Mowsley

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 (*insert*)

Sermon

The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form V

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Announcements

Offertory Hymn 138: (8:30) "All praise to you, O Lord"

Carlisle

Offertory Anthem - (11:00 am Adult Choir) "Christ upon the mountain stands"

Rob Lehman (b. 1960)

*1 Christ, upon the mountain stands
Vision of the Father's blessing
Blazing forth to all the lands,
Saints and angels now professing,
Alleluia!*

*3 God, in majesty, descends,
Then proclaims to all before him,
This is my beloved Son!
Nations, come now and adore him.
Alleluia!*

*2 Law and prophets have their place,
In the cloud of wondrous glory
Chosen witnesses of grace,
There to see and tell the story.
Alleluia!*

*4 Faithful hearts are lifted high.
Joyful strains, our voices raising
For this vision's mystery,
Songs of wonder, hymns of praising.
Alleluia!*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*) green insert

Sanctus: S-129

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

At the Breaking of the Bread: Hymnal, S-155

At Communion:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. For the sake of public health, please drink from the chalice or decline it by crossing your arms across your chest.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (*when needed*)

(*in unison*) In the name of this parish, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

green insert

Hymn 460: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Hyfrydol

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

The flowers at the altar today are given to the greater Glory of God by Rachel Lynch & Mary Ming in celebration of the upcoming wedding of Nicholas Lynch and Carol Wang and for the publication of Farris Lynch Ralston's book, "Imagine A Delphinium."

Altar Guild — Lynda Gotko, Julia Bates

Bread Baker — Andrea Sanders

Tellers — John Gatta

Flowers — Rachel Lynch, Betty Barton Blythe

Coffee Hour — Ann Seiters

8:30 service

Vestry— Cheryl Lankhaar

Server— Will Mahler

Chalice Bearer—

Readers— Mary Priestley, Diane Jones

Intercessor— Linda Lankewicz

Acolytes —

Usher(s) -- Cheryl Lankhaar

11:00 service

John Gatta

Theo Leffler-Mitchell

Julia Bates

Chris Asmussen, Matthew Mitchell

Liam Nieman

Jaxon Rudder

Betty Barton & Jimmy Blythe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: — The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: — St. Peter's Church, Columbia

Prayer Requests: Brady Hall, Emily Hauze, Kim Heitzenrater, Phebe Hethcock, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Mike Jones, Duane, Mike Mattei, Julian Price, Lane Price, Rick Reuhling, Leah Rhys, Isaiah Shelby, Rachel Suarez, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Polk Van Zandt, Bill Whitney, and those who are refugees or suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: John Gatta, Jane Holmes, Jeannie Babb, Wyatt Poe, Jimmy Blythe, John Fisher, Julia Bates, George Dick, Tim Nelson, and Maddie Van de Ven.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

(from Enriching our Worship 1)
For the Season after Epiphany, 2026

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. The following Preface may be used at any time. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People [music in Hymnal S129]

**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.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,

Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

At the Breaking of the Bread: music in Hymnal, S155

Postcommunion Prayer

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Announcements

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow and Diana Rung will be supervising the nursery.

Sunday Forum: This week in Sunday Forum, the Rev. Dr. Britta Meiers Carlson will discuss "The Sanctuary Church and the Pilgrim People of God." The presentation will discuss the ancient roots of sanctuary as the provision of refuge in the church and rooted in God's mercy. We will then consider what contemporary sanctuary and accompaniment practices with immigrants in the United States teach the church about our identity as a people on pilgrimage.



Dr. Carlson serves as Visiting Assistant Professor in Practical Theology at the School of Theology where she teaches courses in theology, church leadership, and pastoral Spanish. Her research focuses on the church's public witness with and among immigrant communities. Before pursuing doctoral studies, Britta was the founding pastor of Iglesia Nuevo Amanecer, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Boston. Britta has a BA from Concordia College, MDiv from Luther Seminary, and PhD from Boston University.

Sunday Forum meets 9:45-10:45 each week in Kennerly Hall at the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul. Our speaker next week, Feb 22, is Hannah Mattis on "Social Justice in the Anglican Tradition."

Social Fabric: A new, weekly, crafting circle will meet on Saturday February 14 at 2pm in Brooks Hall. Knitting/crochet/sewing/mending, etc. No experience or supplies necessary! Come ready to craft, learn or teach. Everyone is welcome.



Mardi Gras: Come one come all and let the good times roll for a New Orleans themed celebration in Kennerly Hall on Tuesday, February 17 from 5:00 – 6:30pm. You won't want to miss the Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by the Parish Life Krewe! Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors!

Ash Wednesday: The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 18, at 12:15 and 5:30pm.

During Lent, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated every Thursday at 12:15pm in the church. Services will begin Thursday February 19.

Meal Train: Some of you may know that SAS parent **Tommy Shelby** recently had to go through surgery after a car accident. A meal train for him has been organized; here is the link for any who would like to provide food: <https://mealtrain.com/oez7rl>

Sunday March 1 is CAC Pantry Sunday. This month CAC is in need of: pancake mix, granola bars, jelly, toilet paper, laundry detergent (pods preferred), and dish soap . CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.



The Flower Guild works behind the scenes each week to beautify our sanctuary. They are looking for volunteers who enjoy flower arranging or have a desire to learn. Please contact Betty Barton Blythe bbblythe43@gmail.com if you are interested or want to learn more.

Centering Prayer Group: Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 2:30pm, both in the sanctuary.

Lectionary Bible Study: meets every Tuesday at 3:30 pm in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday.

Adult Choir: Adult choir practice is Sundays 12:30-1:30pm.

Children's choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at: music@stmarkstpaul.org

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 am for children (3 years old through 5th grade).

Godly Play 1: *Parable of the Good Samaritan*, Storyteller — Wendy Prothro Howard, Doorperson — Heidi Sohl

Godly Play 2: *The Story of St. Valentine*, Storyteller — Cheryl Lankhaar, Doorperson — Jenny Ramos

4th/5th: (Meets in 1st floor Brooks Hall) — Julia Bates, Matthew Mitchell

Youth Sunday School: (Meets upstairs in Brooks Hall).

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler (hbwchurch@gmail.com) for details.