

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 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 the service (more information in Announcements).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 490 (*blue book*): "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Houston

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Prayer Book (red) page 355

Kyrie eleison Hymnal, S86

Collect of the Day (*insert*)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (*insert*)

Psalm 23 (*insert*)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (*insert*)

Sequence Hymn 493: "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

Azmon

Gospel: John 9:1-41 (*insert*)

Sermon

The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form 1

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 567 (8:30): “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old” *St. Matthew*

Offertory Anthem (11:00) “Anthem of Healing” Erik Meyers

*O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessed Lord, be near.*

*Oh listen to the silent prayer Of your afflicted ones.
Oh, bid them cast on you their care; Your grace to them make known.*

*Make strong their hands and hearts and wills, and drive disease afar,
Help strive against the body's ills and wage your healing war.*

*Your grace to healing of the sick and blind, Christ mercy did proclaim;
Let us to better know His mind, and to declare His name.*

*Let us to know Your perfect will; make clean our heart and soul,
and heal us of our earthly ills, And make the sufferer whole.*

The Great Thanksgiving gray insert

Sanctus: Hymnal, S124

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 161

Communion of the People:

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.

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

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Hymn 645: “The King of love my shepherd is”

St. Columba

Prayer over the People

Dismissal

Postlude:

Altar Guild — Robin Bates, Julia Bates

Bread Baker — Julie Elrod

Tellers — John Gatta

Coffee Hour — Susan Holmes

8:30 service

Vestry — Paul Richaud

Server — Drew Richaud

Chalice Bearer —

Readers — John Solomon, Diane Jones

Intercessor — Robin Bates

Acolytes — Ben Richaud

Usher(s) -- Paul Richaud

11:00 service

John Gatta

Theo Leffler-Mitchell

Julia Bates

Matthew Mitchell, Erin O'Rourke Nieman

John Gatta

Jaxon Rudder

Betty & Jimmy Blythe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary Magdalene Church, Fayetteville

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

Birthdays: Janet Graham, Emmelia Leffler-Mitchell, Eleanor Leffler-Mitchell, Julian Price, and Sawyer Mainord.

Eucharistic Prayer C — Dialogic (from *Enriching Our Worship 1*)

Celebrant [May] God 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 God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (music found in Hymnal, S124)

**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.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection
as we await the day of his coming.***

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

(After Communion:)

Celebrant and People

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

Sunday the Holy Eucharist is 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.

Morning and Evening prayer services: are held at 8:30 and 4:45pm, Monday through Friday in the sanctuary.

During the season of Lent, the Holy Eucharist with Healing will be celebrated Thursdays at 12:15pm.

Sunday Forum: The speaker at Sunday Forum this week is John Gatta. Few novels have had more of an impact on history than Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, and John Gatta will examine Stowe's "Clarion Call for Justice" in Sunday's Forum. The talk takes place Sunday morning, March 15, from 9:45-10:45 in Kennerly Hall.

John Gatta is an Emeritus Professor of English, both at Sewanee and at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. The author of multiple books, including *Green Gospel: Foundations of Ecotheology* and *Making Nature Sacred: Literature, Religion, and Environment in America from the Puritans to the Present*, Gatta has articles on Stowe in *Sewanee Review*, *The Living Church*, and *The Sewanee Theological Review*.



On March 22 Peter Gathje will be speaking on, "Spirituality for the Work of Justice."



Time is running out for 2026 Easter Lily donations: If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in memory or in thanksgiving of loved ones, please contact Cheryl Lankhaar, no later than noon on Palm Sunday (March 29). The cost is \$50 and the names of your loved ones will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please contact Cheryl by email at cheryllankhaar@gmail.com

You may pay for your Easter donation by dropping a check in the collection basket with "Easter" or "lily" in the memo line. Payments can be mailed to St. Mark & St. Paul, PO Box 267, Sewanee, TN 37375. Online giving is also an option. On our St. Mark and St. Paul website, you can choose credit, debit or bank account payments. If you already have a login for our Realm software, you can either [Give Now](#) or text "Otey\$50" (or any appropriate amount) to 73256. If you pay online you will still need to email Cheryl with the names for your dedication(s).

A Film Screening: *A Piece of Ground: Seeing Space, Memory, and Justice Through South African Eyes* **Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 pm in Kennerly Hall at St. Mark & St. Paul**

Join us for an evening with South African filmmaker Sesihle Manzini, founder of Anno Domini. Watch her debut film, *A Piece of Ground*, and explore the theological framework that inspired her work.



Lenten Soup Series: *Living Faithfully with Technology*
Wednesdays, Feb 25-Mar 25, 5:30 Simple Lenten meal in Kennerly Hall followed by the presentation and discussion 6:00-7:00

What does it mean to live faithfully for Christ in an era of constant media feeds, multiple mailboxes, and the exponential growth of AI? How should the church respond to these growing opportunities and threats? What about our personal lives, and our children? Is it possible to make your device a personal digital assistant to serve your needs rather than serving the demands of an algorithm? Can technology be used to save our ecosystem rather than destroy it?

Join us for Wednesday nights between (and excluding) Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, as we gather to confront and transform the impact of digital technology on our lives.

Mar 18 – *Parenting in a digital age*

Mar 25 – *Digital resources for spirituality*

Episcopal 101—Sundays, 4:00-5:30pm. This class is primarily for those new to the Episcopal Church, but many longtime Episcopalians have enjoyed it as a refresher. It will run March 15 through May 17, with a break on Easter Day. Please contact Rob Lamborn at rector@stmarkstpaul.org, or just come!

The 40 Days: We are offering a calendar to guide us through prayer and almsgiving during the season of Lent. Each day of "The 40 Days" invites us into simple, faithful practices that connect our spiritual lives with care for our neighbors. **Calendars are available in the back of the church.** All items collected throughout the journey will fill Easter Meal Baskets for CAC families. We hope you will join us as we walk this Lenten path together.



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: *Faces of Easter V*, Storyteller – Cara Kitzrow, Doorperson – Heidi Sohl

Godly Play 2: *Faces of Easter V*, Storyteller – Barbara Prunty, Doorperson – Jori Smith.

4th/5th: (Meets in 1st floor Brooks Hall)

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.

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US
THE PARISH OF ST. MARK & ST. PAUL

April 5, 2026

SCHEDULE:

8:30 Eucharist

10:00 Egg Hiding

10:30 Egg Hunts
for children of all ages
*Please bring a basket
and don't be late – It goes fast!*

11:00 Eucharist

Easter celebration coffee hour

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

- Pew by Godly Play any time •
- Boiled/dyed by 10 a.m. Easter morning •

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PRESENTATIONS

FEB 25 – ROB LAMBORN
*ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND THE INTERNET:
TOOLS THAT CAN ENTICE US INTO DEPENDENCE*

MAR 4 – ROSS SOWELL
THE IMPLICATIONS AND ETHICS OF AI

MAR 11 – THE HILDEGARD GUILD
*TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY
IN THE PARISH*

MAR 18 – ERIC VANZANT
PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE

MAR 25 – KARA LASSEN OLIVER
DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUALITY

Thanks to these groups for serving meals:
Parish Life Committee
Community Action Committee (CAC)
EfM cohort & the Hildegard Guild
Christian Formation Committee
Staff of St. Mark & St. Paul