

WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL
St. Mark's Mission Statement

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
BANNER SUNDAY
MAY 22, 2011

Seasonal Theme: **Who do you say that I am, now?**
Exploring the mystery of the Resurrection

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
11:15 AM SERMON SEMINAR

Presider

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Co-Presider

The Reverend Susan Flanders

Preachers

Jasper McElrath, Mark Ossolinski and Christy Rumpf

Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempskie, Director of Music

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) Hymnals are on the book carts by each entrance to the Nave.
Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.
Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

VISITING OR NEW TO ST. MARK'S?

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. MARK'S! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to celebrate life with us. Worship is in the round, and you are invited to sit anywhere in the Nave. Bulletin boards, rest-rooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway, and the Parish Hall is just beyond. If you have questions, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Greeter at the end of the service.

The Honduras Cross, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly with our sister congregations in the San Marcos Cluster and Colonia Episcopal in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community.

WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S

The **9 am** is a **Holy Eucharist** without a sermon. At 9:45 am, children go to Sunday School classes while adults remain in the Nave for coffee, announcements and Sermon Seminar.

The **9am Children's Chapel**, in the Adams Room, is a kid-friendly short service (20 minutes or so) of songs, prayers, and a confession ritual. At the Peace, the group rejoins the service in the Nave. (On the second Sunday of the month, when the 9am service is the Family Eucharist, Children's Chapel is not held.)

The **10 am Sermon Seminar**. After the sermon, anybody can feel free to comment on what or how the sermon "spoke" personally. Sermon Seminar concludes by 10:45 am and is often followed by a **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall.

The **11:15 am Eucharist and Sermon** is a more traditional format. It is often followed by a **Pub Lunch** at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall, to which all visitors are invited as our guests.

The **5 pm Eucharist** is a contemplative service with a homily and meditative music held every Sunday. An informal social hour follows the service where food and beverages are shared.

In the spirit of inclusion we offer both a "teleloop" system and infrared headsets for those who are hard of hearing. To access the signal, switch your own hearing aid to the "T" position. Headsets are available by the doors from the beadles (ushers).

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Open Communion is our invitation to *everyone* to gather around the altar for spiritual and communal nourishment. We believe this meal is a manifestation of God's love for each of us, regardless of our religion, beliefs or questions.

Announcements of church activities are often made by parishioners during the service. You can find more details in the Sunday Bulletin as well as on our website, www.stmarks. To become more informed on the many parish life activities and events and be more engaged in our church community you may wish to join *St. Mark's Yahoo Group*. To subscribe, send a blank email to StMarks-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Childcare - St. Mark's Nursery provides care for children up to 3 1/2 yrs old during the Sunday morning worship services. Caregivers are available from 8:45 -12:45 pm in the Nursery (lower level).

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) Edward Elgar (1857-1934), Arr. Robert Gower

Opening Hymn 484 Praise the Lord through every nation *Wachet auf*

Opening Sentences

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray,

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant that we may know Jesus Christ to be our way, our truth, and our life, that we may follow him in the way that leads to abundant life. Amen.

The First Lesson Acts 7:55-60

Read by Kellie Wayne

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Lord, We Give Thanks

Mark Patterson

Girls & Boys Choir

Lord, we give thanks to you this day; thanks for the blessings you give us. Alleluia!

Lord, we sing praise to you this day, praise for the gifts of creation. Alleluia!

Lord, we lift up our voices to sing a grateful song of praise.

Lord, we come now before you that we may glorify your name.

The Epistle 1 Peter 2:2-10*Read by Jackie Abramowitz*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*The Call***The Gospel** John 14:1-6a, adapted

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People



Glo- ry to you, Lord Christ.

Nancy Karpeles

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am way, I am truth, and I am life."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nancy Karpeles

Children's Reflection

Christy Rumpf

The Prayers of the People

*Written by Randy Marks
Read by Avery Townsend*

Leader God of mystery and compassion, we pray for your grace.
We celebrate this season the miracle of Jesus. His life as a man mirrors ours: he had great hopes, suffered greatly, and out of that suffering found new

life. In humility, he turned to you and your love raised him from the tomb. We seek that same grace to turn to you in humility, that we too may find your love and a resurrected life. We pray to you in humility,

People Seeking new life in you.

Leader We celebrate this season the triumph of love. We, your children, go astray and suffer spiritual death whenever we place our desires above your commands. We seek the grace to delight in your will and walk in your ways. We pray to you in humility,

People Seeking new life in you.

Leader We celebrate this season the power of community. Although he was your son, Jesus could not save himself. We seek the grace to see you in one another and to support each other. We pray to you in humility,

People Seeking new life in you.

Leader We celebrate this season the beauty of liturgy. We seek you in the mystery of ritual: prayer, music, and Eucharist. We seek the grace to connect to you, while being aware that we honor you more by being your hands in the world than by being voices in church. We pray to you in humility,

People Seeking new life in you.

Leader We celebrate this season the joy of service. You call upon us to love and serve our neighbors. We seek the grace to look with compassion on those in need, even when that is difficult, and to have the courage and wisdom to give them what they need. We pray to you in humility,

People Seeking new life in you.

Leader We invite everyone to offer their own prayers, silently or if aloud, saying "God, in your mercy" to which all will respond "Hear our prayer."

A time is reserved for individual prayers.

Leader Let us pray.

All We offer our prayers in the faith that you, O God, love us, that Jesus our risen brother walks with us, and that the Holy Spirit strengthens us. And so we humbly follow you, finding new life in your love. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Vestry Greeting

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Light of the World (from *The Light of Life*)

Edward Elgar,
arr. John Scott

Chancel Choir

*Light of the World, we know Thy praise
The angels and archangels raise, And all the host of Heav'n;
More worthily than our faint hymns, Whose jarring sound that glory dims,
Which God to Thee has giv'n.
But thou didst not disdain to take Our low estate, or e'en to make
The tomb Thy resting place;
So Thou might bring into our night The dawn of Thine eternal Light
To shine upon our face.
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, is Lord, But Thou, O Son of God.
Thy Word Is now our sov'reign law.
Therefore we thank Thee, and we pray Thy Light may shine unto the Perfect Day
On us for evermore.*

The people stand.

Presentation Hymn 193 That Easter day with joy was bright, v. 5

Puer nobis

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Thanksgiving of the People of God, NZPB, adapted

Presider God is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

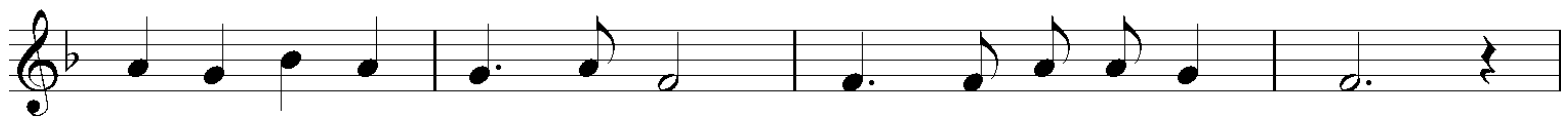
Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

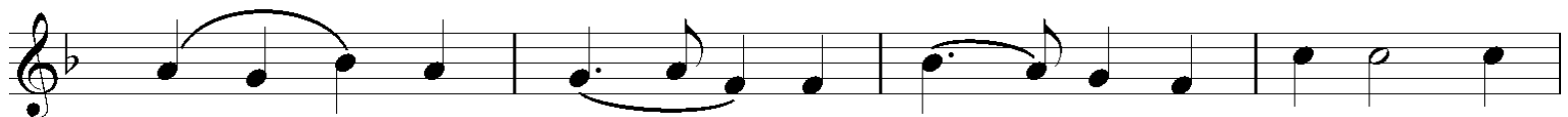
Co-Presider It is right indeed, holy God, to give you thanks and praise. You are the source of life; through your eternal Word you create all things, forming us in your image. When we turn away from you, you call us back to yourself, giving your Son to share our human nature. Out of love for us he accepted death and, lifted high upon the cross, he drew the whole world to himself. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glorious name, singing:

Sanctus S 125

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The image shows a three-line musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The second line contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The third line contains 'san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and some held over from the previous measure.

Presider On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. When he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

Co-Presider After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me. Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Jesus, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

People **O Jesus, your death we show forth, your resurrection we proclaim, and your coming we await!**

Presider O God, send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us spiritual food, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for service.

People **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, O God here and everywhere, now and forever. AMEN!**

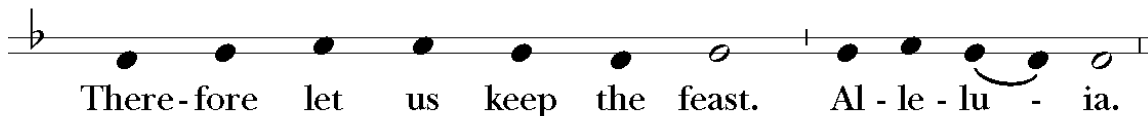
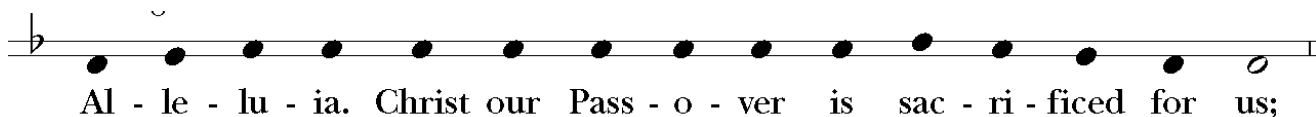
Presider And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

S 152

All sing.

Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens



Invitation to Communion

Presider Here at St. Mark's, we observe an open Communion. In the spirit of the empty tomb and love liberated from every bond, even that of death, all of us, whomever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe, are invited to receive.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to God's Table. Gather, one group at a time, around the altar platform. Remain until everyone has received the bread and wine and has been dismissed by the Presider, saying, "Go in peace." You may consume the bread, then receive the wine by taking a sip from the chalice or goblet OR you may hold the bread, which will signal that you wish to intinct (dip it) into the chalice or the goblet. A non-alcoholic alternative to wine is offered in the plain goblet, and gluten-free crackers are available upon request.

Music During Communion

Hymn 455 O Love of God, how strong and true
LEVAS 154 Taste and See
LEVAS 138 Lord, I Want to be a Christian
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Dunedin
James E. Moore, Jr.
African American Spiritual
Emma Lou Diemer

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, filling our hearts with hope for new life. May we who share in Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit enlightens give light to the world. Amen.

The Blessing

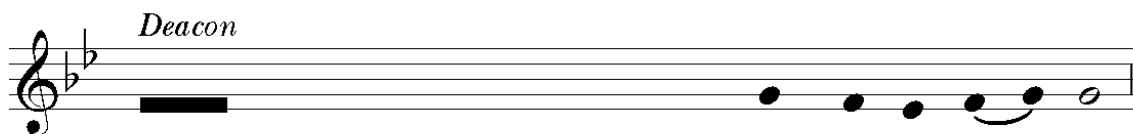
Co-Presider Let us commit together to live into a new life as children of God.

People **May we, as God's children, find his love by humbly following Jesus and by loving and serving each other.**

Co-Presider May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be on each of us forever.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sermon Seminar

Announcements *please limit each announcement to 30 seconds.*

Sermon

Jasper McElrath and Mark Ossolinski

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Announcements

Announcements should not exceed 125 words and should be submitted to Rebecca Richards by 5:00pm on Tuesday preceding the Sunday announcement is to run.

- 1. VISION 2020 UPDATE.** We have reached an important step in the process of developing architectural drawings for our renovation/expansion of the Parish Hall. Over the next few weeks, our architects (Bonstra Haresign) and our project manager (Alex Berley of E & G Group), along with members of the Steering Committee, will be meeting with various St. Mark's groups to explore in greater depth their needs for space. Think of this phase as turning dreams into realities. What kind of storage space does your group need? How many shelves? Do you need tables and chairs, or an open space? The meetings are being scheduled with the heads of all St. Mark's groups, and members of those groups are welcome to attend to provide feedback. Information gleaned from these meetings will feed into the next set of architectural drawings. Speak to the head of your group for meeting times/locations.
- 2. TAKE THE ST. MARK'S SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY!** During the Discernment Process, as we explored our building needs and a capital campaign, we established that St Mark's is committed to a broad vision of sustainability, one in which a healthy environment is inseparable from a vibrant, just and healthy community. To help us learn more about your values and actions around this vision and how we can strengthen their place in the St. Mark's community, we are posting a survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/St-Marks-survey>. (Don't leave out the "/s/" in the middle!). If you prefer the paper version, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Rutherford at 202-544-0916 or jrutherford@dcaccess.net.

Christian Ed

We welcome your participation and your interest in Christian Education classes offered at St. Mark's. Let us know where your interests lie in becoming more involved in the life of the parish!

- 3. SUNDAY SCHOOL – BANNER SUNDAY TODAY May 22nd** – Today marks the end of the Sunday School year. On behalf of the entire St. Mark's community the Christian Ed Co-Directors would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of the Sunday School Teachers for their dedication to our youth and hard work throughout the year. Parents please make a special effort to say **THANK YOU** to your child's teachers as well.
- 4. CATECHESIS III and SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY** – Thank you to all the parents who filled out the Sunday School Survey. As we've mentioned, we are at the end of the two-year trial period for Catechesis III and need to decide as a community if we'd like to continue this program for our 4th and 5th graders or return to the functional (or experiential) approach that is currently used for Middle School and High School. We will be reporting the results of our inquiries back to the community in the next few weeks.
- 5. CHRISTIAN ED GALA THANKS** – A special thank you to Tucker and Jack Harris for hosting the Christian Ed Gala at their home last night. The Gala is an annual event to thank all the teachers, supervisors and other volunteers that make out Christian Ed program the robust and successful program that it is. Thank you!

6. **SUGGESTION FORMS FOR CHRISTIAN ED PROGRAM** - Please see the insert in the bulletin to submit your suggestions for the Christian Education program. Forms are also available online. In an ideal world, everyone would either teach a class or take a class every year! We are encouraged by your participation.

Summer Offering:

7. **WHO I AM, I MUST BECOME: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.** Registration is now open for an experiential retreat to be held from **July 23rd- July 31st** at Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, Maryland. This seminar will encourage participants to transform their individual spiritual journeys by accessing the wisdom, creativity, and power we hold at our core. Our work will be the quest to know ourselves more fully by using Jungian psychology as it interfaces with the teachings of Jesus, as well as western spiritual and contemplative traditions. This retreat is sponsored by St. Mark's Church, the Guild for Psychological Studies, the Center for Progressive Christianity, and the Jung Society of Washington and will be led by two Guild for Psychological Studies leaders – Hal Childs, PhD, MFT, MDiv and Patricia Stenger, MA, MFT. Contact: susanthompsonhoffman@yahoo.com or Matthew Black at Matthewblack904@yahoo.com for registration. Signups are in the foyer of St. Mark's Church.

8. **WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE BIBLE AND OUR LIVES TODAY?** Starting Thursday **June 2nd** in the Penniman Room at Baxter House (118 3rd St., SE), from 6:30 – 7:30, through at least the end of July, we'll continue to explore questions about biblical scripture and how it brings meaning and purpose to our individual and collective lives at St. Mark's. Our next book *Conversations with Scripture: The Law*, will take explore the Law in Exodus and Leviticus and examine the historical and cultural contexts of these legal codes. Contact Michael Knipe at haroldknipe@gmail.com or Andrew Stafford at andrew611@earthlink.net, for questions. There is a signup sheet in the vestibule.

Outreach

9. **WE NEED TWO BUDDIES** (as in "buddy system") to fill in for Bill and me this summer at the Samaritan Ministry's Anacostia office, a 10-minute drive from St. Mark's. One morning a week, we write simple resumes and correspondence for poor people seeking to improve their lives, one step at a time. The work is very rewarding. Sign up with Gayle Butzgy (gbutzgy@samaritanministry.org) or contact me (Ellen Frost) for more information: ((202) 547-8366 or ellefrost@earthlink.net.

10. **PROTECTING FARMING FAMILIES & TROPICAL FORESTS IN HONDURAS.** Story-telling about recent Trinidad Conservation Project (TCP) trip; 5 St. Mark's adults participated. TCP is a multi-year program to teach families how to end destructive agricultural practices and to improve nutrition and income. **OPEN HOUSE** community gathering on Monday, **May 23**, 7-9 pm at the American Legion Post #8 at 224 D Street SE (3 blocks from St. Mark's) . RSVPs helpful, but not required. Contact Betsy Agle at betsy@agle.net.

Parish Life

11. **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP.** The next meeting of the support group for those caring for a loved one or ones seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated, will be on **Monday, May 23**, at 7:30 PM in the Penniman Room. Feel free to contact the group leaders: Suella Henn, sw Henn@mac.com, phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, marymwelker@aol.com, 202-387-4083.

12. **VETERANS LUNCHEON.** Volunteers again are being sought to host veterans of the 99th Infantry Division in the Parish Hall for lunch before the Memorial Day Parade and for snacks afterward. To help in the Hall, contact Lilian Taylor at ahnoldt@aol.com or 202-547-7962. There also is a need for persons to transport the 99er's guests to the line of march and pick them up after the parade is over. To help with transportation, contact Arnold Taylor - same address. Or, they will be in church on the **May 22**.

13. **MARK BRAVERMAN TO SPEAK MAY 26** – Hailed as courageous and provocative, Braverman's 2010 book *Fatal Embrace* revealed how the Jewish quest for security and empowerment, together with Christian atonement for anti-Semitism, have paralyzed the search for peace and justice. This DC author and psychologist has just returned from South Africa, where he met with clergy and laypeople from Palestine, Europe, and Africa exploring the implications of the "Palestine Kairos document" for global advocacy. At 7:00 pm on Thursday, **May 26**, you can hear his insights and join in a conversation with him at the Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol Street. This free event is sponsored by the Capitol Hill Faith Forum of which St. Mark's is a member.

14. **ST MARK'S READING GROUP:** On Monday, **June 6** we will discuss I See You Everywhere by Julia Glass. We meet in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30. We chose the next book which is **One Day** by David Nicholls, but we haven't decided when we will discuss it. The first Monday in July is July 4 so it won't be that evening. We will decide on a date at the June meeting. For more information contact Linda Ewald at llerbe@aol.com.

15. **Are you ready for some fun? Well, SHRINE MONT is coming!** Our annual parish retreat will be the weekend of **June 10-12**. We are looking forward to a weekend of being in community with one another in a gorgeous mountain setting. This is an intergenerational event, and there will be activities for adults, teens, children, and babies. There will be someone in the Parish hall after both services for registration and to answer questions. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Charlotte Murray at charlotteweb@mail2free or 410-991-1815. Hope to see you there!

Worship & Meditation

16. **CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST AT 5PM.** Please join us in the Nave at 5:00 PM this Sunday for our contemplative Eucharist service. Feel free to bring a beverage and/or snack to share during the social hour that follows our service.

WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30am</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm</u>	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

18. **BOOK CARTS FOR HYMNALS & BCP:** Our beautiful sanctuary is a blessing to us in our worship and fellowship. However, our constant reconfigurations of the Nave take a toll on our hymnals, leaving us to hunt for them on Sunday mornings. Members of our community, with the hearty approval of the Liturgy Planning Team, have provided book carts located at the three Nave entrances. The carts, holding *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, will enable proper storage and facilitate relocation of our hundreds of volumes. As you enter, please pick up both volumes, returning them on your departure. The BCP will be available on a single cart at a prominent location.

Youth and Family Ministry

*Megan Courtney, St. Mark's Director of Youth Ministries can be reached at
megan.courtney@stmarks.net or (202) 543-0053 x320*

19. **BANNER SUNDAY, MAY 22** – Today marks our last day of Sunday School and a celebration of those high school students graduating. Please join us to hear a special sermon from our youth graduates at the 10:00AM service.

20. **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 19** - Today marks the last day of Sunday School for the program year. There will be no classes on May 29, June 5, or June 12. Summer Sunday School will run 7 weeks from June 19-July 30. On June 19 and 26 it will be during Sermon Seminar (9:45-11:00) and from 10AM through the *peace* in the month of July. **We are in need of teachers to assist with these lessons and would love to have you join us (even if you can only commit to one Sunday). Please e-mail or speak with Megan if you are interested in assisting with Summer Sunday School.**

21. **MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SERVICE RETREAT** – All youth currently in middle school or entering middle school next fall are invited to participate in a summer service trip to the For Love of Children (F.L.O.C.) outdoor education center in Harpers Ferry, WV. **Due to schedule conflicts we are offering a new date. If your child is interested in attending, please email Megan which date works best for you: 1.) June 23-26 or 2.) July 14-17.** To sign up, please submit a deposit of \$50 no later than May 22. (trip cost: \$120 per child to cover 3 nights lodging, 9 meals, and a canoe trip. Scholarships available).

22. **SHRINE MONT** – Mark your calendars, Shrine Mont is scheduled for **June 10-12**. Children and youth activities are an integral part of the annual Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont in Virginia. This year children, grades K through 7, will rehearse and perform a play based off a children's book and in connection to our theme, "Community in Change." Programmed activities (for all ages) including games, crafts, making t-shirts, designing the set for the play, and more fun activities will be available for children during adult sessions. Nursery care is available. To help plan and provide enriching activities we need an estimate count of the youth attending and their ages– **if you are planning to attend or think you might attend, please send Megan an e-mail**

23. **SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING** - The spring classes for the required child abuse prevention training (for full time church employees and volunteers working with youth) are listed below. Dates and locations are:

- Sat. 5/21/11 Transfiguration (Region 4) 9:30 am - 12:30pm
- Sat. 6/11/11 St. George's, DC (Region 1) 9:30 am – 12:30pm

Music

24. **EVENSONG SERVICE JUNE 5TH** The St. Mark's Chancel Choir and Girls & Boys Choir will lead a Choral Evensong service on Sunday June 5th at 4 pm in the Nave with The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy presiding. Please consider attending this contemplative service with special music offerings.

Notes from the Office

25. **FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARK'S:**

- Visit the parish web site, www.stmarks.net.
- Subscribe to **St. Mark's Yahoo Groups listserv**. It provides even more announcements of upcoming events and activities and also provides a discussion forum, where all subscribers can have their say about issues that concern the parish community.
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Parish Prayer List

Taylor Adams • Michael Bennett (sister of Raiford Gaffney) • Mimi Chesslin • Joya Cox •
 Betty and Jack Davis (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston's Aunt and Uncle) • Gabrielle Giffords •
 Amy Greyson (friend of Susan Block) • Celia Hahn • Ray Lacey • Dennis Lewis •
 Paul Long (brother of Elizabeth Long) • Janet McGregor • Winnie Mosher • Randell Prothro •
 Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins • Carroll Russell Sherer (Peter's mom) • Elin Whitney-Smith • Vicki Street •
 Kathy Tatko • Ron Young

Those of our Parish serving in the military: Clint Billings (son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner),
 George Brown (son of Margaret Brown),
 August Dannenmaier (son of Chris Dannenmaier and nephew of Bill & Molly Dannenmaier),
 Jason Earnest (son of Erika Bugge and grandson of Paul Bugge and Lynda Smith Bugge),
 Karen Gangloff (daughter of Don Gangloff and Linda Huntington),
 Christian Schmidle (son of Robert and Pamela Schmidle, fiancé of Jen Salerno)

Military Service Deaths

Sgt. Adam D. Craig, 23, of Cherokee, IA
 Sgt. Kevin W. White, 22, of Westfield, NY
 Spc. Riley S. Spaulding, 21, of Sheridan, TX

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring • Good Shepherd Episcopal Preschool, Silver Spring
 St. Dunstan's Church, Bethesda

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for - Northern Argentina

This Week at St. Mark's as of 5/18/1 at 9:30am	
Sunday, May 22 –Banner Sunday	
9:00am - 9:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Music Studio)
9:15am - 9:45am	Chancel Choir Warm-up (Nave)
9:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Care (Nursery)
10:00am –11:00am	Holy Eucharist Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; Rev. Susan Flanders, Co-Presiding
11:15pm - 12:00pm	Sermon Seminar (Nave)
12:15pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch In honor of Jan Hoffman (Parish Hall)
3:00pm - 7:00pm	Players Education Program: Chicago (Library)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, May 23	
10:15am –7:30pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga (Adams Room) Insight Meditation Group (Adams Room) Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room)
Tuesday, May 24	
12:15pm – 1:15pm 4:00pm - 8:45pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Studio Rehearsal (Nave) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Cancer Support Group (Library)
Wednesday, May 25	
10:30am –11:00am 11:00am - 1:00pm 11:30am - 7:30pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm	Organ Rehearsal (Nave) Wednesday Bible Study (Off-site) Dance Studio Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room)
Thursday, May 26	
7:00am - 8:30am 12:00pm -12:30pm 4:00pm - 8:30pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm 6:30pm - 8:30pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave) Noon Eucharist (Nave) Dance Studio Rehearsal (Nave, Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Thursday Bible Study (Penniman Room) Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
Friday, May 27	
7:00am – 8:00am 5:00pm – 7:30pm 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)
Saturday, May 28	
8:30am - 6:00pm 10:00am –12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Dance Studio Rehearsal (Nave, Dance Studio) Yoga (Adams Room) AA Meeting (Adams Room)
Sunday, May 29	
8:45am - 12:30pm 9:00am – 10:00am 9:00am - 10:00am 9:45am - 10:45am 10:00am -10:50am 11:00am - 11:30am 11:15am -12:30pm 12:45pm - 1:30pm 12:45pm - 2:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm	Nursery Care (Nursery) Holy EUCHARIST , Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding Children's Chapel (Adams Room) Susan Flanders, Leading Sunday School (Classrooms) Sermon Seminar (Nave) David Deutsch, Preaching Girls and Boys Choir (Music Studio) HOLY EUCHARIST , Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; David Deutsch, Preaching Girls and Boys Choir (Music Studio) Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) Yoga (Dance Studio) Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

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Rick Rutherford

Maureen Shea

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Verger

David Deutsch

Acolytes

Henry Burneson, Alyssa Stanford and Ian Patzman-Rivard

Altar Guild

Sherrill Taylor and Karen Falk

Lay Servers

Josh Abramowitz, Chase Ammon, Teddy Ammon and Corey Loevinger

Bread & Wine

Jan and Don Lipscomb "In honor of Jan Hoffman on her birthday"