



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.

THEME FOR HOLY WEEK

FINDING LOVE THROUGH HUMILITY

8:45 AM AND 11:15 AM

**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND PROCESSION
(GARDEN)**

**PERFORMANCE OF A PASSION DRAMA
THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Co-Presider (8:45)

The Reverend William Flanders

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) Hymnals are located & stored in the rack under the **front** of your chair.

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 the gifts of God and community in our historic church. Worship is in the round, and you are invited to sit anywhere in the Nave. Bulletin boards, restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway, and the Parish Hall is just beyond. If you have questions, we invite you to introduce yourself to the Vestry Greeter at the end of the service. Please ask the Greeter for a Newcomer form if you don't receive one during the service, so we can learn more about you and welcome you to St. Mark's.

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).

In Grateful Recognition: The plain wooden cross over the altar platform is the work of and a gift from Bill Dannenmaier. The woodblock prints of The Stations of the Cross which are hanging in the Nave throughout Lent were created by and given to St. Mark's by Tracy Council.

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Passing the Peace is exuberant at St. Mark's and many hug freely! We invite you to join in or feel free to simply shake hands as many parishioners do – you will not be alone!

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.

NEWCOMER GATHERINGS occur throughout the year. Read the announcements to learn when the next *Intro to St. Mark's*, *Newcomer's Potluck*, or *Life, Community and Faith (LCF)* class is scheduled.

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).

****Pastoral Note:** There will be no Sermon Seminar today, as there would not be time for responses.

The Liturgy of the Palms

(In the Courtyard)

✠ *Portions of the liturgy omitted at the 8:45am service*

The Blessing of the Palms

Presider Blessed is One who comes in the name of God

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider Let us pray.

All Assist us mercifully with your help, O God, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples neared Jerusalem, reaching Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We praise you, O God, for the acts of love by which you redeem us through Jesus Christ. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, with shouts of "Hosanna!" from those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

All Amen.

Presider Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest.

The palms are distributed.

The Procession

Presider Let us go forth in peace
People in the name of Christ. Amen.

All process into the Nave, following the Choir, singing:

Hymn 154 All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain
1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

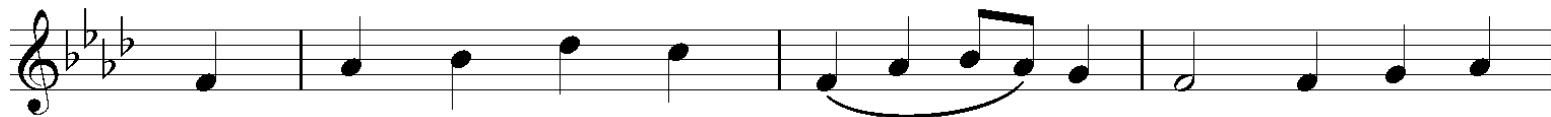
The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

The Station Collect

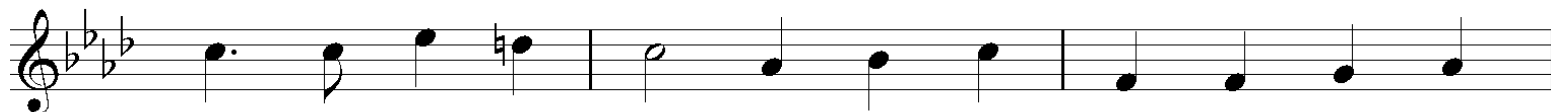
Presider Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 156 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

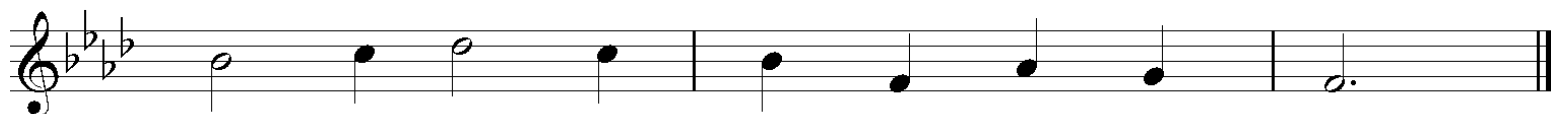
The King's Majesty



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Sentences Psalm 118:1-2, 20, 26

From the St. Helena Psalter

Presider Give thanks to God, who is good;

People God's mercy endures forever.

Presider Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;

People we bless you from the house of God.

Presider Open for me the gates of righteousness;

People I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.

Presider This is the gate of the Holy One;

People those who are righteous may enter.

The Collect for the Sunday of the Passion

Presider Let us pray,

O God: we bring to you the whole of our humanity, our power and our brokenness. In gratitude for your tender love for us in sending Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature and to suffer death upon the cross, thereby giving us an example of great humility: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of his cross, also may share in his resurrection. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 50:4-9a *Read by David Willson (8:45), Andrew Stafford (11:15)*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

People Thanks be to God.

✠**Epistle** Philippians 2:5-11

Read by Terry Adlhock (11:15)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated.

The Passion Narrative Matthew 27:11-54

Directed by Rick Hayes.

*Acted by Jackie Boddie, Grady Hedgespeth,
Fairfield Butt, Heather Powers, Margaret Wood, Jessie Babcock*

*The people read **bold print**.*

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

People Glory to thee, O Lord

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you,

Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "**Barabbas.**" Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "**Let him be crucified!**" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**Let him be crucified!**"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "**His blood be on us and on our children!**" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull).

The people stand.

They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to thee, O Lord

✠ **Sermon** *"My God, why?"*

The Rector

Prayers of the People

Written by Randy Marks

Read by Randy Marks (8:45) Doris Burton (11:15)

Leader God of mystery and compassion, we pray for your grace.
We celebrate this week 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 week 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 week 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 week 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 week 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

Bill Dickinson (8:45)

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Ride On

Words: Henry Milman
Music: Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Chancel Choir

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry, thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed. In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son. In lowly pomp ride on to die, bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

The people stand

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Presider It is right indeed, holy God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise. You are the source of all life; through your eternal Word you create all things from the beginning and form 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:

Missa brevis leaenae volitili: sanctus

Frances Thompson McKay

♩ = 120

cue: *high bells*

wind and bells Sanc - tus, Sanc - tus,

Sanc - tus, Do - mi-num De - us Sa - ba - oth.

bells

Ple - ni — sunt coe - li et ter - ra. Glo - ri - a Glo — ri - a Glo - ri - a — tu - a.

50"

whales

Ho - san na Ho - san - na Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Be - ne - dic - tus — qui

ve - nit in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. — Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis —

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!**

Co-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

Missa brevis leaenae volitili: agnus dei

Frances Thompson McKay

$\text{♩} = 90$ **3** *rhythm may be very fluid (in the style of chant)*

rising wind and waves

3 *bell cue* Ag - nus De - i _____ qui tol - lis _ pec - ca - ta mun - di,

mi - se - re - re _ no - bis. _____ *bell cue* Ag - nus De - i _____ qui

tol - lis _ pec - ca - ta mun - di, _____ mi - se - re - re _ no - bis. _____

bell cue Ag - nus De - i, do _ na _ no - bis

Sing "pacem" for an unspecified number of times, in any rhythm on A and G until sound fades (c. 15") **10**

pa - - - cem, pa - cem, pa - cem. _____ *Bells begin to ring on a5 and g4.* **10**

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

Anthem: Solus Ad Victimam

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142)
Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Chancel Choir

*Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture from our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
That very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.*

LEVAS 36 O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

David Hurd

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, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. 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. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 435 At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Blessing

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.

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

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Presider May we walk humbly to seek and show God's love.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Sermon Seminar

The Epistle Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon *My God, why?*

Read by Henry Wolfinger

The Rector

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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.

VISION 2020 -- BOLDLY ENGAGING IN OUR FUTURE

The Vision 2020 Steering Committee is continuing to move forward with the critical next steps toward our capital campaign project of renovating and expanding the Parish Hall. In addition to selecting Bonstra | Haresign Architects to design the final plans, we have also hired E&G Group to be our "owner's representative" and project manager. E&G Group is based in McLean, Virginia, but our primary consultant, Alex Berley, is a Capitol Hill resident. Alex and his E&G colleagues have particular expertise in helping non-profit organizations manage complicated projects and seeing them to an on-budget, on-schedule completion. They will help us negotiate virtually every aspect of the project from signing the contract with the architect, to securing the necessary permits, to helping us manage contractors, all the way through to when we open the doors to our new space in (hopefully!) 2012. In the coming months, our consultants will be re-evaluating our space, beginning discussions with the city and the various boards that need to sign off on our project, and producing more detailed plans for renovation of the Parish Hall. Our goal remains to begin fundraising this fall, with construction to start in 2012. We will continue to keep the community informed as we begin this next phase of the project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Steering Committee: Kenn Allen, Mike Townsend, Paul Abernathy, Doris Burton, Ed Corr, Linda Ewald, Jane Rutherford and John Sedgewick.

1. **FROM THE RECTOR:** Due to the annual parish weekend retreat at Shrine Mont, June 10-12, the baptism date scheduled for the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 12, is moved to the following week, **Trinity Sunday, June 19**. In the current spring Baptism Class, all couples in attendance are planning to present their children for baptism on Sunday, May 1. Hence, I hope the aforementioned change in schedule does not inconvenience anyone whose intentions regarding baptism have not yet been made known.
2. **THE ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE** has whittled a list of 42 applicants to a smaller number with whom we are conducting telephone interviews, all toward discerning the 4-5 candidates we wish to invite to join us (to meet our entire committee, the Wardens and Vestry, our Parish Officers, staff, and Paul) over a Saturday and Sunday in the coming weeks. It is our hope to extend a call by late June, anticipating the arrival of our new Assistant or Associate Rector, at the latest, during July.

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** – For children ages 3 through 5th grades, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes are located downstairs in the Undercroft of the church. Middle School meets in the Adams Room and high school students will continue to meet in Baxter House at 118 3rd St., SE. Please note that Sunday School will meet TODAY, Palm Sunday, but will NOT meet on **Easter Sunday, April 24th**. There will one service on Banner Sunday, May 22nd, which marks the end of the Sunday School year.

4. **"NUTS and BOLTS": CHRISTIAN ED TRAINING** – Interested in teaching a functionally led Adult Class or Middle School or High School in the future? Then this class is for you. Please join Marilu Sherer and Bruce Sherman in the Adam's Room on **May 4th, 11th and 18th** at 7:30 to learn more about Functional Christian Education. Attendees will learn how to plan classes and the training promises to be informative, hands-on, and fun. Please contact any of the Christian Ed Co-Directors, Will Long, will.long@comcast.net, Bobbi Smith, bsmith@thyroid.org, Penny Farley, p3farley@verizon.net, or Katherine Loevinger, k.loevinger@yahoo.com, for more information. A sign-up sheet is in the hall.

Gateway Class

5. **WHAT'S AN EPISCOPALIAN? TRADITION, LITURGY & THEOLOGY** - This class is designed to follow Life, Community and Faith, as a preparation for the Rite of Confirmation in the Episcopal Church. It provides a lens through which class members examine the promises and commitments involved in being a confirmed communicant in the Episcopal Church. The class covers the history and traditions of the Episcopal Church as well as key elements of our worship and experience. Paul Abernathy will lead this class over four Sundays, **May 1, 8, 22 and 29** from 2 - 4 pm in the Adams Room. Please contact Paul directly with any questions and to register at Paul.Abernathy@stmarks.net. *Cost: \$30 (a contribution to the Christian Ed program including scholarships and Sunday School).*

Spring Adult Classes

Spring Adult Class

6. **TURNING DOWN THE CHATTER, TUNING INTO PEACE** – In this short Penniman course, of two evenings and a weekend away, we will explore our strategies for finding inner peace, what serves us and what may get in the way. We will seek a greater understanding of what pulls us toward more stimulation and activity and more meaningful participation in life and how that sometimes turns into more than we bargained for. Where does a peaceful existence happen? How can our functional education discipline help us get there? Classes will be held on **May 3rd and 10th** from 7:30-9:30 in the Adams Room with the **May 6-8** weekend away at Dupont House in Rehoboth, DE. Please contact your teaching team with any questions or to register, Jeff Kincheloe kinchel@yahoo.com; Jane Rutherford jrutherford@dcaccess.net; Tom Wickenden twickenden@msn.com; and Linda Ewald LLERBE@aol.com. A sign-up sheet is also on the bulletin board. *Cost: \$275 for meals and lodging during the weekend.*

7. **BEYOND THE FRAME** - "What Makes Us Smile?" - Mel Brooks said: "Humor is but another weapon against the universe." Tickling this universal and compelling subject, the current exhibit at the American Visionary Arts Museum (AVAM) in Baltimore offers a delightful vehicle for humor. Lynda Smith-Bugge and Stewart Andrews will lead this program designed to explore the hilarious aspects of our human nature. We will travel to AVAM on Saturday morning, **May 7th** to tour the exhibit, followed by lunch and lively discussion on site. Families and children are encouraged to participate. Carpooling is encouraged. Questions? Please contact Lynda at Lynda@SculptureForTheSoul.com or Stewart at noodlebox@verizon.net . *Cost: \$30 for adults, no cost for kids under 16 (will cover museum entrance costs and Christian Ed program expenses.)*

Summer Offering:

8. **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.

Outreach

9. **THANK YOU!** - for the **24** casseroles we received yesterday for the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (UMC)! 4 of the casseroles were delivered to our Parish Hall between 5-6 P.M. The staff at UMC were most grateful for our donations (they were serving their weekly lunch to the needy when we made our delivery).

10. **SPECIAL THANKS** also to our 7 sandwich-making volunteers: Edna Boone; Susana Gomez; Michele Rivard; Ian Patzman-Rivard (age 8); Niels Mitchell (age 10); Noah Mitchell (age 8); and Daniel Herman (age 12). who greatly assisted Co-Managers Jim Shelar and Jack Richards. The session was completed in 35 minutes! 225 bagged sandwiches (14 large trays) sandwiches) were delivered afterwards to the Church of the Brethren, who will resume feeding the needy today!

11. **SUPPORT FOR THE HOLY LAND.** On **Maundy Thursday, April 21**, St. Mark's will join Episcopal Churches nationwide that for 89 years have made a special offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem during Holy Week. The "Good Friday Offering" raises funds for Episcopal/Anglican institutions in the Holy Land. These include hospitals, schools, and day care centers that serve all people, regardless of faith. The offering is especially significant this year, given the turmoil in the Middle East and our Diocesan companion relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem. Cash and checks (made out to DFMS, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society with "Good Friday Offering" in the memo line) will be collected at our Maundy Thursday dinner by the Middle East Working Group. For further information, please go to: <http://www.edow.org/ministries/overseas/jerusalem>.

Music

12. **SINGERS NEEDED: ALL VOICE PARTS** Consider joining the St. Mark's Chancel Choir. Rehearsals take place in the Nave every **Thursday** from 7:30-9:30 pm. The ability to read music is helpful but not required. For this and all other music-related announcements, please contact Director of Music Jeff Kempeskie for more information.

13. **NEW BOYS & GIRLS CHOIR REHEARSAL TIME** In an effort to increase participation in the Boys & Girls Choir, Nadine Hathaway has offered to lead rehearsals every **Sunday** from 11:00 to 11:30 am in the Music Studio downstairs. Open to all children in grades 1-8. No prior experience necessary.

Parish Life

14. **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, April 25**, at 7:30 PM in the Penniman Room. Feel free to contact the group leaders: Suella Henn, swhenn@mac.com, phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, marymwelker@aol.com, 202-387-4083.

15. **ST. MARK'S READING GROUP:** Monday, **May 2** we will meet in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30 to discuss *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. On **June 6**, we will discuss *I See You Everywhere* by Julia Glass. For more information, contact Linda Ewald at lherbe@aol.com.

16. **NEWS FROM THE CAREGIVERS:** St Mark's now has 8 laypeople who are authorized to bring **communion** to parishioners in their homes or in the hospital. Susan Pinkerton trained them before she left to assist Paul during this time when he is without an associate. If you need this service and Paul is not available, please call Linda Ewald, John Barton, Fairfield Butt, Suella Henn, Randy Marks, Cecilia Monahan,

Christine Powell or Gary Sloan to make arrangements.

17. **SERVICE TO HONOR CAREGIVERS.** On **May 2**, there will be a **service of worship at the Cathedral at noon** to honor the senior caregivers in all the churches in the Diocese. We will especially honor **Nancy Karpeles** whose **ministry of baking** is such a wonderful gift to our parish. Nancy has also been a faithful friend to Mary Lacey Nohrden and often brings her to church. Come join us to honor Nancy! Lunch will be provided after the service.

18. **THIRD AGERS' Spring Potluck Luncheon & Program** will be held on Saturday **May 7, 2011** in the Parish Hall from 10:30-2:30. Speakers from Seabury Care Ministries will talk about "Aging Safely at Home." Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish for 8+. Contacts: Gretchen Willson: 202-362-4417, willsongretchen@yahoo.com; Tiiu Kera: 202-547-8295, t.kera@verizon.net; or Mimi Chesslin: 202-544-0748, mchesslin@yahoo.com.

19. **WOMAN TO WOMAN.** The last W2W event of the year will be on **Saturday, May 14** from 6-8pm at the lovely home of Marlane Liddell at 1118 East Capitol St., NE.

Worship & Meditation

20. **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.

21. **WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm Insight Meditation in the Nave

Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30am Insight Meditation in the Nave

Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

22. **SIGN-UP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER - April 21, 2011.** Together we honor the tradition of Jesus with his disciples at Passover dinner. Please RSVP to ensure a place for all who wish to attend, in Parish Hall after 9:00 or 11:15 am services, or after 5 p.m. service at social hour. Contact Jan Lipscomb at deljan26@cox.net –or- Charmian Crawford at chiasings@verizon.net

23. **RECYCLING PALMS.** This year, the altar guild will be recycling leftover palms for use as ashes for next Ash Wednesday. After Palm Sunday services, you are invited to place any palms you do not wish to keep in a box by the nave exits. Boxes will be clearly labeled.

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*

24. **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AT 9.00 AM** – This short service for young children continues in the Adams Room during the Liturgy of the Word upstairs. Songs, drawn prayers, and a confession ritual are part of this hands-on, kid-friendly gathering, led this week by Susan Flanders. The group rejoins the service in the Nave at the Peace. Questions or concerns? Please contact Susan Flanders, susanflanders@earthlink.net.

25. **NO YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS TODAY** - The youth confirmation course will take a break this week and next for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will meet again on **May 1** in the Adams Room from 11:20 – 1:30 for our final class.

26. **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE** – Regular Sunday school classes will be held **Today**; however, there will be no Sunday School on Easter morning.

27. **WHAT'S IN THE FOYER?** – Children decorated paper butterflies and wrapped them in chrysalis (toilet paper rolls) that you now see hanging from the light fixtures in the foyer. On Easter morning the rolls will be removed and the butterflies revealed, symbolizing change, transformation, and joy this Lent and Easter season. Questions? Please contact Edna Boone at edna62@juno.com.

28. **EASTER EGG HUNT** - Following the 8.45 AM service on Easter Sunday (April 24) there will be an Easter egg hunt for children in the church gardens (ages 4 and younger in 3rd Street Garden; ages 5 and up in Courtyard). We're looking forward to this fun tradition...if you plan to participate, please contribute:

- 12 eggs (either plastic eggs containing candy or hard-boiled/decorated ones) which can be dropped off in the Parish Hall before the service
- Something in which to collect eggs (e.g. a basket)

We are looking for volunteers to help hide eggs near the conclusion of the service, and to monitor the two hunting locations. Please let Megan know if you are able to help.

29. **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) is listed below. Dates and locations are:

- Sat. 5/7/11 St. Thomas', Croom (Region 6) 9:30 am – 12:30pm
- 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

Online registration is required and is available at www.edow.org/prevention.



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

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. 1st Class Ofren Arrechaga, 28, of Hialeah, FL • Staff Sgt. Frank E. Adamski III, 26, of Moosup, CT
 Spc. Jameson L. Lindskog, 23, of Pleasanton, CA • Pvt. Jeremy P. Faulkner, 23, of Griffin, GA
 Spc. Dennis C. Poulin, 26, of Cumberland, RI

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish,
 St. George's Church, Valley Lee (William and Mary Parish),
 St. George's Church, Washington,

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for Nagpur - (North India)



This Week at St. Mark's as of 4/13/11 at 9:30am

Sunday, April 17- Passion/Palm Sunday

8:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Care (Nursery)
8:45am - 10:00am	HOLY EUCHARIST , Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding
9:00am - 10:00am	Children's Chapel (Adams Room) led by Jude Harmon
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
10:00am - 10:50am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy; Preaching
10:00am - 12:00pm	Baptism Class (Library)
11:00am - 11:30am	Boys and Girls Choir (Music Studio)
11:15am - 12:30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST , Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching
12:45pm - 1:30pm	Boys and Girl's Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
1:15pm - 4:00pm	Vestry Meeting (Adams Room)
4:00pm - 7:00pm	Players WATCH Board Meeting (Parish Hall)
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)
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Light Hanging (Nave)

Monday, April 18

10:15am –7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	God's Creation – Our Devastation (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 19

12:15pm – 1:15pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
4:00pm - 8:45pm	Dance Studio Classes (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Capital Campaign Steering Committee (Gregory Room)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Cancer Support Group (Library)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Necessary Losses, Love and Death (Adams Room)
8:00pm -10:00pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, April 20

10:30am –11:00am	Organ Rehearsal (Nave)
11:00am - 1:00pm	Wednesday Bible Study (Adams Room)
11:30am - 7:30pm	Dance Studio Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
6:30pm - 9:45pm	Women's Investment Network (Parish Hall)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Outreach Board Meeting (Gregory Room)
7:30pm -10:00pm	Players Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday

7:00am - 8:00am	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
12:00pm -12:30pm	Noon Eucharist (Nave)
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Prep for Maundy Thursday Service (Nave, Parish Hall)
4:00pm - 8:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
5:30pm - 6:00pm	Foot Washing Service (Chapel)
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
6:30pm - 7:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
7:15pm - 8:15pm	Agape Supper (Nave)
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
8:15pm - 9:30pm	Holy Eucharist and Tenebrae (Nave)

Friday, April 22 - Good Friday

7:00am – 8:00am	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
8:00am - 2:00pm	Easter Greening Prep (Nave, Parish Hall)
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Good Friday Liturgy (Nave)
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Nave)
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Office Closed
5:00pm – 7:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Saturday, April 23 – Holy Saturday/Easter Eve

8:30am - 6:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
8:00am - 6:00pm	Easter Greening (Nave, Parish Hall)
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Easter Saturday Liturgy (Nave)
10:00am –12:00pm	Yoga (Adams Room)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Easter Vigil (Nave)

Sunday, April 24 –Easter Sunday

8:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Care (Nursery)
8:45am – 10:00am	HOLY EUCHARIST , Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching; Rev. Susan Flanders, Co-Presiding
9:00am - 10:00am	Children’s Chapel (Adams Room) led by Rev. Susan Flanders and Doris Burton
10:00am – 10:30am	Easter Egg Hunt (meet in Parish Hall, 3 rd St Garden and Courtyard)
11:15am -12:30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST , Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
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)

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Rick Rutherford

Maureen Shea

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Verger

Burton Reist

Acolytes

(8:45) Stephanie Deutsch (11:15)

Altar Guild

Marcia Knutson, Gretchen Willson (8:45)

Anne Headley, Jane Miller (11:15)

Beadles

Jack Burton, Charlie Donnelly, Mary and Burt Cooper(11:15)

Lay Servers

Nat White, Randy Marks, Donna Sebino, Bill Dickinson(8:45)

Vena Darling, Linda Ewald, Karlyn Stanley, Bill Porter (11:15)

Bread & Wine

Julie Murphy and Family (8:45)

Brock and Penny Hansen (11:15)

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Maundy Thursday, April 21

- 5.30 PM: Footwashing (Chapel)
 - 6.00 PM: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
 - 7.15 PM: Agape Supper (Nave)
 - 8.15 PM: Holy Eucharist & Tenebrae (Nave)
- Presider & Homilist: Paul

Good Friday, April 22

- 12.00 NOON: Good Friday Liturgy (Nave); Homilist: Paul
- 1.30 PM: Stations of the Cross (Nave)

Holy Saturday, April 23

- 12.00 NOON: Holy Saturday Liturgy (Nave), Homilist: Paul

Easter Eve, April 23

- 8.00 PM: 6th Annual Joint* Capitol Hill Easter Vigil Service
- *Site: St. Mark's

Participating Congregations: Capitol Hill Presbyterian, Christ Episcopal, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, and St. Mark's.

Easter Day – The Sunday of the Resurrection, April 24

- 8.45 & 11.15 AM: Festival Holy Eucharist (incense at 11.15)
- Presider & Preacher: Paul;

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Church Garden)

5:00 PM Contemplative Eucharist