



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider & Homilist
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.
Hearing – The T-Coil system can be accessed by using a hearing aid with a T-setting, or by using one of our headsets. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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The Parish Calendar is Online at www.stmarks.net/calendar/month.

Restrooms and water fountains are available in the foyer and on the lower level.

Lost & Found is managed by our Parish Administrator. Please contact James (202-543-0053, ext. 306) to see if your item has been found or to turn in an item you've found.

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FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Attendance:	226
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$12,922.51

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THE BROKEN MIRROR CROSS, which hangs above the altar in Lent, an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives, was designed and made by Joya Cox.

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 Councill.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months</i>)
9:00 am	Children's Chapel (<i>not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am</i>)
10:00 am	Sermon Seminar
11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist

We formally begin the worship service with the Prelude, a musical offering designed to bring us together for worship that allows for quiet reflection before the service begins. Please respect this time by refraining from conversations in the Nave as much as possible. While greeting each other is important, we ask that you do so outside the Nave or near the doors so that others can have quiet time.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed is the One who inhabits eternity.
People Whose Name we praise from generation to generation.
Presider Come to us this day, O God.
People Come to us.
Presider Speak to us this day, O God.
People Speak to us your truth.
Presider Dwell with us this day, O God.
People Dwell with us in love
Presider People of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast.
People Amen.

Kyrie

Presider Lord, have mercy.
People Lord, have mercy.
Presider Christ, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Presider Lord, have mercy.
People Lord, have mercy.

A period of silence is observed.

The Collect

Presider My companions in faith, God is with you.
People And also with you
Presider Let us pray.
People God of dispossession, you rebuke our refusal to give up our idols, separate and safe: send us with Jesus on the way of the cross, that we might lose our love of death and take the risk of life, through Jesus Christ, the new covenant. Amen.

The Epistle Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is observed.

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Music for Meditation

An Affirmation

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

People I have the courage to enter this room and call it a cell.
Folding myself and putting myself away.
For my whole life, I will be an amateur,
but an amateur striving

I enter this room and call it vigilance,
making my ego the threadbare rug I walk on.
I hold the fane of my folded hands,
before my quiet face.

I have the courage to enter this room and be alone with dialogue.
I take the name of silence and let it speak,
coming from always, going away everywhere and nowhere.

I take everything I have been.
I take everything I can become.
I freely enter this room as the threshold of spirit,
staying vigilant through each midnight hour and learning
the language of the stars that are both absent and present.

Every person I meet will be God.
Every one of my exhalations will become the name of God.
I take the name of God and breathe it in,
until each dying breath breathes God.

A period of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Leader O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Mayors of this region, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness.

People In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying,
Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it the unity which is your will.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world and to make disciples of all the nations.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Enlighten your bishops, priests, and deacons with knowledge and

understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees and all who are in trouble.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with "This is my prayer" to which all will respond, "Amen".

Confession of Sin

Presider As we draw near to the place of atonement:
Give us tears to see the wonder of your presence;
Give us tears to see the wasting of your people,
Give us tears to see the wounding of your son.

A period of silence is observed.

All **We are the people who helped make the wood on which you were crucified, and still we misuse your creation; We are the people that helped make the nails that pierced your body, yet still we use work for gain at others' expense; We are the people that did nothing to stop your betrayers, yet still are ruled by comfort or cowardice.**

Absolution

Presider O soul be joyful. The saving God stretches God's blessing to you, to announce a loving reconciliation. Washed and whole, let us open our hearts to God in worship.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of God is here ... to stay.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

Welcome

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

Clergy Greeting

Electronic Offering

Text "stmarks20003" to 73256 to give to St. Mark's using text messaging. Your contribution will automatically go to the "Church General Fund" unless you choose a different category in the box below the dollar amount.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider This is the table, not of the Church but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So, come. You who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God should meet God here.

People **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.**

Presider Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began. On the night Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples. While they were eating, he took a piece of bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the words, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later on he took a cup of wine, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Drink from it, all of you to remember me."

So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special.

Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you promised. What have we to offer?

People **Our hands are empty,
Our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.
But with you is mercy
And the power to change us.**

Presider So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

All **Amen!**

Presider And now, let us pray:

People **Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider We recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all. Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,

People **All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!**

The Communion

Please gather around the altar. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

Music During Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People **Jesus, You have put your life into our hands, now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us so we may go forth into the world, a people restored and enabled to do the work you have given us to do. In God's name we pray. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider On our hearts and our homes, the blessing of God.
In our coming and going, the peace of God.
In our life and believing, the love of God.
At our end and new beginning,
The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve God

People **Thanks be to the Holy one.**

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Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we frequently change the liturgy (the language we use during our worship service). Our goal is to use language that reflects our common effort to put into words our relationship with God. In order to keep the liturgy truly alive and life giving, we need your input. Please feel free to contact the clergy at any time to discuss the liturgy and how the words we say affect you.

Liturgy Source

Opening Acclamation: Nettleton (adapted). Collect: BCP. Affirmation: Inspired by *Instructions to the Monastic or the Pilgrim* by Nicholas Samaras, Adapted by Andrew Arakawa. Lord's Prayer: New Zealand Prayer Book. Eucharistic Prayer, Post Communion Prayer, Blessing, Wee Worship Book from the Iona Community.

Liturgical Leadership

Verger

Jennifer Cate

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Following the service, please join us for Holy Happy Hour at which we share conversation, food and drink.

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Announcements, not to exceed 150 words, are to be submitted to bulletin@stmarks.net by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

St. David's Church, DC
Chapel of the Episcopal Center for Children
Rosemont Center

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Most Revd Sturdie Downs Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bill Babcock • Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter)
J. Richard Brown • Jack Burton • Willie Clifford Jr.
Tony Cogswell (brother-in-law of Ruth Roman) • Joya Cox • Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece)
David & Michael Glaze • Joyce Gutson • Dave Haglund • Brock Hansen
Michael Henely • Olga Juarez Jose (Mary Ellison's partner) • Debbie Keysor
Alice Kistler (Kathryn Powers' sister) • Elizabeth Long
Lina Marks (Randy Marks' mother) • Lila Marks • Nat Marks • Barbara Nelson • Lilly March
Pamela Burton Moore (Jack Burton's daughter) • Ann-Mari Pierotti (Joan Pierotti's daughter)
Kristin Proctor (Student of Rosie Brooks) • Randell Prothro • Bill Rau • Carol Roman
Rosalie Ryan • Gardner Van Scoyoc • Andrew Stafford • Arnold Taylor • Mary Welker

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THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Vincent Alcazar (Parishioner) • Burr Barton (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Clint Billings (son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner)
P. J. Boehm (brother of Rachel Boehm) • Preston Brooks (Parishioner)
Todd Daniels (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Stephen Dannenmaier (brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier)
Jason Earnest (grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge) • Benjamin Keltz (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Kurt Hansen (nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen)
Joshua Russo, husband of Claire Russo • Weston Zarek (son of Tom Zarek)

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Bill Rau
Benjamin Martin (husband of Liz Layton)
Lilly March



Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, office directory, and information about upcoming events and classes at St. Mark's.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

Go in peace and return often!

After completing, please remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

I attended: _____ 9 am Holy Eucharist
 _____ 10 am Sermon Seminar
 _____ 11:15 am Holy Eucharist
 _____ 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist
 _____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

Name _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Worship
- _____ Baptism (child, adult)
- _____ Getting married at St. Mark's
- _____ Music (choir, lessons)
- _____ Children/youth classes & programs
- _____ Adult classes
- _____ Senior programs/activities
- _____ Outreach/community service
- _____ Environmental issues
- _____ Yoga classes
- _____ Dance classes
- _____ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson? _____ Yes _____ No

Newcomers! Join us the first Sunday of each month in Baxter Hall on the main level from 10:45 to 11:15.

You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly Gospel e-newsletter at www.stmarks.net/contact-us/. If you'd like to join the St. Mark's Yahoo group, please contact George Meng at gem@menqlaw.com and ask to be added.