



**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
✠
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 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 30, 2018**

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

**Presider & Homilist
The Reverend Scott Lipscomb**

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.

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill



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

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.

September 23, 2018

Attendance:	249
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$12,315.91

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 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.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (*Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months*)

9:00 am Children's Chapel (*not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am*)

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 SENTENCES

O Creator God, as we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of welcome, your people are called to be distinct not by width of separation but depth of hospitality and peace within our lives: root out our resentment and free us to welcome all who work for life and liberation, whatever path they tread; through Jesus Christ, the companion of many ways. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

THE EPISTLE James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God!

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

The Gospel of Jesus according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

A MODERN AFFIRMATION

We believe in God the Source, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all creation, and whose will is ever directed to the good of God’s children.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Source’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Grant us patience, O Lord, to follow the road you have taken. Let our confidence not rest in our own understanding but in your guiding hand; let our desires not be for our own comfort, but for the joy of your kingdom; for you are our hope and our joy now and unto the day of eternity.

Lead us in your way.

Holy God, your knowledge of us exceeds what we grasp or see in any moment; you know us better than we know ourselves. Now, help us to trust in your mercy, to see ourselves in the light of your holiness and to be present to you and to our fellow travelers.

Lead us in your way.

Jesus, who journeyed with the disciples on the road to Emmaus: Be with us on the way, that we may know you in the scriptures, in the breaking of bread, and in the hearts of all whom we meet.

Lead us in your way.

O God, it is by your gift that evening follows day and that rest restores us after labor, while we rejoice to receive these blessings, make us mindful that they come from your gracious hand.

Lead us in your way.

Yours, Holy One, is the day; yours also is the night; grant that the Sun of Righteousness may abide always in our hearts, to drive away all wicked thoughts and to relieve our fears, that we may always know the light of Jesus' presence.

Lead us in your way.

We give thanks, O God, for all that is good. We seek your peace in our homes and in the world this day.

Lead us in your way.

*The people are invited to offer prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings,
either silently or aloud, at this time.*

Together let us pray:

O Lord support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening come, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

Mother eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

God forgives you; forgive yourself and go in peace.

Amen!

THE PEACE

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

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

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

GREETING

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Text "stmarks20003" to 73256 to give to St. Mark's using text messaging.

There may be a slight delay and then you will receive a reply text which will guide you through the initial set up.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is always present.

God is here, among us!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the living God.

Let us give thanks to our sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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!

Holy and gracious Mother: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Source of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast; Alleluia!

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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,

All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your

people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks out with compassion; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which God is to bless all people. And now, the blessing of the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity be with you this day and always.

Amen!

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Holy One!
Thanks be to God.



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.

Acknowledgements

The collect: Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*. The Creed: *United Methodist Hymnal*, adapted. Opening Sentences and Post-Communion Prayer: *Enriching Our Worship*, Volume 1; adapted by Scott Lipscomb. Prayers of the People: *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*, published by Forward Movement in 2013, Adapted. Peace, Eucharistic Prayer, and Dismissal: *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), adapted by Scott Lipscomb. Blessing: a quote often attributed to Teresa of Avila, true source unclear; adapted by Scott Lipscomb.

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger Isabelle Rastler-Cross



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

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Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan Jim Steed Peter Nye

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Francis' Church, Potomac
Pray for humane treatment of all of God's creatures,
especially companion, rescue and service animals

Anglican Communion

The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala

Parish Prayer List

Robin Blair • Jackie Boddie • Jay Bolton • Joseph Boone
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter) • J. Richard Brown • Jack Burton
Tony Cogswell (brother-in-law of Ruth Roman) • Joya Cox • Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece)
David Glaze • Joyce Gutson • Dave Haglund • Michael Henely • Olga Juarez Jose (Mary Ellison's
partner) • Alice Kistler (Kathryn Powers' sister) Sandy Lilly (mother-in-law of Madeleine Findley)
Frank Lloyd • Elizabeth Long • LaDonna Love (Clif Grandy's cousin)
Lina Marks (Randy Marks' mother) • Nat Marks (Randy Marks' son)
Taylor Emerson Marks (Randy Marks' niece) • Jim Meek • Barbara Nelson
Pamela Burton Moore (Jack Burton's daughter) • Ann-Mari Pierotti (Joan Pierotti's daughter)
Kristin Proctor (student of Rosie Brooks) • Randell Prothro • Jim Richards (Jack Richards' brother)
Carol Roman • Rosalie Ryan • Gardner Van Scoyoc • Cheryl Smith (Dick's Sister)
Andrew Stafford • Arnold Taylor • Fred Taylor (Sherrill Taylor's husband)
Linda Wade (Martha Huizenga's mother-in-law) • Mary Welker
John Willson (David Willson's brother) • Wes Foster • Ronald Miller

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) • Gregory DuBow (husband of Kristi James DuBow)
Stephen Dannenmaier (brother & 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)



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, and office directory.

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.)

On September 30, 2018

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

Zip Code _____

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 10:45 - 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@menglaw.com and ask to be added.