

**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 2nd SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

December 9, 2018

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Preacher

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

Presiders

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan & The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

Deacon

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caroline McReynolds-Adams

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

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



Childcare: the Nursery is open! Children up to age 3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, which will be the last room on your right.

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.

December 2, 2018

Attendance:	782
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$25,308.16

The Advent/Christmas Wreath, which was given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay, was hand-forged by Richard A. Martin, a metal sculpture in Alexandria, Virginia. This work is made of steel with solid-link chains and hammered drip pans, painted black and measuring three feet in diameter, with a cross hanging beneath the central candle



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

PRELUDE Prepare the Royal Highway

Bereden väg för Herran
arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

LIGHTING THE ALTAR AND WREATH CANDLES

The congregation is invited to observe silence as the wreath and altar candles are lit.

Kindle this flame

Trentham

Aaron Tucker, soloist

*Kindle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.
God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.
Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.*

OPENING HYMN 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

INSTALLATION OF THE ICON

*The icon will be processed to the rood screen
where it will be installed for the duration of the season of Advent.*

God, who calls us to struggle for justice and to prepare the way for your peaceful and loving Reign: We bless this icon of John the Baptist in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

May it indeed be a blessing to us, reminding us to seek you in each moment of our lives. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

**A voice cries out: In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Frank W. Boles

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff is marked 'Cantor' and 'All', with lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The second staff is marked 'Cantor' and has lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The third staff is marked 'All' and has lyrics 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The fourth staff is marked 'All' and has lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The fifth staff has lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes or whole notes.

COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Come, O Come Emmanuel. You are the way, the truth, and the life; you are the true vine and the bread of life. Come, living Savior, come to your world which waits for you. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

(11:15) *The people sit.*

(11:15) **THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE** Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

(11:15) *The people stand as able.*

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, as we enter this season of preparation and begin a new church year, we cry out from the wilderness of our confusion.

Jesus's limitless love and John's prophetic sight call us to find a path through the darkness that engulfs us. Inspire us to make your church a beacon of light in a dark and lonely world, that we may speak the truth of your love with boldness and courage. God, in our darkness,

Light our way.

John's voice crying in the wilderness calls us to build a society that cares for everyone. Inspire us and the leaders of this nation to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and John, to overturn the power that creates suffering, and to put to death the false saviors of anger and tribalism. God, in our darkness,

Light our way.

Elizabeth, pregnant with John, proclaimed the power of Jesus still in Mary's womb. Remind us to care for your creation, still pregnant with so many possibilities, and yet threatened by our negligence. God, in our darkness,

Light our way.

Mary's song calls us to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Instill in us the faith, courage, and wisdom to be your hands in this city, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and healing the sick. God, in our darkness,

Light our way.

In Mary's pregnant expectation, we find hope. Draw all those who have died closer to your peace and love, and comfort all who mourn for loved ones lost. God, in our darkness,

Light our way.

The people are invited to offer prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud, at this time. You may choose to conclude by saying, "this is my prayer," to which the congregation will respond: "Amen."

Together let us pray:

Creator, you give us light. Jesus our brother, you show us how to care for all. Holy Spirit, you give us the faith and power to work to create your kingdom. Using these gifts, let us shine forth your light and love in all we do.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Holy One, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.

God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away our sin: let us approach our God in peace.

LITURGY OF DEPARTURE

Andrew Arakawa, Seminarian

Andrew speaks from the Podium and then comes down to the central platform.

Andrew, during your time with us, where there has been hurt or sorrow, let it be forgiven. Where there has been growth and joy, let us be thankful. Now go in peace. Love and serve God. Be strong in the power of the Spirit.

Go in peace, Andrew.

Andrew The grace of Christ be with you all.

Our prayers will be with you wherever you go.

Andrew And mine with you.

THE PEACE

And so: may the peace of the Incarnate One be always with you!

And also with you.

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

WELCOME

(11:15) 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.*



INGATHERING OF PLEDGES

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) A Child's Advent Prayer

Words by Lucia Welch
Music by Randolph Currie

Boys & Girls Choir, Marcelo Martinez, director

*Let us lift our voices as we wait the coming Lord;
Let us lift our voices now and offer up a song.
Come, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts.
Come, Lord Jesus, for you our spirits long.*

*There will be a new Messiah, born a child and yet a king;
He will bring us joy and gladness; He will give us grace to sing:
Come, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts.
Come, Lord Jesus, make the darkness light.*

*Hope will have a new beginning and a bright new day!
Jesus, born of Mary, comes, as we prepare the way:
Come, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts;
Come, Lord Jesus, be born in us today!*

Chancel Choir

*“Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!” so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!
For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away!
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is present here.

God is always with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Holy One.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Frank W. Boles

Cantor *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of po-wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Cantor

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

All

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice:

Incarnate God, reveal yourself to us that we might reflect your loving light.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Mark, Elizabeth, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Please note that during the season of Advent, we will pray with the contemporary translation of the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Gerald R. Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Please gather, one group at a time, around the altar.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(9:00) Comfort, Comfort

Freu dich sehr, arr. John Ferguson

Chancel Choir

Lyrics on pg. 9

Chorale Prelude on 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come!

Hymn 64 O heavenly Word, eternal Light

O Heiland, reiss

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be God who calls us together,

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed in love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and you have filled them.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

THE BLESSING

Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now, the Blessing of the One, Holy, and undivided Trinity be with you this day and always.

Amen!

DISMISSAL

Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness, to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness.

May we carry your love out to the world!

POSTLUDE Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton, Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)



Sermon Seminar at 10:00 am

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
3. Can I make it short?
4. Will I later regret having said it?
5. Has anyone else said it?



The Advent Vestments and Hangings, made by Tracy Councill and Doris Burton, were a gift of the St. Mark's Arts Council in 2002. The design themes are from Isaiah. One chasuble, taken from the prophecies about a new Jerusalem, is intended to suggest anyone/everyone's journey as lit by the Star of Bethlehem. The other chasuble represents the Jesse Tree: a dead stump putting forth living branches that become a home for the spirit of God.

The chalice veil repeats the Jesse Tree image and incorporates the star/cross from the chasuble. The presider's stole introduces the theme of swords made into plowshares, here represented by a disused sword overtaken by morning glory vines, which symbolize love. The pulpit falls illustrate four images of the Peaceable Kingdom: a child playing around the adder's den; the lion and lamb together; swords turning into plowshares; and justice for all people.

Two stoles and the bread cover, woven by Doris Burton, are reminiscent of the homespun fabrics commonplace in the Holy Land. They include pink threads to acknowledge Advent III, Gaudete Sunday.

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Michael Knipe <i>9:00</i> Loretta Veney <i>11:15</i>
Altar Guild	Sherrill Taylor & Gretchen Willson <i>9:00</i> Jane Miller & Mary Cooper <i>11:15</i>
Vestry Greeters	Amber Macdonald <i>9:00</i> Stephanie Deutsch <i>11:15</i>
Newcomer Greeter	Christoph Berendes <i>9:00</i> TBD <i>11:15</i>
Lay Servers	Randy Marks, Nat White, & David Willson <i>9:00</i> Linda Ewald, Linda Huntington & Beryl Maloney-Lillaston <i>11:15</i>
Acolytes	Kellie Waye, crucifer; Liam Carroll, torcher <i>9:00</i> Doris Burton <i>11:15</i>
Ushers	Josie Jordan, Bill Jordan, Margie Ware <i>9:00</i> Stephanie Deutsch, Raiford Gaffney, Tucker Harris <i>11:15</i>
Bread & Wine	Bill Lee & Mary Freed, with Isabella & Nanelle <i>9:00</i> Mary Cooper <i>11:15</i>
Readers	Youth <i>9:00</i> Liz Layton, scripture; Linda Ewald, prayers <i>11:15</i>



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.

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Episcopal Church Women
United Thank Offering
International Human Rights Day (December 10)

Anglican Communion

(Canterbury, Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton

Parish Prayer List

Robin Blair • Joseph Boone • J. Richard Brown • Jack Burton • Tony Cogswell • Milan Das
Mary Ellison • David Glaze • Gideon Johnson • Bill Jones • Lina Marks • Nat Marks
Taylor Emerson Marks • Jim Meek • Rick Rutherford • Carol Roman • Chryl Smith • Linda Wade

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) • Micheal Boone (son of Edna Boone)
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 Penny Hansen) • Joshua Russo, husband of Claire Russo

Those serving in the military who have died

Army Capt. Andrew Patrick Ross, 29, of Lexington, VA
Army Sgt. 1st Class Eric Michael Emond, 39, of Brush Prairie, WA
Air Force Staff Sgt. Dylan J. Elchin, 25, of Hookstown, PA
Sgt. Jason Mitchell McClary, 24, from Export, PA died Dec. 2 of 11/27 injuries in Afghanistan.



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 December 9, 2018

Name _____
E-mail _____
Phone No. _____
Zip Code _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
- _____ 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 Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com and ask to be added.