

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
THE EPIPHANY  
January 27, 2019**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST**

**Preacher & Presider**  
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](http://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.

## January 20, 2018

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Pledge &amp; Plate collection:</b>	<b>\$5,298</b>

The Epiphany Star above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid.

*The Owls are Watching*, spread throughout the church, make visible the 1,350 incidents of sexual harassment experienced by 55 parishioners over their lifetimes. See the wall text for more on this project by the Parliament of Owls.



## 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

*The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the wise men from the East—representing the reach of the Good News of Jesus to the Gentile nations. Throughout the season of Epiphany, we will celebrate and reflect on this spreading of God’s message of love.*

### OPENING SENTENCES

From near and far, people are seeking God’s love.

**Jesus the child manifests that love here today.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

### COLLECT

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**God of wisdom, your Spirit opens the book of life: teach us how to lift up the worn-down and set free the oppressed, that we might learn of your love made manifest in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. Amen.**

### THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

*The people stand as able.*

## **THE GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21**

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

## **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*The people stand as able.*

## **AFFIRMATION**

**I believe in the Source Eternal, the creator of the universe, who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light, setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the Light that shines in the darkness; the darkness cannot overcome him. He manifests God in our midst, suffered under sin on the Cross, and lives as God's saving grace.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the guiding light of God in our world, who conquers the darkness of human sin, helps people grow and become the images of God we are meant to be.**

**I believe in the power of transformation, here in this world and in the world to come.  
Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us turn to the God incarnate.

*A brief silence.*

We praise the light that you, our Creator, shine to give us hope in dark times. We ask that we may enlighten ourselves and all we meet to the power of your love. Incarnate God,  
**Manifest your hope in us.**

We praise you, Jesus, for your self-sacrifice. We ask that you empower your church, its leaders, and its people to risk themselves in service to our neighbors. Incarnate God,  
**Manifest your love through us.**

We praise You, Holy Spirit, for your sanctifying presence that calls us to loving action, as well as your healing love in our lives. We ask for wisdom, courage, and strength to care for each other. Incarnate God,  
**Manifest your peace amongst us.**

We praise you, O God of all people, for your command that we care for your creation and work to build your Kingdom on earth. We ask that you inspire our governmental leaders to work for a compassionate, just, and loving world. Incarnate God,  
**Manifest your justice through us.**

We praise you, Holy Trinity, for the message of renewal and reconciliation that is the Gospel of Jesus, the Anointed. We ask for the courage to proclaim this message with boldness and patience. Incarnate God,  
**Manifest your message with our voices.**

We praise you, God, for the lives of all people, especially for those we have lost. We ask you to manifest your comforting presence to all who mourn, and that, in the end, you shall gather all into your loving embrace. Incarnate God,  
**Manifest your mercy for us.**

Let us now offer prayers for those joys, worries, or sorrows that fill our hearts today:

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

Together, let us pray:

**Almighty Source, inspire our faith. Jesus, our brother, lead us in your way of compassion and justice. Holy Spirit, light our way, so that we may manifest your love and truth in each day of our lives.**

## THE PEACE

May the peace of the Incarnate God arise within you!  
**And also within 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 with us.

**The Spirit is moving among us!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Incarnate One.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Creator, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You are without beginning and without end. You called into being all that is; you created the heavens and established the earth, giving life to all.

Through your Son Jesus Christ our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange: divinity is bound to human nature and humanity taken up to God.

Through your Holy Spirit, you call all humankind to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim the hymn of your unending glory:

**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!**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made and manifesting your love for us.

We thank you that through him you have freed us from our sin: that though he died upon the cross, he has risen again for us.

We give you thanks, because in taking our nature upon him, he manifested the radiance of your glory, and brought us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

On the night before he died, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup; he offered you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant: it is poured out for you and for all people, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." And so now:

**We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom. United with him, we offer you these gifts and ourselves with them; one, holy, and living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Creator, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, manifesting Jesus's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

Help us who are bound into the fellowship of your whole Church to live and work to your praise and glory:

**May we grow together in unity and love until at last in a renewed creation we share the life of the Saints, in the company of all Apostles and Prophets, and of all our siblings living and departed.**

Accept our offering through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom, all honor and glory be to you, God of all Ages, world without end.

**AMEN!**

*During the season of Epiphany, we will be using the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us 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.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION

Alleluia, alleluia: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast; alleluia, 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

The light shines in the darkness—  
—**and the darkness has not overcome it. Creator, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that the brightness of his presence may shine in our hearts, and his glory manifest in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God who is manifest as Jesus Christ: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Source, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia: Go in peace to love and serve God!  
**In the name of Christ: alleluia, alleluia!**



*Please join us for light refreshments after the service.*

**Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants**

Verger

Michele Rivard



## 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: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare, adapted by Scott Lipscomb. Eucharist, Blessing, Dismissal, and Post-Communion Prayer: *Experimental Liturgy of 1977*, Episcopal Church of Scotland, adapted. The Creed: Andreas Wagner, adapted. Prayers of the People: Randy Marks and Scott Lipscomb.

## Season of Epiphany Sermon Series: Following the Way of Love

A Preaching Series by the Reverends Michele Morgan, Scott Lipscomb, and Patricia Catalano

January 6th:	Introducing the Way of Love	Michele
January 13th:	Turn	Scott
January 20th:	Rest	Michele
January 27th:	Learn	Scott
February 3rd:	Go	Patricia
February 10th:	Pray	Scott
February 17th:	Bless	Michele
February 24th:	Worship	Scott
March 3rd:	Following the Way of Love	Scott



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

The deep roots of our Christian tradition offer us a path to grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives so that we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a “Rule of Life.” *The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life* was developed by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Curry, to outline a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. Throughout the season of Epiphany, the Reverends Michele Morgan, Scott Lipscomb, and Patricia Catalano will lead a preaching series reflecting on Bishop Curry’s proposed rule to ask how we can apply Jesus’s wisdom to our lives today.

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Class of '21	Christina Herman, Brandon Dunn Knight, Amber Macdonald	
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	Mary Anderson Cooper, <i>Register</i>	
	Rosemary Harold, <i>Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan    Jim Steed    Peter Nye

## **Cycle of Prayer**

### ***In the Diocese of Washington***

St. Paul's Church, Baden and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco

St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek

St. Paul's Church, K Street

St. Paul's Church, Piney

Diocesan Convention: The Bishop, Diocesan Convention Officers, Clerical and Lay Delegates, Jan 27

Pray for the Mission and Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes - Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

### ***Parish Prayer List***

Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • J. Richard Brown • Tony Cogswel • Jon Coulter

Milan Das • Dennis DuBois • John DuBois • Marla DuBois • Rick Ferry • David Glaze

Robert Headley • Gideon Johnson • Bill Jones • Lina Marks • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks

Moriah O'Brien • Ann Ramish • Rick Rutherford • Carol Roman • Stephanie Sawaf • Chryl Smith

Fred Taylor • Linda Wade

### ***Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military***

Vincent Alcazar • Burr Barton

Clint Billings • P. J. Boehm • Micheal Boone • Preston Brooks • Todd Daniels

Gregory DuBow • Stephen Dannenmaier • Jason Earnest • Benjamin Keltz

Kurt Hansen • Joshua Russo

### ***People Serving in the Military Who Have Died***

Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jonathan R. Farmer, 37, of Boynton Beach, FL,

Navy Chief Cryptologic Technician Shannon M. Kent, 35, of upstate NY, and

DOD civilian Scott A. Wirtz of St. Louis, MO died of wounds incurred in Syria.

Sgt. Cameron A. Meddock, 26, of Spearman, TX died of wounds suffered 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 January 27, 2019

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

*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/](http://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](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) and ask to be added.*