

**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 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
LAETARE SUNDAY  
March 31, 2019**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST**

**Presider & Homilist**  
The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

*Cell Phones* – Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices any time you are in the Nave.  
*Hearing Assist* – Set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting or see an usher if you would like a headset.

# 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.

## March 24, 2018

Attendance:	260
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$15,813.81

**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.

**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.



## 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

*Please stand as able.*

## PENITENTIAL LITANY

O God the Source, Creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of all humankind,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**Have mercy upon us.**

*A member of the congregation then recites the great summary of the Law:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

*The presider continues:*

What obstacles do we create in ourselves to finding our loving God and serving our neighbors?

*A brief silence.*

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A brief silence.*

*Then, the presider bids the congregation:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The celebrant then offers the blessing:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Bless the Holy One who forgives all sin.  
**God's mercy endures forever.**

*The people sit.  
A period of silence is observed.*

## **COLLECT**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Undignified God, inviting the unclean to your table: find us in the far country of hopelessness and greed; free us from the prison of resentment and envy and bring us back to life; through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners. Amen.**

## **THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 32**

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**  
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
**and I did not hide my iniquity;**  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
**and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are faithful  
**offer prayer to you;**  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
**shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**  
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
**else it will not stay near you.**

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
**but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*The people stand as able.*

**AFFIRMATION**

**We believe that God has created us.**

**We believe that God is born among us.**

**We believe that God will always sustain us.**

**We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.**

**We believe that in the end of all things, God's love shall prevail. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.  
Wash us through and through,  
**And cleanse us from our sin.**

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge.  
Purge us from our sin,  
**And we shall be pure.**

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.  
Make them hear of joy and gladness,  
**that those who are broken may rejoice.**

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely.  
Give them the joy of your saving help,  
**and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

We pray for those who have died, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,  
**and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others...

*The people may add their own prayers at this time.*

*Once these prayers have been offered, the leader continues:*

Together, let us pray:

**O God, our Creator, have mercy on us, according to your unfailing love. Jesus, let us learn from our transgressions, according to your great compassion. Holy Spirit, sustain us to bring to all the joy of your salvation, according to your endless power. Amen.**

## MISSION MOMENT

### 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.*

## CLERGY 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.

**God's healing Spirit is upon us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to 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, Holy One, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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!**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Holy One,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**  
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Source of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in harmony with your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty and Holy One, now and for ever.

**AMEN!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Throughout the season of Lent, we are using the contemporary translation of 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 in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

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

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and and ever.**

**Amen.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

## 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

O God, giver of life and health—

**—your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail; refresh us with your grace that we may not be weary of well-doing; for the sake of him who meets all our needs, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens—and the blessing of God Our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**We go in the name of Christ. Amen.**



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

## **Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants**

**Verger**

Jennifer Cate

## **Liturgy Request**

At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like to join in one of our Community Liturgy Planning sessions, please contact our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb, at [scott@stmarks.net](mailto:scott@stmarks.net).

## **Acknowledgements**

The Collect, Post-Communion Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal: *The Book of Common Prayer* of New Zealand, adapted. The Penitential Litany and the Eucharist: *The Book of Common Prayer* of the USA, adapted. The Creed: Scott Lipscomb, adapted. Prayers of the People: the Rev. Rick Morely, based on Psalm 51.

## Lenten & Easter Services

Wednesdays 8:00 am Eucharist, *Chapel* (light Breakfast following)

Thursdays 12:00 pm Noon Eucharist, *Chapel*

<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	9:00 am Holy Eucharist + Laying on of Hands, <i>Nave</i> 10:00 am Sermon Seminar, <i>Nave</i> 11:15 am Holy Eucharist + Laying on of Hands, <i>Nave</i> 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	9:00 am Liturgy of the Palms, <i>Nave</i>
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	10:00 am Sermon Seminar, <i>Nave</i> 11:15 am Liturgy of the Palms, <i>Nave</i> 5:00 pm, Contemplative Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
<b>Monday, April 15</b>	7:00 pm Service of Confession
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	7:00 pm Tenebrae, Contemporary Readings and Music
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 18</b>	12:00 pm Noon Eucharist, <i>Chapel</i> 6:00 pm Fellowship Hour, <i>Parish Hall</i> 7:00 pm Agape Feast, <i>Nave</i> 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>
<b>Good Friday, April 19</b>	12:00 pm Good Friday Service, <i>Nave</i> 1:30 pm Stations of the Cross, <i>Nave</i> 3:30 pm Stations of the Cross <i>at the U.S. Capitol</i> 7:00 pm Good Friday Service, <i>Nave</i>
<b>Holy Saturday, April 20</b>	10:00 am Children's Service Walking After Jesus, <i>beginning in the Nave</i>
<b>Easter Sunday, April 21</b>	9:00 am Festival Eucharist, <i>Nave</i> 11:15 am Festival Eucharist, <i>Nave</i> 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>



**Notes:**

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## Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan    Jim Steed    Peter Nye

## **Cycle of Prayer**

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

Passover (March 31-April 7)

Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 4)

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean  
& Bishop of the Seychelles

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

Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • J. Richard Brown • Tony Cogswel • Jon Coulter  
Joya Cox • Milan Das • Elizabeth Fowler (Elin Whitney-Smith's daughter) • David Glaze  
Patricia Horrell • Gideon Johnson • Lina Marks • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks  
Ann Ramish • Rick Rutherford • Stephanie Sawaf • Chryl Smith • Fred Taylor • Linda Wade

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

Clint Billings • P. J. Boehm • Micheal Boone • Preston Brooks • Todd Daniels  
Gregory DuBow • Stephen Dannenmaier • Jason Earnest • Benjamin Keltz  
Kurt Hansen • Joshua Russo

### ***Members of the U.S. Military Who Have Died***

Spc. Joseph P. Collette, 29, of Lancaster, OH  
Sgt. 1st Class Will D. Lindsay, 33, of Cortez, CO



## 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 March 31, 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

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