

**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 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
August 11, 2019**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Assistant Rector**

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

**Deacon**

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

**Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministries**

Caleb Nelson Amaker

*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



To view the parish calendar online, go to our homepage [www.stmarks.net](http://www.stmarks.net) and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

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.

## August 11, 2019

Attendance:	188
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$5,675.19

**THE BUTTERFLY CROSS** was created by the children of the Parish for Easter Season 2017. It is a representation of our donation of living plants to help pollinators have a more livable habitat.



## 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

*From July 28 through September 1, our liturgy will call us to **Listen for the Spirit**, emphasizing times of silence to help us hear the still, small voice of God in our lives.*

## OPENING SENTENCES & COLLECTING QUIET

God is here, among us.

**The Spirit is stirring in our midst.**

In the sound of sheer silence, God speaks.

**Let us stop and listen for the still, small voice.**

*All are invited to a time of silence for quiet contemplation and centering.*

In the silence, oh God, we seek You.

**Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## THE FIRST READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 12:32-40

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*The people stand as able.*

## THE AFFIRMATION

**Knowing our world is a gift, we hear an echo of the One who gives us life.  
Witnessing the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus, we hear the call to radical love.  
Feeling the movement of the Spirit, we hear a voice quiet—yet speaking with power.  
We believe that God creates us, loves us, and calls us to renewed life. Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, give us the grace to hear your Holy Spirit.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for our families, friends, and neighbors.

**We hear your call to care for one another.**

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for all ministers, teachers, first responders, volunteers, and others who guide and care for us.

**We hear your call to serve.**

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for the president, governors, mayors, the Congress, general assemblies, city councils, judges, and all others to whom we have given governing responsibility.

**We hear your call to justice.**

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for those who are sick, who are lonely, who are scared, who are oppressed, or who are in any other kind of trouble.

**Let others hear your comforting voice through us.**

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

**We hear your call to reunion with you.**

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for ourselves: for peace, for clarity, for courage, and, most of all, for the power to love.

**We hear your voice calling us to new life.**

*Each week we will pray for various facilities in the US where migrants may be detained:*

Oh God, you have always been with the traveler, the migrant, and the refugee. Today, we pray for any detainees, and the guards and other staff, at:

**Geauga County Safety Center in the state of Ohio; David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center, Grady County Law Enforcement Center, and Kay County Detention Center in the state of Oklahoma; Federal Detention Center Sheridan in the state of Oregon.**

Give those incarcerated courage and hope; give those who work in these places compassion and honor; and help us all to build a better world.

**Amen.**

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we offer our personal prayers, silently or, if aloud, ending in “This is my prayer,” to which all will respond “Amen.”

*Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers at this time.*

Let us pray together:

**Holy Spirit, help us to quiet ourselves, so that we may hear your voice, welcome you into our lives, and speak as prophets acting with power. Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION**

God, you call us to act with love, mercy, understanding, and patience. And yet, too often, we ignore your voice to serve our own interests, without considering the cost to those around us—and, indeed, to ourselves.

**Hear us now as we admit our failures and wrongdoings in the silence of your presence.**

*All are invited to silently reflect on where we have fallen short in the past week.*

God forgives us as we forgive. Go in peace, knowing that God’s love is held back by no boundaries, and hear the call of that still, small voice urging us to new life.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

May the peace of the Holy One be always with you!

**And also with you.**

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

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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

The Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them into the silence of God's presence.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing. All you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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 honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a loving offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said:

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

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, hearing your Spirit's voice, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise:

**Blessed are you, now and forever. Amen.**

*We will pray with the traditional translation 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.**

**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**

Oh Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

**Have mercy on us.**

Oh Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

**Have mercy on us.**

Oh Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

**Grant us your 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

Beethoven Piano Sonata Op. 2, Number 1, 2nd Mvt. (Adagio).                      Played by Peter Nye

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we have received your grace in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Continue to speak your loving truth to us, that we may hear and proclaim your love to the world, and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN 61 "Sleepers, wake!"** A voice astounds us, vv. 1-2                      *Wachet auf*

## THE BLESSING

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, bless you for evermore.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit!  
**Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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



**Verger**

**Michael Bloomfield**

**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)

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Officers	John Edwards, <i>Treasurer</i>	
	Michelle Strange, <i>Register</i>	
	Rosemary Harold, <i>Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan    Caitlin Frazier    Peter Nye

## **Cycle of Prayer**

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

St. Mary's Church, DC  
DC Jail

### ***Anglican Communion***

The Most Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Madhya Kerala

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

Jeremy Baugh • Pamela Blumgart • Mickey Bolck • Joseph Boone  
J. Richard Brown • Jon Coulter • Iris Cox • Joya Cox • Kristine Currie • Milan Das  
Elizabeth Fowler • David Glaze • Susan Hadler • Grant Haver  
Patricia Horrell • Gale Johnson • Gideon Johnson • Nat Marks  
Taylor Emerson Marks • Rick Rutherford • Stephanie Sawaf  
Toby Smith • Fred Taylor • Linda Wade

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

Clint Billings • P. J. Boehm • 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***

Slayton Saldana, 24, was listed Whereabouts Unknown following a July 17 non-combat, man overboard incident while underway in the Arabian Sea.

Pfc. Brandon Jay Kreischer, 20, of Stryker, OH and Spc. Michael Isaiah Nance, 24, of Chicago, IL died July 29, 2019, in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan, in a combat related incident.



## 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 August 11, 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.*