

**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 11th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
August 25, 2019**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST**

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

Guest Organist

John Widmann

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 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 18, 2019

Attendance:	177
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$9,297.37

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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

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.

A brief silence is observed as we center our attention on the Spirit's presence.

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, 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:

Ramey Station in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Presidio Station, Van Horn Station, & El Paso Processing Center in the state of Texas; Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility in the state of Tennessee.

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

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.

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

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

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About the Pauli Murray & Absalom Jones Icons:

You may notice two icons on the rood screen (just in front of the organ). Parishioner, Vestrymember, and co-chair of the Arts Council, Tracy Councill, wrote these icons recognizing two extraordinary Episcopalians:

Pauli Murray lived from 1910-1985, and was the first African American woman ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. She attended Hunter College, Howard University Law School, Yale University and General Theological Seminary. Her autobiography, *Song in a Weary Throat*, tells of the challenges of her childhood in Baltimore and Durham, NC, and how she grew into a poet, a leader in the early civil rights movement and the NAACP, a friend of Eleanor Roosevelt, and a founder of the National Organization for Women. Her story painstakingly conveys the cost of the tragedy of Jim Crow, and in her turn of phrase, "Jane Crow." She is a saint for this moment in history, as she unflinchingly represents what it means to label any human being as less than another.

Absalom Jones is a Saint in the Episcopal Church, whose feast day is February 13. Born an enslaved person in 1746, he eventually became the first African American Episcopal priest. He established the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia in 1792. His friend, Richard Allen, founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church around the same time. While demanding freedom, dignity and equality, his writings urge African Americans to extend patience and reconciliation instead of revenge over the horrors of slavery.

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Class of '21	Christina Herman, Brandon Dunn Knight, & Amber Macdonald	
Class of '22	Andrew Stafford, Shay Waye, & Kit Arrington	
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. Albans School for Boys
The National Cathedral School for Girls
Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School
Washington Episcopal School
The Bishop John T. Walker School

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of South America
The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America
& Bishop of Argentina

Parish Prayer List

William Aycock • 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 • Nell Whitman (daughter of Eleanor Whitman)

Parishioners' Family Members Who Have Died

Jeremy Baugh

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

Specialist Clayton James Horne, 23, of Atlanta, LA
died 8/17/2019 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in a noncombat 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 25, 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/. 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.