



**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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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 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
September 22, 2019**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE 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

**Director of Music**

Jeff Kempskie

*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.

## September 15, 2019

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Pledge &amp; Plate collection:</b>	<b>\$5,950.37</b>

**THE HONDURAN CROSS** symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community. 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 September 8 through October 13, our liturgy will call us to **Welcome the Spirit**, emphasizing times of silence to help us hear the still, small voice of God in our lives.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

The Spirit is calling.

**Let us answer the invitation!**

Gathering together, we seek God in each other.

**Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

**Oh God, through Jesus you teach us that we welcome the divine when we welcome each other. Inspire us, Holy Spirit, to see your reflection in our neighbors' eyes. Give us the strength and courage to build your holy reign together. Amen.**

## THE HEBREW BIBLE Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## **THE GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13**

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

**We believe that God has always been walking with us:**

**In the beginning, Holy Spirit, you welcomed the Cosmos into the life of God; churning up the waters of life, you brought us forth.**

**In days long past, Holy One, Abraham and Sarah welcomed you in the form of three strangers. Giving from what you had given them, they found true sustenance.**

**In dark and dangerous times, Word of God, you came into the world and found no welcome. Finding a world of strangers, you welcomed us to be family.**

**Together we welcome God: Creator, Sustainer, and Friend.**

**Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us welcome the Spirit of God into our lives:

Let us pray for our families and friends. Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for all teachers, ministers, and other leaders in our communities. Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for the governments of all nations, that we may build a peaceful and just world for all. Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for all who are sick, imprisoned, anxious, or alone. Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for this parish, and all volunteers and leaders as we begin a new year of classes, discussions, and other chances to journey together. Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for all who have died, that they may find peace in their Source and Sustainer. Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

*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:

**Amarillo Sub-Station, San Angelo Station, Del Rio Station, Port Isabel Service Processing Center & Rolling Plains Correctional Facility in the state of Texas**

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.**

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

Let us pray together:

**God, you give to us and ask nothing in return. Help us to welcome you into our lives by welcoming each other with compassion and honesty. As we build our community, may we build your holy reign. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**THE PEACE**

May the peace of God 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

Our God be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us welcome God into our hearts.

**We welcome the living God.**

Let us give thanks to our 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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!**

Holy and gracious Mother: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Source of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Holy Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Mother, now and for ever.

**Amen!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*From Sep. 8 through Oct. 13, we will pray with 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.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us!

**Therefore let us keep the feast! 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

Together, let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” May it be so! And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, this day and always.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us welcome the Spirit into our lives!

**Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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



## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

**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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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***

The Church of the Holy Communion, DC  
Diocesan Youth Ministry  
Diocesan Young Adult Ministry

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda  
The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala

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

Pamela Blumgart • Mickey Bolck • Joseph Boone  
J. Richard Brown • Jon Coulter • Iris Cox • Joya Cox • Kristine Currie  
Milan Das • Carolyn DeMarco • Elizabeth Fowler • David Glaze  
Grant Haver • Patricia Horrell • Karen King • Eric Leaman • Carol Lewis  
Wilfred Morgan • Gale Johnson • Gideon Johnson • Nat Marks  
Taylor Emerson Marks • Rick Rutherford • Stephanie Sawaf  
Toby Smith • Fred Taylor • Linda Wade • Nell Whitman

### ***Those Who Have Died***

Trish Frazier (mother of Caitlin Frazier)

### ***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

### ***Those Serving in the U.S. Military Who Have Died***

Sgt. 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, 34, from Morovis, Puerto Rico  
was killed in action 9/5/2019 in Kabul, 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 September 22, 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.*