



**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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING
November 24, 2019**

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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 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.

November 17, 2019

Attendance:	288
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$5,865.69

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.



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

OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Speaker, Spoken, and Spirit.
Let us embody the Spirit's power and love.
Not in words alone—
But in loving action.
Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:
God of unbroken weakness, you laugh at our love of power: may we find kinship in the love that is vilified for speaking its name without the shadow of force; through Jesus the kin of all. Amen

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

THE AFFIRMATION

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of plants and animals.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us now speak what the Spirit is telling us, and pray for our world, each other, and ourselves.

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

We pray for our families, friends, and neighbors.

Holy Spirit, bind us to one another.

We pray for all ministers, teachers, volunteers, first responders, and others who guide and care for us.

Holy Spirit, teach us to love.

We pray for our leaders: the president, the Congress, governors, mayors, members of city councils, attorneys general, and all others to whom we have given governing responsibility.

Holy Spirit, call us to justice.

We pray for those who are sick, who are lonely, who are scared, or who are in any trouble.

Holy Spirit, comfort and heal our brokenness.

We pray for those who have died and for their families.

Holy Spirit, gather us into your embrace.

We pray for ourselves: for peace, for clarity, for courage, and most of all, for the power to truly love.

Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

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:

Fort Brown Station, McAllen Station, Brownsville Station, Henderson County Detention Center & Montgomery Processing Center 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.

I invite your prayers at this time, either silently or aloud.

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

Let us pray together:

Holy Spirit, in you we move and live and have our being. When we perceive your presence, we perceive our own deepest truth. Strengthen and inspire us to live your love, beauty, and justice into this broken but beloved world. Amen.

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.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Spirit.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his love, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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!

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God present as our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

From Oct. 20 through Nov. 24, we will pray with the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer:

And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to 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 have trespassed 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 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

Please gather, one group at a time, around the altar.

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.

Jesus, we have met you in a meal shared together; now, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and minds with the fire of your truth, love, and justice, that we might go where you send us, working to heal the world you love without limit. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Spirit is calling! May we hear, and may we act. And so that we are strong for this work: the blessing of God: Speaker, Spoken, and Spirit, be upon you this day and always. **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.



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger

Michele Rivard

Liturgy Request: At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like more information on how we do this as a community, please contact Rector Michele Morgan at michele@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

Christ Church, Rockville
Christ Episcopal School, Rockville
Christ Church, Wayside
St. Andrew's Episcopal School and St. Andrew's Lower School, Potomac
Church of the Holy Comforter, DC
Daughters of the King
Thanksgiving Day (November 28) Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings.

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)
The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands

*In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, we have restarted the list.
Please send any names you would like to add to bulletin@stmarks.net.*

Parish Prayer List

Ben Alquiros • William Aycock • Pamela Blumgart
Mickey Bolek • Joseph Boone • Taylor Emerson • Elizabeth Fowler
Carol Lewis • Nat Marks • Fred Taylor • Mary Welker • Nell Whitman

Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the U.S. Military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Preston Brooks • Jason Earnest



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 November 24, 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.