



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 8, 2019**

**5:00 PM Advent Lessons & Carols**

**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 turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.  
*Hearing* – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

# Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill



**Childcare:** the Nursery is open! Children up to age 3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, which will be the last room on your right. 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.

## December 1, 2019

<b>Attendance:</b>	232
<b>Pledge &amp; Plate collection:</b>	\$8,225.50

**The Advent/Christmas Wreath**, which was given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay, was hand-forged by Richard A. Martin, a metal sculpture in Alexandria, Virginia. This work is made of steel with solid-link chains and hammered drip pans, painted black and measuring three feet in diameter, with a cross hanging beneath the central candle.

### **About the Refugee Madonna, *through the hand of Tracy Council***

The plight of displaced persons all over the globe is very much on my mind and heart--not least of all the families and children separated and detained at our Southern border. I designed this icon casting Mary and Jesus as refugees, fleeing Herod's genocide. The inscription is from Jesus, teaching us that when we care for any who are poor, hungry and displaced we also care for God our Creator and all that is holy on this earth.

## **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.*

## Advent Lessons & Carols

*During the service, the congregation is invited to remain seated for the readings and anthems, and to stand for the singing of hymns.*

**PRELUDE** Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)  
(Wake up, the voice calls to us)

**CHORAL INTROIT** An Advent Responsory John Brooks

*I look from afar. And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear O thou shepherd of Israel. Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, are thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

Responsory for the Office of Matins on Advent Sunday, early Roman rite  
Ezekiel 38:9; Matthew 25:6; Luke 7:19; I Samuel 19:17; Psalms 49:2, 80:1

*The people stand as able.*

### THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear Friends: In the stillness and quiet of this church we gather at the beginning of the Advent season; a season of waiting with great expectation for the coming of Christ, not only as a baby born to Mary, but as God's response to problems and troubles of the world, and, finally, as a holy presence in our hearts. Let us listen carefully to the readings which prophesy the first coming of Emmanuel, God with us; and may we find within ourselves a renewed sense of Christ's presence.

During this service, may we also pray and look for a new vision of God's relationship to our world. That through our ministries and works - our commitment to the poor and oppressed, the sick and the destitute, prisoners and hostages, the forgotten and outcast - the ancient prophecies may again be fulfilled in our time. May we have ears to hear, minds to perceive, and hearts ready to receive.

**Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us *Wachet auf*  
verses 1-2

*Adam and Eve rebel against God*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** Adam lay ybounden

Gerald Near

*Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkès finden written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our Lady abeen heavené queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!*

15th century carol text

**HYMN** 60 Creator of the stars of night

*Conditor alme siderum*

vv. 1-2 all, v. 3 high voices, v. 4 low voices, vv. 5-6 all

**SECOND LESSON** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

read by Ellen Spencer

*St. Paul reminds us that in Christ we are being called out of darkness into the light*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for

those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** Keep Your Lamps!

Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.*

*Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.*

**HYMN** 640 Watchman, tell us of the night

*Aberystwyth*

**THIRD LESSON** Isaiah 40:1-11

read by David Deutsch

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## FOURTH LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

read by Tracy Council

*A new covenant is promised*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

CAROL Savior of the Nations, Come

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
arr. Cary Ratcliff

*Savior of the nations, come! The Virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord has chosen such a birth.  
Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the virgin undefiled;  
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run.*

## FIFTH LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10

read by Raiford Gaffney

*The prophet Isaiah proclaims good news to those in exile*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools,

shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers

*Llangloffan*

**SIXTH LESSON** Zephaniah 3:14-18

read by Andrew Stafford

*The Lord will be among us, we are summoned to rejoice and sing*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you[a] in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** Daughter of Zion

Joseph W. Clokey

Anjuli Das, soloist

*Daughter of Zion, behold thy salvation cometh,  
The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard,  
And ye shall have gladness of heart.  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*

Proper Introit for Advent II

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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CAROL Motet for the Annunciation

Frank Ferko

Today is the fountainhead of our salvation, and the revelation of an eternal mystery.  
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announced this grace:  
Therefore let us exclaim with him to the Mother of God, Rejoice, O Woman full of grace,  
The Lord is with you!

CLERGY GREETING

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

*If you appreciate this evening's special music, please consider making an offering to St. Mark's. Thank you for your generosity.*

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**OFFERTORY CAROL** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Robert A. Hobby

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.  
Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.  
Rule in all; hope of all. Come, expected Jesus. Come.*

Words by Charles Wesley

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as able.*

**COLLECT**

O Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Dear God, may the presence of your Spirit lift up our hearts. And may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abide with us as we leave tonight. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*  
v. 1 all, v. 2 high voices, v. 3 all, v. 4 low voices, vv. 5-6 all

**POSTLUDE** Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen *arr. Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)*  
(Lo, how a rose e'er blooming)



*Thank you for your presence this evening.  
Please stay and join us for a reception in Baxter Hall.*

## Service Participants

Officiant	The Reverend Patricia Catalano
Verger	David Deutsch
Crucifer	Margaret Wood
Readers	Gwen Dillard, Ellen Spencer, David Deutsch, Tracy Councill, Raiford Gaffney, Andrew Stafford
Director of Music	Jeff Kempskie

*With special thanks to the St. Mark's Chancel Choir*



**The Advent Vestments and Hangings**, made by Tracy Councill and Doris Burton, were a gift of the St. Mark's Arts Council in 2002. The design themes are from Isaiah. One chasuble, taken from the prophecies about a new Jerusalem, is intended to suggest anyone/everyone's journey as lit by the Star of Bethlehem. The other chasuble represents the Jesse Tree: a dead stump putting forth living branches that become a home for the spirit of God.

The chalice veil repeats the Jesse Tree image and incorporates the star/cross from the chasuble. The presider's stole introduces the theme of swords made into plowshares, here represented by a disused sword overtaken by morning glory vines, which symbolize love. The pulpit falls illustrate four images of the Peaceable Kingdom: a child playing around the adder's den; the lion and lamb together; swords turning into plowshares; and justice for all people.

Two stoles and the bread cover, woven by Doris Burton, are reminiscent of the homespun fabrics commonplace in the Holy Land. They include pink threads to acknowledge Advent III, Gaudete Sunday.

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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>	
	Kim Baylas, <i>Register</i>	
	Rosemary Harold, <i>Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan    Caitlin Frazier    Peter Nye

## 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 December 8, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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