

**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 FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY  
A SEASON FOR CREATION**

**January 12, 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 for 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.

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In this space, we will post the number of people for the previous week in the context of our average Sunday attendance and our numbers last year. At the end of February, we will share financials to give you a snapshot of "where we are," including our online giving.

	Average Sunday Attendance	2018	2019
December 29	284	307	308

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During Epiphany, the **Epiphany Star** above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid.



## Sunday Worship Schedule

**9:00 am Holy Eucharist** (*Family Eucharist is celebrated on the fourth 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

God declared, “Let the land produce living creatures, all kinds of living creatures.” And it was so.

**Then God said, “Let us make [Human]kind in our image, so that they may care over the creation.”**

God offered to the people, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”

**God saw all that was made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

**God of all hope and joy: your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky. Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

*Please stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Jesus.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God, grant us the wisdom to recognize your presence in every living thing.  
**Creator God, make us conscious servants.**

Jesus, grant us the grace to discern faithful responses to your calls to care for all our creation.  
**Creator God, make us conscious servants.**

Holy Spirit, grant us the power to act boldly in the face of ignorance, indifference, uncertainty, and conflict.

**Creator God, make us conscious servants.**

God, in your extravagant love and trust in us, you give us the power to affect the earth. Give us the humility to know this power comes from You and the will to exercise it wisely.

**Creator God, make us conscious servants.**

We pray for the concerns of this community, especially Ben, William, Pamela, Mickey, Joseph, Taylor, Elizabeth, Alice, Gale, Carol, Nat, Rick, Linda, Rick, Mary, Nell, and Jennifer.

*(please note these names are listed in full on page 11)*

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

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

Together we pray:

**We offer our prayers in the faith that you, our Creator, Jesus, our brother, and the Holy Spirit, our connection to the divine, hear us and entrust us to be your hands to answer them. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sin before God and all creation.

*Silence*

**O God, we confess our failure to be stewards of your Creation, turning a blind eye to caring for our world, choosing ignorance and indulgence, rather than making sacrifices for the earth and one another.**

**We do not see the needs of all your creation with whom we share this world. We do not take responsibility for the impact we make.**

**Creator God, help us to care for your earth, ourselves, and each other. Amen.**

God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

May the peace of God be 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

God, be with you.

**And also with you.**

We give thanks for your Creation,

**All that is and our part in it.**

Let us give thanks to You

**For entrusting us as stewards of Your Creation.**

Creator God, out of nothingness you have made all things: the universe and all life within it. You breathe life into us and give us this beautiful earth as our home. All this you have done by the power of love.

**Living into our call we will love one another and we will care for creation.**

You grant us the freedom to choose and send prophets to teach us to care for each other and creation. But we ignore the call to put love and justice above our desires.

**Seduced by our desire for abundance, we waste the bounty of the earth. Seduced by the desire for our comfort we do not care for the poor. Seduced by our desire for our intelligence, we resist your prophets' teachings.**

And as you never abandon us, we praise your love for your creation.

**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!**

Then you sent another teacher, your son and our sibling, Jesus. By word and deed, he taught us how to share your love with one another.

**Yet we resisted the truth of interdependence, crucifying him as we are crucifying your creation.**

Caring for us until the end, he shared a last meal with his friends, he broke bread and gave it to them, saying “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he shared a cup of wine, saying “Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O 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 which is among us as we gather to stand shoulder to shoulder in a circle of love. This we ask in the name of the risen Jesus.

**Amen!**

*Please note that during the season of Epiphany, we will pray with the contemporary translation of the Lord's Prayer.*

## **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 it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread,**

**And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,**

**For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever 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

*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, saying together:

**O God, you have called your people to your table, so that we may be nurtured, but also so that we may nurture your creation. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that the Holy Spirit is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Brother. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The world is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love.  
May your eyes be so blessed that you see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed that you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, so that love changes everything. And may the blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer be with us now and always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Beloved, let us love, not only in word or speech,  
**but in truth and action.**

Go in peace to love and serve our God.  
**Amen!**



*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 more information on how we do this as a community, please contact Rector Michele Morgan at [michele@stmarks.net](mailto:michele@stmarks.net).



## **Epiphany Sermon Series: Care For Creation**

Preaching Series by  
The Reverends Michele Morgan & Patricia Catalano

January 12 Ecology and Creation	The Reverend Michele Morgan
January 19 Creation and Contemplation Pt. 1 Ecology of Oikos	The Reverend Patricia Catalano
January 26 Creation and the Family	The Reverend Michele Morgan
February 2 Creation and Contemplation Pt. 2: Our Crucified Earth	The Reverend Patricia Catalano
February 9 Creation and the Incarnation	The Reverend Michele Morgan
February 16 Creation and Conversation	The Reverend Michele Morgan
February 23 Bishop Visitation	The Right Reverend Mariann Budde

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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 Bayliss, <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, Washington Parish  
Christ Church Parish, Kensington  
Pray for mission and ministry of North, Central,  
and South Montgomery County Regions of the Diocese

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia  
The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

*In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, we recently restarted the list.  
Please send any names you would like to add to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net).*

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

Ben Alquiros • William Aycock • Pamela Blumgart  
Mickey Bolek • Joseph Boone • Taylor Emerson • Elizabeth Fowler  
Alice Gunderson • Gale Johnson • Carol Lewis • Nat Marks • Rick Rutherford  
Linda Wade • Rick Warfield • Mary Welker • Nell Whitman • Jennifer Wilkenson

### ***Parishioners and Family Members serving in the 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 January 12, 2020

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.*