

**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 SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS  
January 5, 2020**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST  
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**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.

## December 24, 25 & 29, 2019

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>923</b>
<b>Pledge &amp; Plate collection:</b>	<b>\$33,581.54</b>

### *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 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

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy: a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.  
Unto us a child is born. Alleluia. Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

*A period of silence is observed.*

## COLLECT

Let us pray:

**O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

## **THE GOSPEL** Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us affirm our faith together:

**I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Let us pray.**

We pray for the Universal Church, for all its members and its mission. Let us rejoice in the work God has given us to bring about God's Holy vision for all creation. With all our being,

**We testify to the light.**

We pray for the leaders of this world. May they have the grace to lead and do so with a servant's heart. With all our being,

**We testify to the light.**

We pray for the welfare of the world. For those suffering, and for wherever fear seems to reign, we pray for the awareness of your ever-present love. With all our being,

**We testify to the light.**

We pray for the concerns of this community. We pray for the courage to be transformed, emboldened to do what needs to be done, say what needs to be said, and be who we need to be. With all our being,

**We testify to the light.**

We pray for compassion for those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially for those who face the ill-effects of poverty. With all our being,

**We testify to the light.**

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. May the comfort of your everlasting peace be upon them. With all our being,

**We testify to the light.**

Together, let us pray:

**Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified; receive our prayers, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you loving God, for you did not abandon us or stand far off but came in awful nearness with the urgency of love. Now we praise you for the Word made flesh born of Mary's body, nurtured in her womb, cradled in her arms, greeted by her song. The fullness of God dwells in his flesh, a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside, good news of bread for the hungry and poor, a shepherd to find those who are lost. Now we are caught up, body and soul resound with the glory of music divine, echoing through the hallowed earth:

**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!**

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please note that during the season of Christmas, 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

*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.*

*If you would like someone to pray with you about anything that is on your mind or heart, please go to the Chapel after receiving communion for laying on of hands.*

## 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

May the God of the whirlwind who presided over the mystery of creation teach us wisdom and truth. May the servant Jesus who healed and helped the oppressed teach us grace and compassion. May the Spirit who inspired the visions of prophets stir up our will to see and create a vision of a better world. 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.*



**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).

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## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Michael Bloomfield
Laying on of Hands	TBD



## 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 '20	Tracy Councill, Jim Brooks, & Alix Pereira	
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***

Church of the Epiphany, DC  
Welcome Table and Street Church, Church of the Epiphany, DC  
Epiphany Church, Forestville

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia  
The Most Revd Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate  
The Most Revd Don Tamihere - Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate  
The Most Revd Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and Primate

*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 • Carol Lewis • Nat Marks  
Linda Wade • Rick Warfield • Mary Welker • Nell Whitman

### ***Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military***

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

### ***Members of the U.S. Military Who Have Died***

Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Goble, 33, of Washington Township, NJ, died Dec. 23, 2019 in 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 January 5, 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

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