

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

February 16, 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 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.

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 2019	2019 total number of people at all 3 services	2020 total number of people at all 3 services
February 9	284	283	330

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

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, the name of Christ, the pulse of life, and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life.

Earth is filled with God's presence.

God, reveal yourself to us in this place and show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

God, our Creator, we celebrate your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the soil, the fields and the land. Help us to empathise with your creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the land, the flowers of the field and all the creatures of the countryside. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

THE FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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.

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.

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: **San Clemente Station, El Cajon Station, Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Station, Chula Vista Station and Otay Mesa Detention Center** *in the state of California.*

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.

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

(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 God, our Creator, Jesus, our brother, and the Holy Spirit, our guide, 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, 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.

Generous 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.

Generative 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 this earth. 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 to be right, 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!

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.
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 what you have given us. Now 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, 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

Martha Huizenga

Laying on of Hands

Ben Schaibly

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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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

Chapel of the Episcopal Center for Children
Rosemont Center

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa
The Most Revd Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

*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.*

Parish Prayer List

Ben Alquiros • William Aycock • Bonnie • Pamela Blumgart
Mickey Bolek • Joseph Boone • Taylor Emerson
Elizabeth Fowler • Gale Johnson • Carol Lewis • Nat Marks
Rick Rutherford • 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 Javier Jaguar Gutierrez, 28, of San Antonio, Texas.
Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Rey Rodriguez, 28, of Las Cruces, New Mexico.



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 February 16, 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/. 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.