

**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.



A SEASON FOR CREATION

**THE FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION:
CANDLEMAS**

February 2, 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

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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 at all 3 services	2020 total number at all 3 services
January 26	284	306	259



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



About Today's Service:

Since the middle of the 5th century, Candlemas (February 2) is the date on which candles to be used in the church for the coming year are blessed. Ancient Jewish law required the firstborn male child be brought to the temple forty days after his birth: his mother to be purified and the child presented to the lord. The old prophet Simeon knew this child was 'a light for revelation to all nations' and the image of light links the lights of the Advent wreath to the candles of the nativity celebration. This service honors both.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised.
A light to enlighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

THE COLLECT

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines forever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ.
Amen.

STATION COLLECT

Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God: your only-begotten son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 48: 9 -2, 13-14

**We have waited on your loving kindness,
O Lord, in the midst of your temple.**

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God forever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

God of all hope and joy, grant that our hearts may be ready for your unexpected coming. Amen.

*Candles may now be extinguished.
Please place them in the containers by the doors as you depart.*

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

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:

Calexico Station, Indio Station, Imperial Beach Station, Santa Ana City Jail, Yuba County Jail & Mesa Verde ICE Processing Facility *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 now for the concerns of this community, especially Ben, Bonnie, William, Pamela, Mickey, Joseph, Taylor, Elizabeth, Alice, 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 BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

O Gracious God, creator of all things: by your command, the labor of bees brought forth wax that became the source of light in the night. Bless and sanctify the candles for our altar that their light may be a visible reminder of the true light who enlightens the nations.

As visible flame scatters darkness, may our hearts be lit by the invisible flame of the Holy Spirit. This we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **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

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!

During this season of Epiphany, we 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.
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

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Verger	Jennifer Cate
Laying on of Hands	Emily McDuff

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Epiphany Sermon Series: Care For Creation

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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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

The Feast of the Presentation
St. Timothy's Parish, DC
St. Timothy's Child Development Center, DC
Theological Education Sunday

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi
The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

*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
Alice Gunderson • 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



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 2, 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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