

**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
✠
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 IN LENT
March 8, 2020**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST**

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. Soon 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
March 1	284	248	229

THE BROKEN MIRROR CROSS, which hangs above the altar in Lent, an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives, was designed and made by Joya Cox.



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

Please observe silence when the lights are dimmed.

Please stand as the procession enters the nave.

PENITENTIAL LITANY

O God the Source, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of all humankind,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Please be seated.

A member of the congregation then recites the great summary of the Law:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

The presider continues:

What parts of ourselves do we hold back from the love of God and the service of our neighbor?

A brief silence.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A brief silence.

Then, the deacon bids the congregation:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The celebrant then offers the blessing:

God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace.

Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

PSALM 32

The psalm will be read responsively by half-verse.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL John 3:1-21

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

The people stand as able.

AFFIRMATION

We believe that God has created us.

We believe that God is born among us.

We believe that God will always sustain us.

We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.

We believe that in the end of all things, God's love shall prevail. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

A brief silence.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.

Wash us through and through,

And cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge.

Purge us from our sin,

And we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness,

that those who are broken may rejoice.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely.

Give them the joy of your saving help,

and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died, and have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Oh God, you have always been with the traveller, the migrant, and the refugee. Today, we pray for any detainees, and the guards and other staff, at: **Tampa Station, Marathon Station, Baker County Facility, Broward Transitional Center and Glades County Detention Center in the state of Florida**

Give those incarcerated courage and hope; give those who work in these places compassion and honor. Help us all to build a better world.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others...

The people may add their own prayers at this time.

Once these prayers have been offered, the leader continues:

Together, let us pray:

O God, our Creator, have mercy on us, according to your unfailing love. Jesus, let us learn from our transgressions, according to your great compassion. Holy Spirit, sustain us to bring to all the joy of your salvation, according to your endless power. 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 & GREETING

(11:15) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

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 is always present.

God is here, among us!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the living God.

Let us give thanks to our sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through, Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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!

Holy and gracious Mother: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Source of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore 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 all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen!

Throughout the season of Lent, we will use the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast

THE COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, giver of life and health—

**—your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail;
refresh us with your grace that we may not be weary of well-doing; for the sake of
him who meets all our needs, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens—and the blessing of God Our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ. 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.

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Lenten & Easter Services

Wednesdays 8:00 am Eucharist, *Chapel* (light snack following)

Thursdays 12:00 pm Noon Eucharist, *Chapel*

All events are in the *Nave* unless indicated otherwise.

Sunday, March 8	9:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Sermon Seminar 11:15 am Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday, March 15 Annual Meeting Day	10:00 am Holy Eucharist + Laying on of Hands (11:30 meal in Baxter before the mtg., 12:30 pm Annual Meeting) 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist + Laying on of Hands
Sunday, March 22	9:00 am Family Eucharist & Children's Reflection 10:00 am Sermon Seminar 11:15 am Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday, March 29	9:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Sermon Seminar 11:15 am Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday	9:00 am Liturgy of the Palms 10:00 am Sermon Seminar 11:15 am Liturgy of the Palms 5:00 pm, Liturgy of the Palms
Monday, April 6	7:00 pm Service of Confession
Wednesday, April 8	7:00 pm Tenebrae, Contemporary readings and music
Maundy Thursday, April 9	12:00 pm Noon Eucharist, <i>Chapel</i> 6:00 pm Fellowship Hour, <i>Parish Hall</i> 6:30 pm Agape Feast 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Good Friday, April 10

12:00 pm Good Friday Service

1:30 pm Stations of the Cross

3:30 pm Stations of the Cross *at the U.S. Capitol*

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

**Holy Saturday,
April 11**

10:00 am Following after Jesus, *Baxter Hall & Other spaces*
An interactive, all-generational walk through the last
week of Jesus's life.

**Easter Sunday,
April 12**

9:00 am Festival Eucharist

11:15 am Festival Eucharist

5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist

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Class of '21	Christina Herman, Brandon Dunn Knight, & Amber Macdonald	
Class of '22	Andrew Stafford, Shay Waye, & Kit Arrington	
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Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan Caitlin Frazier Peter Nye

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Grace Church, Georgetown
Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango
Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

*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 • Pamela Blumgart
Joseph Boone • Kitty Donnelly • Taylor Emerson
Elizabeth Fowler • Gale Johnson • Carol Lewis • Nat Marks • Bao Nguyen
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 March 8, 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.