

**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.



**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

July 19, 2020

9:50 AM GATHER

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Deacon

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

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.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Prélude modal

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu



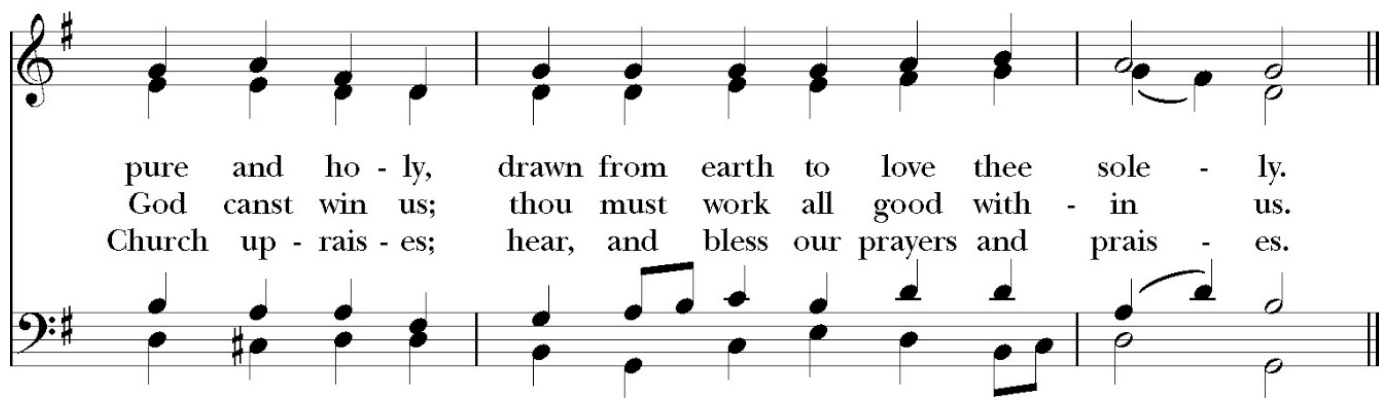
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

OPENING SENTENCES

We are called!

Different languages, different places, different people.

Let us hear.

Let us act.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Creator God, on this day you opened the way of life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift of connectedness, of love, of goodness and make it known throughout the world. That it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23



- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and / known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern / my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-/places *
and are acquaint/ed with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my / lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it / altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and be/fore *
and lay your / hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful / for me; *
it is so high that I can/not attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your / Spirit? *
where can I flee/ from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, / you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you / are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the / morning *
and dwell in the uttermost / parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will / lead me *
and your / right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will / cover me, *
and the light a/round me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the / day; *
darkness and light to / you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and / know my heart; *
try me and / know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness / in me *
and lead me in the way that is / everlasting.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

AFFIRMATION

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for our families, friends, and neighbors.

Holy Spirit, bind us to one another.

We pray for all ministers, teachers, volunteers, first responders, and others who guide and care for us.

Holy Spirit, teach us to love.

We pray for our leaders: the president, the Congress, governors, mayors, members of city councils, attorneys general, and all others to whom we have given governing responsibility.

Holy Spirit, call us to justice.

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 the safety and wellness of the detainees, guards and other staff, at:

Wellesley Island Station, Buffalo Station, Orange County Correctional Facility, Albany County Correctional Facility and Allegany County Jail in the state of New York.

Give those incarcerated courage and hope; give those who work in these places compassion and honor; and help us all.

Holy Spirit, call us to build a better world.

We pray for those who are sick, who are lonely, who are scared, or who are in any trouble.

Holy Spirit, comfort and heal our brokenness.

We pray for those who have died and for their families.

Holy Spirit, gather us into your embrace.

We pray for ourselves: for peace, for clarity, for courage, and most of all, for the power to truly love.

Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

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

The people may add their own prayers either silently, aloud, or in the comments.

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, you speak to us in a broken world, but one still full of hope. Help us to quiet ourselves, that we may hear your still small voice, and then speak and act with your powerful proclamation. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

CLERGY GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

To support the work of the church, make an [online gift](#) now or learn about the [other ways to give](#).

Pledges to support the church in the future and online gifts can also be made through the St. Mark's website stmarks.net by choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Garden Hymn

Traditional, arr. by Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Virtual Chancel Choir; Aaron Tucker, soloist

*The Lord into his garden comes, the spices yield a rich perfume,
The lilies grow and thrive. Refreshing show'rs of grace divine,
From Jesus flow to ev'ry vine, and make the dead revive.*

*Oh that this dry and barren ground in springs of water may abound,
A fruitful soil become. The desert blossoms as the rose,
When Jesus conquers all his foes, and makes his people one.*

*Come brethren, ye that love the Lord, and taste the sweetness of his word,
In Jesus' way go on. Our troubles and our trials here
Will only make us richer there, when we arrive at home.*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 God's will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
 for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that



earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Spirit in our midst.

Let us give thanks to God.

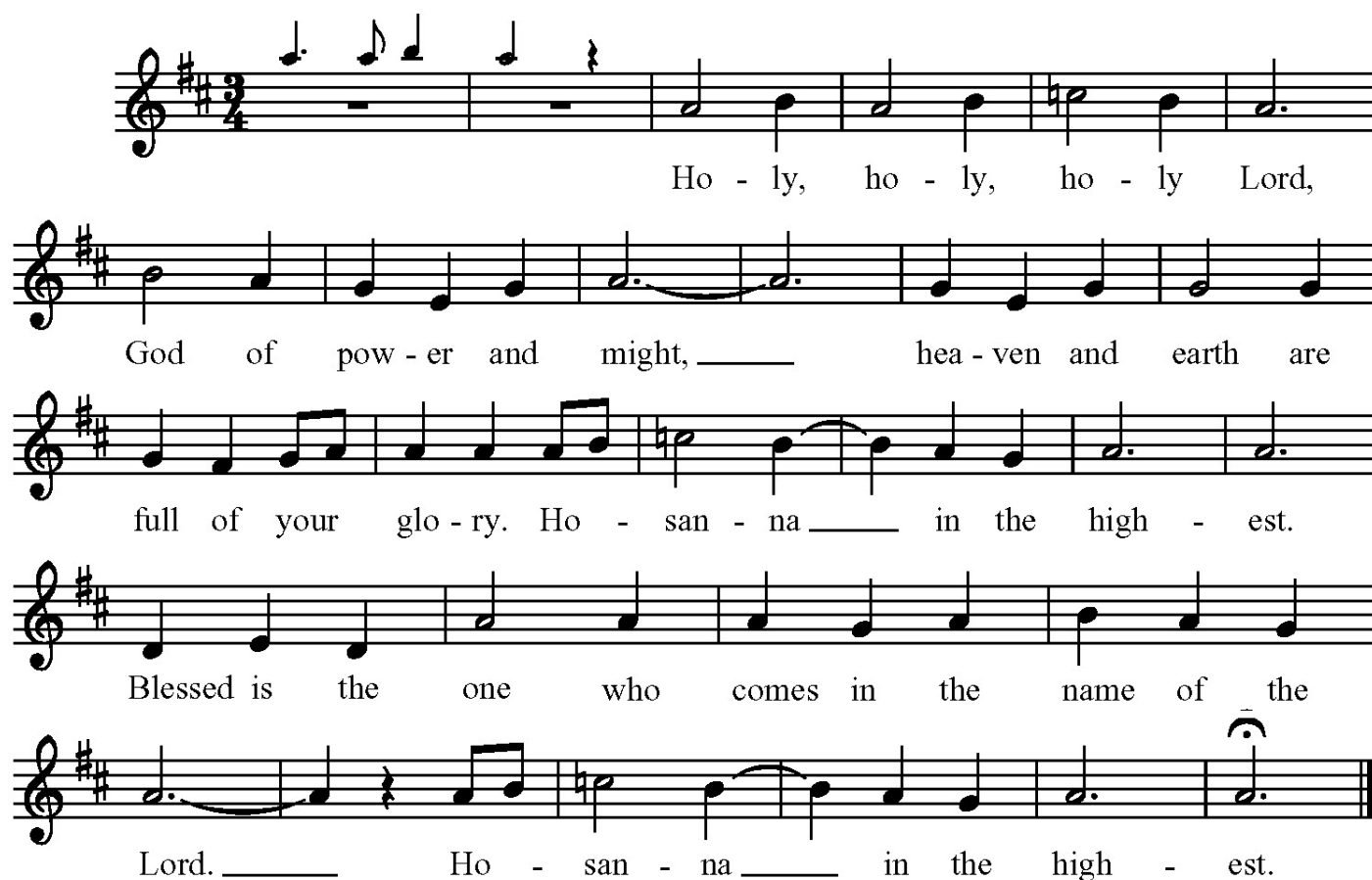
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Holy Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Susan Calvin Fletcher



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. _____ Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

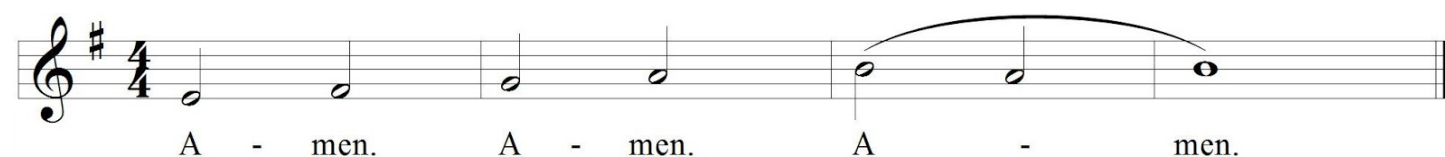
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice:



Holy God, speak in tongues of fire and inspire us to challenge and heal a broken world. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Mark, Elizabeth, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



*Throughout the first section of the season of Pentecost, we are using
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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Susan Calvin Fletcher



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have



mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Together let us pray,

Redeeming God, who sustains us: we believe that you are truly present in the blessing of the bread and wine. We love you above all things and long for a closer connection to you. Since we cannot now receive the bread and wine, come into our hearts, and help us to connect with you more deeply. We embrace your presence and unite ourselves to you; never permit us to be separated. Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Larghetto, Op. 102, No. 3

Gustav Adolf Merkel
(1827-1885)

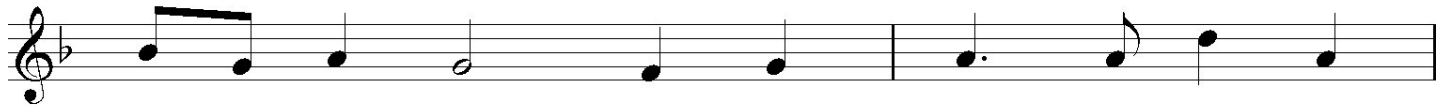
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together:

God we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free. Amen.



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 *4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

THE BLESSING

Now go in peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God: the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer rest on and remain with you now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God; alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Sarabande and Interlude

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)



Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you feel a sense of connection as we share this time together online.
There are many other opportunities to get involved with St. Mark's, even remotely.

If you are a newcomer and want us to get to know you better, please fill out [this form](#). If
you have questions, you can also contact the staff listed on the last page.
We will be happy to help you in any way we can.



Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Director of Music & Organist	Jeff Kempskie
Soloist	Charmian Crawford
Readers	Mike Novy, <i>First Reading</i> The Reverend Cindy Dopp, <i>Gospel</i> Randy Marks, <i>Prayers of the People</i>
Virtual Chancel Choir	Mark Allen, Susanne Allen, Lou Bayard, Hayley Brandt, Katherine Buchanan, Tracy Councill, Charmian Crawford, Anjuli Das, Jo Ellen Hayden, Jeff Kempskie, Jordan Meyer, Sandy Padgett, David Perry, Meg Platt, Kathryn Powers, Jim Prunty, Nick Rogers, Doris Summey, Aaron Tucker, Dave Wellman, Marjorie Wellman
Vestry Greeter	Ryan Baugh
Camera	Elizabeth Godec
Video Production	Charlie Rupp
Video Direction	David Deutsch

Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you have a suggestion for the liturgy, please contact michele@stmarks.net.

Acknowledgments

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Permissions

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word. Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926). *Garden Hymn*. Words & Music: Traditional, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, © 1960 Lawson-Gould Music Publishers, Inc. Renewed and assigned to WB Music Corp. *For the fruit of all creation*. Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt. © 1978 by Hope Publishing Company. Music: *East Acklam*, Francis Jackson (b. 1917) © 1960, Francis Jackson. *Sanctus, Christ has died & Agnus Dei*. Music: Susan Calvin Fletcher, setting © 2002 Susan Calvin Fletcher. Used by permission. *Great Amen*. Music: Je Kempskie, based on music by Susan Calvin Fletcher. *All my hope on God is founded*. Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983) © 1968, Novello & Company Limited. Used by permission.



Announcements

Announcements, not to exceed 150 words, are to be submitted to bulletin@stmarks.net by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

To view the parish calendar online, go to our homepage stmarks.net and choose “Calendar” at the top of the page.

From the Rector

1. Please Join Michele for a fty minute Rector's forum, partially a check in, partially Michele checking with everyone and a chance to see each other's faces. The next one will be on July 29. We are gathering on Zoom and the link is [HERE!](#)

2. Annual Meeting Gratitude - I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped create, host, and make the Annual Meeting happen. First off, I want to thank Charlie Rupp for bringing in all the hardware and create a layout work that allowed us to reach out to you all and knit us together.

I also want to thank Rich Chefetz for allowing us to use his account to have 171 accounts signed in and more than that number participate. Kim Bayliss, Rosemary Herold, and Jim Brooks were there to make the business happen. Tracy Council, Kit Arrington, Chris Berendes, and Elin Whitney-Smith got everyone into the meeting and, of course, my partner in crime Ryan Baugh who planned and got it all together. SO thank you all. Also, thank you to Alix Perrera, Tracy Council, and Jim Brooks for serving as the class of 2020 plus four months.

Music & Arts

3. Virtual Music Lessons are available through the St. Mark's Music Studio: Diane Atherton (dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com) offers voice lessons, and Stephanie Ng (stephanien217@gmail.com) teaches piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at stmarks.net/music.

Youth and Family Ministries

4. [Check out this week's Youth E-News](#) for activities to do this week,

5. Bible Storytime Podcast. Join Caleb and the St. Mark's Sunday School team for a 5 minute daily podcast! We'll have some music, read a bible story, and say a prayer. - [Sign up to receive the next episode!](#)

6. Growing with God. Calling the young and young at heart! Join Michele and Caleb in this new video series. Each week we will read the Sunday gospel lesson, talk about it and pray together. <https://www.facebook.com/wearestmarks/videos/257388102272076/>

Christian Education

7. Education for Ministry – New Group Forming! Co-mentors Sandy Padgett and Beth Cavey are forming an Education for Ministry (EfM) Group which will begin meeting **Tuesday mornings in September 2020 at St Michael's Church in Arlington.** Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM helps participants move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom as they better appreciate the connections between their faith and their lives. We welcome all who are interested in the journey of self-discovery, no matter the denomination or set of beliefs that encourage their path.

EfM is offered through the Beecken Center of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Classes are small, ranging from 6 – 12 students who are led by co-mentors. The curriculum follows a four-year cycle that participants commit to a year at a time covering the Old Testament, the New Testament, the history of Christianity, and the practice of theology. Participants receive 18 Continuing Education Credits for each year of study.

Annual Cost is \$375 per year and includes all texts (Scholarships are available). For more information, email the Administrative Mentor at caveyelizabeth@gmail.com

8. [Online] Centering Prayer. Everyday on Zoom at 8:00am. Centering Prayer is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. For more information or to join the group, contact The Rev. Patricia Catalano at adjunct@stmarks.net

9. [Online] St. Mark's Mediation Center: Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00pm
Contact: Michele Rivard Mmrivard@hotmail.com.
[Sign up for the weekly program email](#) to receive info on weekly online meetings

10. [Online] Wednesday Drop-in Class: The Wednesday Bible Class invites you to drop in for an hour of Bible study, lunch, and fellowship. We will read and discuss a standalone portion of the Bible or whatever comes up. No reservations or advance reading required. Date & Time: Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm through August 26th. Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 2024605415.
Location: Zoom <http://stmarks.net/bibleclass/>

11. We need Your Input: The Christian Ed co-leaders are in the process of **planning the Christian Ed calendar for next year** – September 2020 to June 2021 – keeping the uncertainty of COVID-19 in mind.

If you have ideas of classes you would like offered, either in person or by Zoom, please reach out to Susan Thompson or Greg Niblett with your ideas. In person classes will obviously depend on ability to meet in groups when those decisions are made down the road.

You can reach them by email or by phone: Susan Thompson: susanlynnthompson@gmail.com; 703-329-9797; Greg Niblett: greg.niblett@mtctrains.com; 202-297-8859.

Outreach

12. Incarceration Justice Ministry - next meeting July 28th at 6:30 p.m. via Google Meet. We will be welcoming Guest speakers, Seema Gajwani, Attorney at the DC Office of the Attorney General and Connie Pulliam, Restorative Justice Facilitator. Our group has continued to meet regularly, using remote platforms, and continues to work on behalf of individuals who are at risk of being caught in the Justice system. Restorative Justice is a strategy which is currently used for some juvenile offenders rather than going to court, using facilitated dialogue between victims and offenders, and individually designed engagement in volunteer work, therapy, and routine check-ins to bring about reconciliation. If interested in participating, please contact Jan Lipscomb: juanita.lipscomb@gmail.com or Jason Horrell: jrhorrell86@gmail.com

13. Perceptions: Exploring Gun Violence will examine these issues in an Online Film Forum on Saturday July 25th at 1 pm. The Reverend Delonte Gholston, Senior Pastor of Peace Fellowship Church and leader of Peace Walks DC will moderate the forum and offer opening remarks. The Reverend Gayle Fisher-Stewart, former D.C. Police Officer and Interim Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Brian K. Jordan, former Assistant Chief of the DC Metro Police will be our guest speakers. After their comments, Reverend Gholston will facilitate a Q&A discussion with the audience. The flyer can be found [here](#).

14. Good Neighbors Capitol Hill: Our St. Mark's community has been an integral part of GNCH helping Afghan refugees in Maryland. Most of the 40 refugee families GNCH has connected with as tutors and employment mentors have been under employed, but now 89% are unemployed and joining the millions seeking government benefits. GNCH has purchased \$4000 worth of gift cards for the families needs.

You can help to increase our ongoing "relief fund" by sending a check to Lutheran Church of the Reformation with GNCH refugees on the notation line (LCOR manages our designated giving account). You can also visit the online donation portal at www.reformationdc.org and designate gifts for "Refugee resettlement." All funds so designated will go directly to support for refugees Please indicate you are a St. Marks parishioner as we want to thank you personally. Questions can be directed to karen.getman@gmail.com

Parish Life

15. Free Yoga Classes from St. Mark's Yoga Center. Our experienced teachers are guiding free classes via Zoom in service to our congregation and community. Schedule is at stmarks.net/yoga. **Special Chair Yoga class on Thursdays. Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) on Sunday evenings.**

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Wheaton and Misa Magdalena
St. Christopher's Church, New Carrollton

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines

Thanksgivings

For this congregation, the people gathered virtually and for the continuation of the community.

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • William Aycok • Bernard
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Martin De Nys
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