

**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.



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
St. Francis of Assisi**

October 4, 2020

4:50 PM GATHER

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST**

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

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Creator be with you.
And also with you.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?’

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

AFFIRMATION

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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

God of Yesterday, we knew you then: Your promises; your words: your walking among us.
But yesterday is gone. And so, today we are in need of change.
Lead us in your way.

Change and change us. Help us see life now not through yesterday's stories but through
today's.
Lead us in your way.

God of Endings, What we thought would not end has ended. And we find ourselves here
wondering where we are and how we got here and where to go from here. Be with us, here,
at the end.
Lead us in your way.

Help us place our feet on this ground; help us lick our wounds; help us to look up and around. Help us believe the story of today. Because you know all about the ending of today. And you are not afraid.

Lead us in your way.

Changing God, You changed your mind. And we, too, change our minds about you. We want to change toward the better. Change with us because we know you want to.

Lead us in your way.

Give us courage to change where we draw the borders of who is in and who is out. Break our bars and chains and instead, link us together in love.

Lead us in your way.

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:

Courage comes from the heart and we are always welcomed by God, the Heart of all being. We bear witness to our faith, knowing that we are called to live lives of courage, love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day. We bear witness, too, to our failures and our complicity in the fractures of our world. May we be courageous today. May we learn today. May we love today. Amen.

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

Mother eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

God forgives you; forgive yourself and go in peace.

Amen!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*The priests will offer a communal blessing on all companion animals present online with us.
Michele will be in front of the Church from 2pm to 3pm to bless animals from a safe distance.*

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

In this strange time, we will lift an offertory plate acknowledging the online giving and checks that have been mailed into the office this week.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCHARISTIC 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 the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. 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 this 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.

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

If you have bread and wine in your home you are welcome to consume it now. If you would like us to deliver a blessed communion wafer to you please contact Michele@stmarks.net

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, that we may live in justice and peace; And now, the blessing of the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Holy One!
Thanks be to God.



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

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The Reverend Michele Morgan

Liturgy Request

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

Acknowledgements

Opening Sentences: Church of England, *Common Worship*. (Adapted) The collect: BCP. (Adapted). Prayers of the People: *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community*, Padraig O Tuama. The Affirmation, Peace, Eucharistic Prayer, and Dismissal: *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), adapted by Scott Lipscomb. Blessing Prayer for Social Justice, adapted by Michele Morgan.

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Francis Church, Potomac
Pray for church musicians and choirs
Pray for human treatment of all of God's creatures,
especially companion, rescue, and service animals.

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania
The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa - Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga

Thanksgivings

For Poll Workers, folks working on a fair election and a peaceful transition

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Collie Agle • Ben Alquiros • William Aycock
Bernard • John Barton • Sean Bishop • Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone
Fairfield Butt • Norman Choiniere • Martin De Nys • Kitty Donnelly
Taylor Emerson • Jean Eveleth • Elizabeth Fowler • Gale Johnson • Matt Jones
David Knaebel • Jocelyn Kovalenko • Carol Lewis • Barbara Marks • Nat Marks
Jane Miller • Don Mosher • Benjamin (Benji) James Murray • Joan Pierotti
Rick Rutherford • Mary Welker • Nell Whitman

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