

**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.



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 25, 2020**

**4:50 PM GATHER**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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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](http://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

When I hear many cries of injustice and unfairness, I will not be dismissive but will listen to hear how I can be an instrument of healing.

**God be in my shoulders and in my bearing.**

When I hear the loneliness of being different or forgotten or injured in this country that works well enough for me, I will listen to stories, sit for a moment with the sullen, and try to feel in me what they are feeling in themselves.

**God be in my nerves and in my ability to feel at all.**

When I feel captured by the culture's angst, I will ask God to free me to be of service to those who cannot free themselves.

**God be in my feet and in my moving.**

## 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.

**God of servant rule, your kingdom breaks our tangled webs where state and church collude to worship power and trade on fear: grant us the wit and will to give what is your own, no more nor less than all the world and time; through Jesus Christ, whose kingdom comes. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 22:34-46

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

## 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

Let us pray for the church, the world, and our country:

Loving God, creator of this world, who is the source of our wisdom and understanding:  
watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs  
our principles and actions. God, our creator,  
**Guide us in truth and love.**

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with  
the care and awareness it merits, realizing that each vote matters and that it is an act of  
faith. God, our creator,  
**Guide us in truth and love.**

Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to  
do work on behalf of us and our communities.

Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us. God, our creator,  
**Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard and listen to everyone’s voice. God, our creator,  
**Guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation. God, our creator,  
**Guide us in truth and love.**

We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God. God, our creator,  
**Guide us in truth and love.**

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:

**Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world. God, our creator, Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **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.

*We 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](mailto:Michele@stmarks.net)*



## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

## 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

**Presider & Preacher**

The Reverend Michele H. 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](mailto:michele@stmarks.net).

### Acknowledgements & Permissions

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## **Cycle of Prayer**

### ***In the Diocese of Washington***

Christ Church, Rockville

Christ Episcopal School, Rockville

Diocesan Cathedral Confirmation Service (October 31) – Pray for those who are to be confirmed

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for the Church in Wales

The Most Revd John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

### ***Thanksgivings***

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

### ***Condolences***

To Hank and Rob Donnelly (and his wife Gwen) on the death of Kitty Donnelly. And to all who loved Kitty and were touched by her kindness, her presence, and her love.

### ***Parish Prayer List***

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