

**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
OF ADVENT**

December 6, 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 Prelude on *Columcille*

Irish melody, setting by David Sims
(b. 1983)

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ALTAR AND WREATH

Mode 4 melody, adapt. Bruce E. Ford

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

PRAYER OF ADVENT HOPE AND EXPECTATION

In this Advent of expectation keep us watchful for your action in our lives and kindle hope within us.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a babe in a stable to a glimpse of your Kingdom (or Kin-dom).

Stir us, Holy One, so that we might remember that we choose our path. We can play the shepherd or the innkeeper. Give us courage and keep us accountable.

Inspire us with the light of your presence to care for the most vulnerable among us.
Amen.

CONFESSION

God of all love and mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your love in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve you in those we meet. **Amen.**

God forgives you; forgive yourself and go in peace. Amen

OPENING HYMN

67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



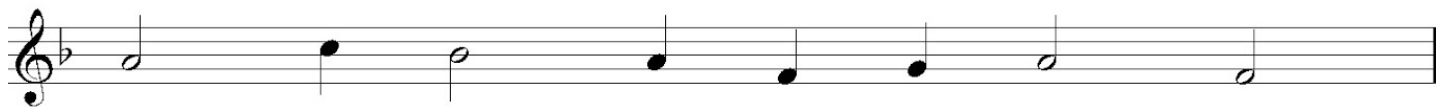
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**God for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth even to the point of suffering. This we ask through Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

THE FIRST READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

LEVAS 6 Christ is coming: Prepare the way

Edward V. Bonnemere

Christ is coming: Prepare the way.

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of Jesus.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

AFFIRMATION

We believe in God the Creator, through whom every being in heaven and on earth has life.

We believe in God the Son, who walks with us and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts through faith and strengthens us with the power to be God’s hands in the world.

We believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the Holy one, offering all of ourselves in the hope that our connection to you and others brings us faith and hope.

Holy One, we give you thanks that you open our hearts to your presence among us. Help us to see your loving-kindness at work in the world. Emanuel, God with us,
Make us one.

Holy One, we give you thanks for bringing us into this community. We ask you to fill us with your Spirit that others may come to know you in us. Emanuel, God with us,
Make us one.

Holy One, we give you thanks that you help us be gentle, honest, generous, and compassionate. We ask that you continue to entrust us to walk our path with joy and love for your Creation. Emanuel, God with us,
Make us one.

Holy One, we give you thanks that in you we find wholeness. Help us to be in balance with you, with your Creation, with each other, and with ourselves, that we may know the purpose for which we were created when you knit us in our mothers' wombs. Emanuel, God with us,
Make us one.

Holy One, we give you thanks that, in these strange times, you have continued to affix us to our beloved community. We ask that you continue to care for us and our relations with each other. Emanuel, God with us,
Make us one.

Holy One, we ask that you help us find peace and comfort and, when our time on this earth is ended, that we may go peacefully, without regrets, into your presence, where, at last, we may all be one. Emanuel, God with us,
Make us one.

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

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

Let us pray together.

Holy One: in this time of anxiety, we yearn for your presence among us. In this season of Advent, help us and walk with us along the path of life. Help us hear the ancient story and the old songs that tell how you came to be known to us. 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.

FESTIVAL FUND

Each year at St. Marks we receive donations to decorate our worship space, remember/honor/be thankful for people in our lives, and give money to a designated non-profit. This year it will be Everyone Home DC. [Please fill out the form and donate](#). After donating, you may send the names of those you wish to remember, honor, or give thanks to to bulletin@stmarks.net. Please provide no more than four names and send it in by December 15th.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loves us.

*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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Drop Down Dew, O Heavens

Robert Twynham

Marjorie Coombs Wellman & JT Spivey, soloists; Virtual Chancel Choir

*Drop down dew, O heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain down the just one.
Let the earth be opened and bud forth a savior.
On that day the mountains shall drop down sweetness,
and the hills shall flow with milk and honey. Alleluia.
All you who thirst, come to the waters.
Seek the Lord while he may be found. Alleluia.
Behold the Lord shall come, and all his saints with him.
And there shall be a great light on that day. Alleluia.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

56 O come, O come, Emmanuel, vv. 3-4

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation with loving and with joyful hearts, as we sing:

SANCTUS S 124

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

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.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son; On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and resurrection; we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await; Amen!**

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine. Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our grief. Heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first, to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Throughout this section of the season of Advent, we are using
the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Video by Hayley Gray-Hoehn

**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 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.**

Let us now observe one minute of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 154

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Wayfaring Stranger

Southern American Folksong, arr. Richard Walters

Charmian Crawford, soloist

*I am a poor wayfarin' stranger while trav'lin' through this world of woe,
Yet there's no sickness, toil or danger in the bright world to which I go.
I'm goin' there to see my father, I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather 'round me. I know my way is rough and steep,
But golden fields lie out before me where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.
I'm goin' there to see my mother. She said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm only goin' over Jordan. I'm only goin' over home.*

*I'll soon be free from ev'ry trial, my body sleep in the churchyard.
I'll drop the cross of self denial and enter on my great reward.
I'm goin' there to see my Savior, to sing his praise forevermore.
I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. In his living, dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. 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. Amen.



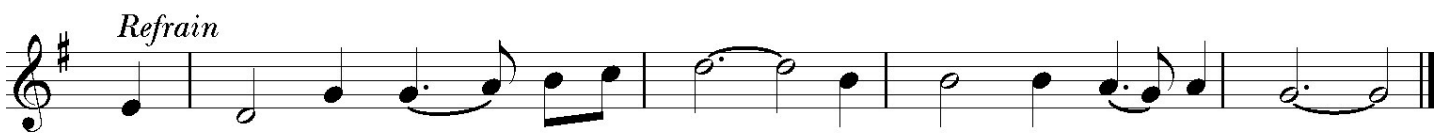
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THE BLESSING

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE The King Shall Come

Morning Song, setting by Edwin T. Childs
 (b. 1945)



Schedule of Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday	Dec. 6	10 AM	Advent 2 Service <i>Live Stream</i>
Sunday	Dec. 6	5 PM	Advent Lessons & Carols <i>Live Stream</i>
Sunday	Dec. 6	5 PM	Advent 2 Service <i>Zoom Meeting</i>
Sunday	Dec. 13	10 AM	Advent 3 Service <i>Live Stream</i>
Sunday	Dec. 13	5 PM	Advent 3 Service <i>Zoom Meeting</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 16	7 PM	Carols & Cheer <i>Live Stream</i>
Sunday	Dec. 20	10 AM	Advent 4 Service <i>Live Stream</i>
Sunday	Dec. 20	5 PM	Advent 4 Service <i>Zoom Meeting</i>
Thursday	Dec. 24	4 PM	Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist <i>Live Stream</i>
Thursday	Dec. 24	9:45 PM	Prelude Music and Carol Singing <i>Live Stream</i>
Thursday	Dec. 24	10 PM	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist <i>Live Stream</i>
Friday	Dec. 25	10 AM	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist <i>Live Stream</i>
Saturday	Dec. 26	11 AM	Christmas Pageant redux <i>Zoom Meeting</i>
Sunday	Dec. 27	10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols <i>Live Stream</i>



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.



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Liturgy Request

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

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown
Episcopal Church Women
United Thank Offering
International Human Rights Day (December 10)

Anglican Communion

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Collie Agle • Ben Alquiros • William Aycok
Bernard • John Barton • Robert Baugh • Sean Bishop
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt
Norman Choiniere • Kathrine Ebert • Taylor Emerson
Jean Eveleth • Elizabeth Fowler • Gale Johnson • Matt Jones
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Barbara Marks • Nat Marks • The Massey-Padgett Family
Jane Miller • Don Mosher • Benjamin (Benji) James Murray
Joan Pierotti • Rick Rutherford • Mary Welker • Nell Whitman

In Recognition

of Preston Brooks, for his completion of four years of service in the U.S. Marines

Condolences

to the Hubbard family on the deaths of Henrietta and Charles Hubbard (Joe's Grandparents)

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest

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