

**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.



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
February 21, 2021**

**4:55 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

THE GREAT LITANY (adapted)

Book of Common Prayer

O God the Parent, 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 the faithful,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

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

Remember not, our offenses, nor the offenses of our ancestors; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, Savior, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious love, and by your mercy preserve us, for ever.

**Spare us.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin.

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh,  
and want,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your  
Word and commandment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and  
flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from  
violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by your holy Nativity and submission to the  
Law; by your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your Agony and by your Cross and Passion; by your precious Death and Burial; by  
your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the  
day of judgment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech you to hear us, O God; and that it may please you to rule and  
govern your holy Church Universal in the right way,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to illumine all bishops, priests, and  
deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your  
Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may  
set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to bless and keep all your people,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to send forth laborers into your harvest, and to draw all mankind  
into your kingdom,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive your Word,  
and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to live after your commandments,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you so to rule the hearts of your servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to show your pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which you give us to do with singleness of heart as your servants, and for the common good,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to have mercy upon all mankind,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
**We beseech you to hear us.**

*A period of time is observed for people's prayers.*

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

**Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.**

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world,  
**Grant us your peace.**

O Christ, hear us.

**O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*A period of silence is observed.*

## **COLLECT**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**We lament, O God, all the suffering in the world caused by deep social, economic, racial and gender inequality. With contrite hearts, we acknowledge our part in causing this suffering and distress. During the season of Lent we promise to look within ourselves and listen to your promptings, so that we may become part of the solution to humanity's plight. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## **THE GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

*A period of silence is observed.*

## **AFFIRMATION**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins before God.

*Silence.*

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.

God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace.  
**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](http://stmarks.net) by choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.*

## 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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

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

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying:

**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!**

Blessed are you, O Holy One:

when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.

When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home. Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love. Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Throughout the season of Lent, we are using the traditional translation of 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 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,  
Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

May Christ give you the grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, to take up your cross, and follow; and the blessing may the blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer be with us now and always. Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

**Amen!**



## **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.



## **Liturgy Request**

At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like to join in one of our Community Liturgy Planning sessions, please contact our Rector, Michele Morgan, at [michele@stmarks.net](mailto:michele@stmarks.net).

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## **Worship Participants**

**Presider & Preacher**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

Chapel of the Episcopal Center for Children  
Rosemont Center

## *Anglican Communion*

Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

## *Parish Prayer List*

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*Please send any names you would like to add to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net).*

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