

**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 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:
PALM SUNDAY**

March 28, 2021

4:55 PM GATHER

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE 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.



*In preparation for the Liturgy of the Palms,
you may collect a branch from your yard
or trace the palm of your hand on a piece of paper.*



THE WOODEN CROSS hanging over the altar is constructed of rough pine boards joined with dowels and stained in dark mahogany with a polyurethane finish. This stark and simple “old rugged cross” was designed by Bill Dannenmaier and dedicated on November 22, 1992.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

WELCOME

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

O God, with the kindness of your love, assist us that we, with joyful faithfulness, may contemplate anew the mighty acts of your Son, our brother Jesus, through which you grant us life. Amen.

Hold up a branch from your yard or the drawing of your palm.

God is with you.
Always with us.

Therefore, let us give thanks!

It is always good to give thanks to you, O God, for the acts of love by which you redeem us through your Son, our brother Jesus. On this day, we remember his triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem, where he was proclaimed as God's chosen by those spreading garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

STATION COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, your dear son, our brother Jesus knew not joy before first suffering pain, entering not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

My companions in faith, God is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Humble Lord, while people clamored for a warrior-king, the colt revealed your servanthood: as you face the way of tears, remove us from the shouting mob and help us place our faith in you, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel of Jesus according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

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.

A period of silence is observed.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God.

Silence.

Let us pray:

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Blessed are you, Eternal God,
To be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for the whole Church, its leaders and ministers.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.
May the life of Christ be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.
Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.

We pray for our nation and for all nations of the earth.
Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.
Grant us wisdom and strength to work for justice and peace in the world.
Awaken in us a reverence for your creation, to strive for a sustainable environment for all.
Help us keep hope for a clean and healthy environment.

Have compassion for those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble.
In your presence may they find strength.

In this time of COVID, may we learn how to comfort those who are ill
and those who have lost loved ones.
Encourage us to minister to those who are lonely or isolated because of the pandemic.
We thank you for the courage of those who seek to heal and comfort.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.
Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.
Make us all alive to the needs of our community.
Help us to work towards peace and justice throughout the world.
Help us share one another's joys and burdens.

We remember those who have died.
Father, into your hands we commend them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory
May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers

Praise to you, abundant God.
For when we ask, you give;
When we seek, you show the way.
When we knock, you answer.
Praise to you for your unfailing grace.
Make us now into your faithful people.
Amen.

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME & GREETING

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

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 proclaiming:

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 all 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 honor 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

Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us!
Therefore let us keep the feast!

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

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; 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.



Worship Participants

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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.

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 4)
Calvary Church, DC
Church of the Atonement, DC

Anglican Communion

Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Collie Agle • Ben Alquiros
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Carnie Hayes • Jan Hoffman • Gale Johnson
Jocelyn Kovalenko • Kate Leisch • Carol Lewis
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