

**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 DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021

4:55 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 Honduras Cross, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly with our sister congregations in the San Marcos Cluster in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to the St. Mark's community.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Remember that God loves you,
All the time, in all the places that we go.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

God of all words, by creating all of us with different ways to communicate, help us to remember to listen with our heart and our head, truly hearing what is asked of us. We ask for your help, Jesus' help and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

THE GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

AFFIRMATION

We believe in God the Father:

from whom everyone in heaven and on earth has life and being.

We believe in God the Son:

Who has been raised through transforming love and lives now in our hearts through faith, and calls us to this same loving transformation in our own lives.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, ever-present God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann, our Bishop, for the clergy of this parish, and for all ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, most merciful God;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Loving God, for all the blessings of this life and we will exalt you, O God our only Sovereign;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

Gracious God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

**COMMISSIONING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTORS:
GREG NIBLETT, KAREN FALK, KEITH KRUGER, AND SANDY PADGETT**

The Rector addresses the congregation:

Christian Education has a long history in our church, not just St. Mark's but the church universal. Our education classes are created to help our parish find the divine spark in ourselves and in each other. We take classes to learn how to be servants, how to be followers, and most of all to know ourselves well so that we can carry our whole selves into the world. This can not happen without the Christian Education Co-directors, we are honored to welcome them and commission them for their work.

Today, we will commission the ministry of Greg, Karen, Keith, and Sandy and ask God's blessing upon their work as the Co-directors of Christian Education at St. Marks.

Will you create a safe space of curiosity for our teachers?

We will, with God's help.

Will you encourage questions and respect doubts?

We will, with God's help.

Will you draw on Jesus's teachings to draw our community into the mystery of faith?

We will, with God's help.

And will you, the whole St. Mark's community, uphold these people in their ministry?

We will.

May God bless your work, and may we all know God's love in your time together.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen God be with you!
And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

WELCOME

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 Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Spirit in our midst.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Holy Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against

you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we proclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us:

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we owe to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice:

Holy God, speak in tongues of re and inspire us to challenge and heal a broken world.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Mark, Elizabeth, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation,

to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Today we will pray with 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 is 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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Life is short, And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

Amen!

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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 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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Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Cycle of Prayer

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Anglican Communion

Pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia

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