

**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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

September 5, 2021

5:00 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Deacon

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Speaker, Spoken, and Spirit.
Let us embody the Spirit's power and love.
Not in words alone—
But in loving action.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

God be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

You are invited to hold silence

THE READING Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

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

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

You are invited to hold silence

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for our nation and for all nations, that our leaders Joe, Muriel, Ralph, and Larry—may be imbued with a spirit of compassion, justice and wisdom.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our planet, its animals and plants, the whole ecosystem upon which our very lives depend. May we treat it with the respect and love which we owe to all creation.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the whole Washington area, especially those who are hungry, homeless, or in other need. May we feel God's call to care for our neighbors.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray especially for those in trouble or danger, whether chronic or acute: especially those in medical care, in prison or jail, those serving with armed forces, and any we now name.

*You may offer your own prayers
either silently, aloud, or in the comments.*

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

Holy God, you speak to us in a broken world, but one still full of hope. Help us to quiet ourselves, that we may hear your still small voice, and then speak and act with your powerful proclamation. Amen.

THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

CLERGY 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God. In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness, you made living things to grow and flourish and you created human beings in your image. You chose us in love, guided us by your presence and blessed us with your holy law.

Yet we chose our own ways. We broke your commandments, persecuted your prophets, forgot your wisdom and, time after time, refused to answer your call. So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice in Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, Son of God. He called and people followed, leaving every other loyalty, joining in the movement towards your eternal reign.

Jesus set us free to praise your holy name. But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down. Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross, he laid down his life for the world he loved, and broke the chains of evil and death. Then you turned our sorrow into joy. On the third day you raised him up to lead your people into life. So we praise you, holy God, with angels and archangels and all your faithful people:

**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.

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends to share a meal and wash their feet, teaching one more lesson of love. He took bread and blessed you and broke it. He gave it to them and said: "Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

He took a cup of wine and blessed you and gave it to them. He said: "Take this and drink it. This is my blood, sealing God's promise to forgive your sins. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

As we share these holy gifts, we remember the Lord Jesus. For the love you taught us, the sacrifice you made for us and the hope you give us, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory.

And now, faithful God, send us your Spirit to feed us with the body and the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Make us one body in Christ. Send us as your messengers in the world and fill us with energy, courage and love. Now to you, most holy God, through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power, we bring our worship and our songs of praise: People Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.

Amen!

During this portion of Pentecost, we 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 this bread and wine as God's food 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

The Body of Christ the Bread of Heaven

The Blood of Christ the cup of Salvation

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

Eternal, Loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May your love touch others through us. Amen.

THE 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 the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you feel a sense of connection, whether you're with us online or in-person. There are many 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](#). Those attending in-person may complete the form on the last page. If you have questions, you can also contact the staff listed on the third to last page. We will be happy to help you in any way we can.



Liturgical Leaders & Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher The Reverend Michele H. Morgan



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, at michele@stmarks.net

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, and St. Mary's College

National Association of Episcopal Schools

Pray for all students and teachers

Labor Day (September) Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Collie Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros
William Aycock • Bernard • John Barton • Robert Baugh • Pamela Blumgart
Joseph Boone • Jackie Boddie • Fairfield Butt • Martin De Nys
Taylor Emerson • Jean Eveleth • Elizabeth Fowler • Carnie Hayes
Rachel Hayes • Jan Hoffman • Doria Howe • Gale Johnson
Jocelyn Kovalenko • Kate Leisch • Carol Lewis • Barbara Marks
Nat Marks • David Peterson • Joan Pierotti • Joe Summers • Rick Rutherford
Mary Welker • Nell Whitman • Margaret Wood • Tom Zarek

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Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest

Please send any names you would like to add to bulletin@stmarks.net.



Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, and office directory.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

Go in peace and return often!

After completing, please remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

I attended: _____ 10 am Holy Eucharist
_____ Sermon Seminar
_____ 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist
_____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

On September 5, 2021

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

Zip Code _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
- _____ Baptism (child, adult)
- _____ Getting married at St. Mark's
- _____ Music (choir, lessons)
- _____ Children/youth classes & programs
- _____ Adult classes
- _____ Senior programs/activities
- _____ Outreach/community service
- _____ Environmental issues
- _____ Yoga classes
- _____ Dance classes
- _____ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson? _____ Yes _____ No

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