

**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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP**

September 12, 2021

5:00 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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Director of Youth & Family Ministries

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

We are God's stewards.
We honor our Creator by caring for ourselves.
We follow Jesus by caring for each other.
We embody the Holy Spirit by caring for the world.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Holy Spirit is upon you!
And also upon you!

Let us pray:

O God: because we often fail to see you in ourselves and thus fail to treat ourselves as you would, give us the wisdom and strength to care for ourselves as you care for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Wisdom 7:26–8:1

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
in every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun,
and excels every constellation of the stars.
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,
for it is succeeded by the night,

but against wisdom evil does not prevail.
She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.

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

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

You are invited to hold silence

A CREED

We believe in God, the Creator, who gives us life and the wisdom to care for ourselves.

We believe in God's son, Jesus, who models for us the will to sacrifice for all and walks with us as we care for each other.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who offers prophetic wisdom and inspires us to care for God's creation.

In honoring the Holy Trinity, we are faithful stewards of all of God's creation. Amen.

CONFESSION

God, our failures to honor you by loving and serving each other betray your trust in us.

We remain silent.

Again we ask for your grace to teach, forgive, and embrace us.

We will notice our failures to learn rather than shame ourselves.

We will care for ourselves so that we may care for others.

We will listen for your call to care for the vulnerable and seek justice.

We will show our gratitude for your mercy by embodying love and justice.

Amen.

God, knowing your imperfections, gladly grants you mercy. Through Jesus Christ, who forgives you and lets you forgive, so that all may be free to take risks for love, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, make you strong for others.

Amen.

You are invited to hold silence

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God, you honor us by trusting us to care for your world. Give us the grace to follow your command to love and serve each other.

By your grace,

We are your faithful stewards.

Creator, you made us in your image to carry out your dream for the world. Give us the wisdom to know and care for ourselves.

By your grace,
We are your faithful stewards.

Jesus, you modeled for us a life of healing and teaching. Give us the strength to follow your example in caring for each other.

By your grace,
We are your faithful stewards.

Redeemer, you inspired Paul to proclaim the church as your body. Give us the humility to create a community of authenticity, openness, and love.

By your grace,
We are your faithful stewards.

Holy Spirit, you whisper God's truth in our ears and anchor God's love in our souls. Give us the power to honor these gifts by inspiring us to be your hands and voice in the world.

By your grace,
We are your faithful stewards.

Sustainer, you connect all of us to you and to each other. Give us the empathy to be present for those in trouble and those who mourn.

By your grace,
We are your faithful stewards.

*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

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Creator God, be with us.

As you are always with us.

We give you thanks for your Creation.

And that you included us.

Create with us now a Holy Circle.

So that we might honor you with our praise and service.

Creator God, out of nothingness you create everything: the universe and all the life within it. You breathe life into us, your children, and give us this beautiful earth as our home.

And you create the most powerful force in the universe: love.

You call us to be faithful stewards of your creation by loving and serving you and our neighbors.

You grant us freedom to choose and send prophets to teach us, hoping that we will learn from our mistakes. But we ignore your call to put love and justice above our selfish desires.

Seduced by the abundance of creation, we waste the bounty of the earth and each other. Seduced by our power, we put our comfort above our responsibility to care for each other. Seduced by our intelligence, we resist your prophets' teachings.

And since you never abandoned us, we praise your love for your creation and for us, your children.

**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.

So you sent one final teacher, your son and our brother, Jesus. By word and deed, he taught us to how to love each other.

And yet we resisted the power of wisdom, courage, and compassion, killing him as we assault your creation and each other.

Caring for us until the end, Jesus left us with a gift just before he was betrayed. At his last meal with his friends, he broke bread and gave it to them, saying “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he passed around a cup of wine, saying “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.” And so we celebrate the mystery of faith.

You, our Creator, trust us. We fail you and each other. Yet you love and care for us always.

And so we come to you once more in humility.

We ask that you send the Holy Spirit to dance among us as we gather in a circle of love. Bless this bread and this wine that we have made from your creation and allow us to feel your presence as we enjoy them. All this we ask in the name of our risen brother Jesus, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

During this portion of Pentecost, we pray with the traditional translation of the Lord’s Prayer.

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 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you
have united us with Christ and each other, in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

**We are God's wisdom in this world. Let us learn how to love each other as much as we love God.
We are Jesus's hands in this world. Let us care for each other as well as Jesus cared for his people.
We are the Holy Spirit's voice in the world. Let us proclaim love and justice to all with the
power of St. Mark and all of your saints.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon us now and forever.
Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth caring for the world as God cares for us.
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

The Church of the Holy Communion, DC
Diocesan Youth Ministry
Diocesan Young Adult Ministry

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

Parish Prayer List

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Family members of Parishioners who have died

Robert Baugh, father of Ryan Baugh.

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 12, 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 clergy person? _____ Yes _____ No

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