

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

**September 26, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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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 heed your call to love our neighbors as ourselves, inspire us to be good stewards of the relationships that sustain us. Grant us the wisdom and strength to care for others 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 James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

## **THE GOSPEL** Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

## **HOMILY**

Stephanie Deutsch and Greg Niblett, Christian Education

*You are invited to hold silence*

## **THE CREED**

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

**We believe in God’s son, Jesus,  
who models 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 calls 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.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**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 heed your call to care for the vulnerable.**

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

**Amen.**

God knows our imperfection and gladly grants us mercy.

Through Jesus Christ, who forgives and lets us 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 so that we may 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.

**God, as you have entrusted us with caring for each other and the world you love, we entrust these prayers to you in the faith that you will give us all what we need. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be with you!  
**And also with you.**

## **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](http://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. Led astray by our power, we put our comfort above our responsibility to care for each other. Deluded 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.**

You sent your son and our brother, Jesus. By word and deed, he taught us 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 all 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!**

## 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

<b>Presider</b>	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
<b>Preachers</b>	Stephanie Deutsch and Greg Niblett



### 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](mailto:michele@stmarks.net)

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## Cycle of Prayer

### *In the Diocese of Washington*

St. Francis Church, Potomac  
Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi  
Pray for human treatment of all of God's creatures,  
especially companion, rescue, and service animals.

### *Anglican Communion*

Pray for the Episcopal Church

### *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Collie Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros  
William Aycock • Bernard • John Barton • Pamela Blumgart  
Joseph Boone • Jackie Boddie • Fairfield Butt • Martin De Nys  
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Jim Frazier • Carnie Hayes • Rachel Hayes • Jan Hoffman • Doria Howe  
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Nat Marks • David Peterson • Joan Pierotti • Joe Summers • Rick Rutherford  
Mary Welker • Nell Whitman • Margaret Wood • Tom Zarek

### **Family members of Parishioners who have died**

Robert Baugh, father of Ryan Baugh.

### *Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military*

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest

*Please send any names you would like to add to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto: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 26 , 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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