

**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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A Season of Giving  
October 31, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Assistant Rector**

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

**Director of Youth & Family Ministries**

Caleb Nelson Amaker

**Director of Music**

Jeff Kempkie

# 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.**

## THE COLLECT

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**God of love who asks for no sacrifice of animals or outcast: turn our heart and mind to love all creatures and you, the source of life, that we might find our strength in the kin-dom's open feast through Jesus Christ the image of God. Amen.**

*You are invited to hold silence*

## THE READING Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
Where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL** Mark 12:28-34

The Gospel of Jesus according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

*You are invited to hold silence*

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE<sup>1</sup>**

Let us pray. Strengthened and renewed by God’s love, let us pray for all of God’s creation, especially the Ministries beyond our walls.

We pray for the health, safety, and welfare of all people and that the dignity of every person be honored.

**God of all, move us to action when we see injustice.**

We pray for all serving in the ministry of the church and all who live out the gift of their vocations in the world.

**God of all, move us to express our ministry in your service.**

---

<sup>1</sup> The following ministries served as inspiration for the prayers offered today: Everyone Home DC, Greater DC Diaper Bank, Homeless Assistance Response Team, Incarceration Justice, Good Neighbors Capitol Hill, Samaritan Ministries/Baskets Under the Altar, Green Lions, Widows & Widowers Group.

We pray for the leaders of this city, this country, and the world, that they may govern with justice, work towards peace, and serve the common good.

**God of all, move us to be agents of change and understanding.**

We pray for our world; for the responsible use of its natural resources, and that it is passed in good care to future generations.

**God of all, move us to value all of your creation.**

We pray for our siblings in this city; the unhoused, those who are food insecure, the unemployed and under employed, that their needs be fulfilled and that they draw strength from you.

**God of all, move us to see the need in our midst and to serve.**

We pray for those on the margins of our society; those who are incarcerated, and all refugees, especially those who are seeking resettlement in our area, that they experience your calming presence and may know your love.

**God of all, move us to seek and serve Christ in all people.**

We pray for those who suffer from loneliness or any trouble, and for those who have died and their loved ones who mourn.

**God of all, move us to be present for those who are in need.**

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

Together let us pray,

**God of all, we lift up our prayers to you. Strengthen our resolve, guide our hearts, and renew our minds into your service, so that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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.

*Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### EUCCHARISTIC 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 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!**

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

Now go in Peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God: the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer rest on and remain with you now and always.

**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 Christopher Phillips
<b>Preacher</b>	The Reverend Michele Morgan
<b>Verger</b>	Martha Huizenga



**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)

**Acknowledgements:** The Opening Sentences, The Dismissal. (adapted) *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979. The collect Prayers for an inclusive church. Affirmation *New Patterns for Worship*, The Church of England. Prayers of the People, Joel Martinez, Christopher Phillips Eucharistic Prayer: *Enriching Our Worship*, volume 1. Blessing, *Iona Abbey Worship Book* The Peace: *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979. Invitation to Communion, Common Usage, St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill

301 A Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

202-543-0053 (phone)  
202-546-3695 (fax)  
www.stmarks.net

## Office Directory

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan, Rector	michele@stmarks.net
The Reverend Christopher Phillips, Assistant Rector	assistantrector@stmarks.net
Jeff Kempskie, Director of Music	jeff@stmarks.net
Caleb Nelson Amaker, Director of Youth & Family Ministries	youthdirector@stmarks.net
Patricia Braley, Finance Manager	patricia@stmarks.net
James Rostron, Parish Administrator	parishadmin@stmarks.net
Judith Rautenberg, Boys & Girls Choir Director	bgcdirector@stmarks.net
Katherine Philipson, Bulletin Coordinator	bulletin@stmarks.net
The Reverend Patricia Catalano, Adjunct Priest	adjunct@stmarks.net
Joel Martinez, Seminarian	seminarian@stmarks.net

## The Vestry

Senior Warden	Linell Grundman	seniorwarden@stmarks.net
Junior Warden	Jim Pittman	juniorwarden@stmarks.net
Class of '22	Andrew Stafford, Shay Waye, & Kit Arrington	
Class of '23	Brent Bickley, Fritz Henn, & Edna Boone	
Class of '24	Christoph Berendes, Jeb Ory & Dave Wellman	
Officers	Frank Nickerson, <i>Treasurer</i>	
	Randy Marks, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	
	Kim Bayliss, <i>Register</i>	
	OPEN, <i>Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

Mary Neznok Raiford Gaffney Tom Getman

## **Cycle of Prayer**

### ***In the Diocese of Washington***

All Souls Memorial Church, All Souls Parish, DC

All Saints' Day (November 1)

All Souls Day

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

### ***Parish Prayer List***

Louise Abbot • Collie Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros  
William Aycock • Bernard • John Barton • Eileen Blumenthal • Pamela Blumgart  
Joseph Boone • Jackie Boddie • Pamela Burton Moore • Fairfield Butt • Diane Carey  
Martin De Nys • Nancy Donaldson • Taylor Emerson • Elizabeth Fowler  
Jim Frazier • Carnie Hayes • Rachel Hayes • Jan Hoffman • Doria Howe  
Gale Johnson • Kate Leisch • Carol Lewis • Barbara Marks  
Nat Marks • Randy Marks • David Peterson • Joan Pierotti • Joe Summers • Rick Rutherford  
Gardner Van Scoyoc • Mary Welker • Nell Whitman • Margaret Wood • Tom Zarek

### ***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: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 am Holy Eucharist  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10 am Sermon Seminar  
\_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 am Holy Eucharist  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist  
\_\_\_\_\_ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

on October 31, 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

*You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly eGospel newsletter at [www.stmarks.net/contact-us/](http://www.stmarks.net/contact-us/). If you'd like to join the St. Mark's egroup to interact with other parishioners, please contact Raiford Gaffney ([rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com)).*