

**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.



**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021**

**4:00 PM
VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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 "Greening" of the Nave, the custom of bringing greens, usually holly and ivy, into the home at Christmas dates to the early 16th Century. It began as covering work implements so they would be unavailable during the holiday season. The creche featuring pottery figures was a gift from artist/parishioner Betty Foster and set by Maureen Shea.

The Worship Committee wishes to thank this year's Greening team: Ryan Baugh, Doris Burton, Bridey Heing, Fritz Henn, Bill Jordan, Mary Thuell, Loretta Veney, and Jason Wallis. We also want to thank Pam Lacey for the contribution of magnolia and Lou Bayard for the garlands decorating the chancel steps. The trees in front of the chancel are decorated with Chrismons, ornaments of Christian symbols and gifted by Mary Cooper. We also wish to thank Mike Townsend, David Trissell, and Junior Warden Jim Pittman for their work installing the courtyard tree, lit following Advent Lessons & Carols on Dec 5.

The processional cross is the Lichfield cross, fabricated in Lichfield, UK, in 2002 to acknowledge our link with Lichfield Cathedral. Made of English oak, it is carved in the shape of the cross of St. Chad, the patron of the cathedral. It is inlaid with sterling silver and bears an image of the lion of St. Mark as it appears in the Lichfield Gospel, ca 800 AD.

The ornaments on the nave Christmas trees are called Chrismons. They were made for St. Mark's by Mary Cooper's mother and godmother, Jeanie Anderson & Alys Smith of Chapin, SC over 50 years ago and have been in use every year since. The symbols represent various aspects of the life of Christ.



Cover Image: Hanna Varghese, *God Is With Us*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD & CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

PRELUDE Contemplation on *St. Louis*
Partita on *In dulci jubilo*

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)
German Carol, arr. James Vivian (b. 1974)

OPENING HYMN 83 O come, all ye faithful, vv. 1 & 6

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

OPENING SENTENCES

I bring you good news of great joy!
A Savior has been born to you! Alleluia!
Unto us a child is born!
The Child is a gift! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, in the birth of the baby Jesus, you have come among us to be with us. In him, we see and know the bright light of your love. Rejoicing with Mary and Joseph in the gift of your presence, may we let our light shine in the world that all may know this love. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PAGEANT

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Script adapted and edited by Tracy Council, Caleb Nelson Amaker, and Michele H. Morgan
Music by Jeff Kempkie
Video editing by Eliza Wapner

REFLECTION

Caleb Nelson Amaker

CHILDREN'S CREED

I believe in God above,
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe His Spirit too,
comes to tell me what to do.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, born in a human family: we pray for our own families and friends, the people who love us and the people who take care of us. Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, cradled in a manger: we pray for our neighbors who are hungry, homeless, and hurting. We pray for all the places and people that are in need of your love. Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals: we pray for this planet, our Earth. May we come to see it, and see the whole universe, as your body, to be cherished and cared for. Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings: we pray for this country, and for all the countries of the world, as we try to live with and for each other. Lord Jesus, **Hear our prayer.**

Give those incarcerated courage and hope; give those who work in these places compassion and honor; and help us all to build a better world. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

Jesus, our Emmanuel, accept our prayers and be with us this day and every day. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

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 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 PEACE

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

WELCOME

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an online gift, or learn about the other ways to give, by visiting the St. Mark's website, stmarks.net, and choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.

Gifts to St. Marks can also be made by texting "stmarks20003" to 73256, or by visiting the QR code.



Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.

CLOSING HYMN 87 Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.

Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

3 Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

THE BLESSING

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost,
to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
to bring Peace/שלום / سلام among the people, to make music in the heart.

And the Blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Postlude on 'Mendelssohn'

David Willcocks (1919 - 2015)



Worship Participants

Presiders	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan The Reverend Chrstopher Phillips
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Soloist	Marika Klein
Verger	Josie Jordan
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Nativity Players

Dominic Bruinooge, Ella Bruinooge, Anna Deutsch, Arlo Deutsch, Christopher Deutsch, Cyrus Deutsch, David Deutsch, Kristen Deutsch, Harvey Deutsch, Leon Deutsch, E. Godec, The Gustafson Family, Hannah Hubbard, Hattie Hubbard, Hill Hubbard, Alden Humphrey, Maggie Humphrey, Emma Kalis, Zoe Kalis, Allison Kennedy, Leo Kennedy, Aruna Kerai, Beatrice King, Harvey King, X. MacDonald, Alice Macdonald Beaty, Cora Macdonald Beaty, Ella Madhok, Jaiya Madhok, The Ramish Family, The Summey Family, Tadashi, Emily Townsend, William Townsend, Anna Kate Y.



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Schedule of Christmas Services

Friday	Dec. 24	9:30 PM	Brass Prelude Music and Carol Singing
Friday	Dec. 24	10 PM	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist with incense
Saturday	Dec. 25	10 AM	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday	Dec. 26	10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday	Dec. 26	5 PM	Christmas I Contemplative Service
Sunday	Jan. 2	10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday	Jan. 2	5 PM	Christmas I Contemplative Service

*Both Christmas Eve services and the Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd
10 am services are live and live streamed.*

Epiphany Sermon Series

Adding Voices: Acts of Radical Love that change the world
Grief in the face of change

January In times of Pandemic
February African American theologians



Jan. 9	Patricia Catalano	Spanish Flu
Jan 16	Michele Morgan	Martyrs of Memphis
Jan 23	Christopher Phillips	Lepers of Hawaii
Jan 30	Joel Martinez	AIDS Epidemic
Feb. 6	Joel Martinez	Howard Thurman
Feb 13	Christopher Phillips	James Cone
Feb 20	Patricia Catalano	Verna Dozier
Feb 27th	Michele Morgan	Kelly Brown Douglas



Celebration and Remembrance: Christmas 2021

In Memory of...

Jack B. Burton, Junior Warden 2003-2005, beloved, friend, by Doris Burton.
Dolores Heing, Jerry Heing, Marty Tully, George & Edna Wallis, Lois Richards, by
Bridey Heing & Jason Wallis.
Arnold and Tom Taylor, by Lilian Taylor.
My Parents Clayton and Mavis Becker, by Elizabeth Becker.
Susan Ulstrum Nierengarten, by Kitz Cleary.

Norman and Claire Choinieve, Charlie's mother and stepfather, by Louise Walsh and Charles Rupp.
Larkin Adelle Wilkinson, by Stephanie & David Deutsch.
Henrietta & Michael Latin (Parents), by Patricia Latin.
Bao Nguyen, by Andrew Stafford.
Beryl L. Martin, by Bertha Martin.
Chuck Divine, by Jane Byrne.
Bert Cooper & Bill Baxter and Jean Baxter, by Mary Cooper.

Fred Taylor-gone from the known world, but still present in my heart, by Sherrill Taylor.

Sue Vail Dibblee, by Michelle Dibblee.

Our late parents, William & Agnes Dickinson & Charles & Laura Perry, by their children, grandchildren, and great-great-granddaughter.

David M. Roberts and Mark Mason, by Jim Steed.

Anne and Chuck Jaekle, Don Sarles, Larry and Ellen Cardwell, Ryan Keith, Chuck Divine, and Collie Agle from the community of St. Mark's that loves them.

Our Parents, by Tom and Karen Getman.

Stan Jones, by Linda Meade.

Lydia Gladstone, 1935-2021, by Laura Gladstone.

Taylor O'Hare Smith, by Judy Smith.

Ellen Cardwell for her dedication to St. Mark's, by Loretta Veney & Doris Burton.

In Honor of...

Parents Fred and Emma Boddie, by Jackie L. Boddie.

Dianne Hall, by Rob Hall and Chris Behan.

Linell Grundman and the leadership of St. Mark's by Michele Morgan

Beatrice (Sandalee) and John Morgan and all the missing indigenous women and Children, by Michele Morgan.

The Reverend Michele Morgan, by Stephanie & David Deutsch.

Wardens Linell Grundman and Jim Pittman, by Josie and Bill Jordan.

My Senior Friends Jan Hoffman and Lilian Taylor, by Raiford Gaffney.

In Thanksgiving for ...

Wally, Maggie, Peter, and Lila Sedgewick, by Susan and John Sedgewick.

Patricia Catalano & members of the Centering Prayer group, by Allison Jones.

Kellie, on her 20th birthday! By Shay and Mitch Waye.

Lichfield friends, by Doris Burton.

The Staff of St. Mark's: Jeff, Patricia B., Caleb, Katherine, Patricia C., Chris, and Michael. By the 12th Rector of St. Mark's.

Judith Smith (Spouse), by Patricia Latin.

Aurora May Ervanian & Cyrus Noah Deutsch, by Stephanie & David Deutsch.

Nat Marks, Lila Marks, Stephanie Roth, Juan Munoz, my husband Mhat Alquiras, by Randy Marks

My children, Rebecca & Harold Wolfinger, by Henry Wolfinger.

Jeff Kempskie and the Choir, by Josie Jordan and Bill Jordan.

Luca Andreycak (son of Will and Jenna Andreycak), Lila Louise Bryne Sedgewick (daughter of Wally & Maggie Bryne-Sedgewick), by Jane Byrne.

Our children and grandchildren, and all those we love, by Tom and Karen Getman.

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Cycle of Prayer

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St. Thomas' Church, DC
St. Thomas' Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation

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The Diocese of Ilesa South West
The Church of Nigeria
The Province of Ibadan

Parish Prayer List

Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • John Barton • Pamela Blumgart
Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Martin De Nys • Jim Frazier
Jan Hoffman • Elizabeth Long • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks
Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson • Joan Pierotti • Gardner Van Scoyoc
Eleanor Whitman • Margaret Wood • Tom Zarek

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Chase Allen Ammon

Those who have died

Collie Agle

*In order to keep the prayer list updated, we begin anew semi-annually.
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