

**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 SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS**

January 2, 2022

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 Kempskie

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy: a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.

Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT

Let us pray:

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

You are invited to hold silence.

THE FIRST READING Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

The Gospel of Jesus, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us affirm our faith together:

I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

You are invited to hold silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Creator, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with

“This is my prayer” to which all will respond “Amen.”

Together, let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified; receive our prayers, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Take a moment to pause and feel God with us.

THE PEACE

May the peace of God, born among us, be with you!
And also with you.

From your seats, offer a sign of peace to those around you. Suggestions include a peace sign, hand over your heart, bow, and/or a prayer hand gesture.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you loving God, for you did not abandon us or stand far off but came in awful nearness with the urgency of love. Now we praise you for the Word made flesh born

of Mary's body, nurtured in her womb, cradled in her arms, greeted by her song. The fullness of God dwells in his flesh, a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside, good news of bread for the hungry and poor, a shepherd to find those who are lost. Now we are caught up, body and soul resound with the glory of music divine, echoing through the hallowed earth:

**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.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please note that during the season of Christmas, we will 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 for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and 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

In light of the Omicron variant, we will not be distributing bread at this time.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Together let us pray,

Redeeming God, who sustains us: we believe that you are truly present in the blessing of the bread and wine. We love you above all things and long for a closer connection to you. Since we cannot now receive the bread and wine, come into our hearts, and help us to connect with you more deeply. We embrace your presence and unite ourselves to you; never permit us to be separated. Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray, saying together:

O God, you have called your people to your table, so that we may be nurtured, but also so that we may nurture your creation. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not

knowing where we go, but only that the Holy Spirit is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Brother. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The world is now too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed to see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cries of the poor.

May your hand be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, *your love*, changes everything. May the blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer be with us now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beloved, let us love, not only in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

Amen!

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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.

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Epiphany Sermon Series

Grief and hope 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

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Presider & Preacher The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Verger Michele Rivard



Liturgy Request: At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like more information on how we do this as a community, please contact Rector Michele Morgan at michele@stmarks.net.

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Class of '24	Christoph Berendes, Jeb Ory & Dave Wellman

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Diocesan Delegates

Mary Neznek Raiford Gaffney and Tom Getman

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Church of the Epiphany, DC
Welcome Table and Street Church, Church of the Epiphany, DC
Epiphany Church, Forestville

Anglican Communion

Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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 • Joel Wilson • Margaret Wood • Tom Zarek

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings

Those who have died

Tucker Harris

*In order to keep the prayer list updated, we begin anew semi-annually.
If you would like to request to add a name, please email the
Bulletin Coordinator at 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 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ Sermon Seminar
_____ 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ 5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist
_____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.) on January 2, 2022

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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