

**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 SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT
March 13, 2022**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST**

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.



Everyone attending worship at St. Mark's is expected to sign-in for contact tracing purposes. To support those who may be immunocompromised and those with small children, masks must be worn at all times in the nave. Please know that arriving a little early will help get everyone in.



The Miracle of the Five Loaves and Two Fish A Sculpture by the People of St. Mark's Church, Capitol Hill 2019-2020

This mixed media liturgical sculpture was built by the people of St. Mark's Church during Advent 2019 and Lent 2020, under the leadership of Tracy Councill, Lynda Smith Bugge, Elin Whitney-Smith, Penny Farley and Cindy Dopp. The concept was proposed by Peter Mosley, who sought to create a representation of the miracle of the loaves and fishes as a symbol for our gathering around the table and sharing a communion meal in the community's spirit of acceptance and hospitality.

During Advent 2019, parishioners of all ages gathered before and after services to create the “scales” of the fish—small paper circles on which they wrote or drew something to represent “what do you bring to be blessed?” Each week's batch of scales were laminated and hole punched, and folks shared the work of stringing them and joining them to the metal armatures outlining the fish.

During Lent 2020, we began work on the loaves of bread. Everyone was invited to convey their thoughts about “what sustains you?” on muslin cloth to be wrapped onto sculpted bread loaves. Only three weeks into Lent, Covid-19 required us to suspend in-person gatherings, so the loaves were finished with the thoughts folks had shared up until then.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES¹

Bless the Holy One who forgives all sin.
God's mercy endures forever.

COLLECT²

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God: your son, Jesus Christ, fasted forty days in the wilderness. As we begin this season, give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit. As you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

You are invited to hold silence.

THE FIRST READING³ Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹ Grateful acknowledgement of God's being and purpose

² Pronounced 'COLL-ect' and is the special prayer for the day

³ The reading(s) before the Gospel may be from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and/or the Epistles (letters to the new Christian communities)

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY⁴

Joel Martinez, Seminarian

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION⁵

We believe in God the Creator, by whom every person in heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

⁴ *A means to engage a dialogue between the Bible and current world events*

⁵ *A communal statement of our belief*

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen**

You are invited to hold silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE⁶

Let us pray for the church, ourselves, and the world.

Gracious God: As we walk through this season of Lent, we give thanks for our chosen spiritual home, all who guide and work for it, here and abroad.

Our help comes from you

Creator God, who breathed this world into being and established a covenant with those who follow you: bring us out of the captivity of our lives into your promised land.

Our help comes from you.

Forgiving God: You gave us this world and all its beauty, yet we used it for our own glory rather than yours. Remind us daily of its wonders and of our responsibility to tell those who have the power to make a difference by doing the work we gave them to do.

Our help comes from you.

Loving God: You taught that all are precious in your sight: we remember the lonely and the isolated, those who have suffered so much in these years of pandemic. We ask that you carry them and us through these dark days and breathe new life into all as you breathe new life into the world each spring.

Our help comes from you.

Living God: Your son walked among us and touched the lives of those overlooked by society: remind us of the homeless and refugees among us and that we are your hands in the world.

Our help comes from you.

Comforting God: You welcomed your own Son back into your arms after his earthly life. We ask that you welcome those we have lost, loved and unloved, known and unknown, over these pandemic years and remind us that we, too, will be welcomed home one day.

People: Our help comes from you.

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.”*

⁶ Prayers, petitions, or entreaties hope to change us as we go into the world

Merciful God: **These things, good Lord, that we, your servants, have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and, in the purpose of your love, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. Amen.**

CONFESSION⁷

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION⁸

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE⁹

The peace of God be always 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.

⁷ Expresses our failures to do the work we believe God has given us to do

⁸ The priest expresses a sign that God is present and has forgiven us for our failures

⁹ A sign to one another in gratitude for God's presence among us

OFFERTORY SENTENCE¹⁰

Walk in love as Christ loves us.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Abba, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, you welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you. Jesus shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, made the perfect sacrifice.

Christ, our redeemer: on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper, you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, '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; do this in remembrance of me.'

We bless you, O Christ: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Savior.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

¹⁰ *Reminds us that we offer ourselves and what we have to God's service*

Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voices to join the song of heaven, forever praising you and saying:

**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.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Throughout the season of Lent, we will use 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 FRACTION

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread

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

*Please join us in the eating of the bread,
knowing this act of community is a full communion.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray, saying together:

Lord God, you renew us with the living bread from heaven. Nourish our faith, increase our hope, strengthen our love, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL¹¹

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ. Amen.

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¹¹ *A reminder of God's presence in our lives as we go into the world*

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 and Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Patricia Catalano
Preacher	Joel Martinez
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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The Collect, Post-Communion Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal: *The Book of Common Prayer* of New Zealand, adapted. The Penitential Litany and the Eucharist: *The Book of Common Prayer* of the USA, adapted. The Creed: Scott Lipscomb, adapted. Prayers of the People St Mark's Episcopal

Lenten & Easter Services

Wednesdays in Lent	8:00 am Eucharist
Thursdays 12:00 pm	12:00 pm Eucharist, <i>Chapel</i>
Sundays: March 13, 20 & April 3	9:00 am Holy Eucharist, <i>Nave</i> 10:00 am Sermon Seminar, <i>Nave</i> 11:15 am Holy Eucharist, <i>Nave & FB Live</i> 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>
Sunday, March 27	10:00 am Family Eucharist, Children's Reflection, <i>Nave & FB Live</i> 12:00 pm Annual Meeting by Zoom 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>
Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday	9:00 am Liturgy of the Palms, <i>Nave</i> 10:00 am Sermon Seminar, <i>Nave</i> 11:15 am Liturgy of the Palms, <i>Nave & FB Live</i> 5:00 pm, Liturgy of the Palms, <i>Nave</i>
Wednesday, April 13	7:00 pm Tenebrae, Contemporary readings and music, <i>Nave</i>
Maundy Thursday, April 14	12:00 pm Noon Eucharist, <i>Chapel</i> 6:30 pm Agape Feast 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>
Good Friday, April 15	12:00 pm Good Friday Service, <i>Nave</i> 1:30 pm Stations of the Cross, <i>Nave</i> 3:30 pm Stations of the Cross <i>at the U.S. Capitol</i> 7:00 pm Good Friday Service, <i>Nave</i>
Saturday, April 16	10:00 am Following after Jesus, <i>Baxter Hall & other spaces</i>
Easter Sunday, April 17	9:00 am Festival Eucharist, <i>Nave</i> 11:15 am Festival Eucharist, <i>Nave & Facebook Live</i> 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Patrick's Church, DC
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, DC

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Parish Prayer List

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

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Andrew Ernst

*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*

Notes:

⌘ Lend your gifts as a worship volunteer! ⌘

Your gifts are needed to help craft and participate in worship services and hospitality at St. Mark's. There are many ways to get involved and the time commitment is up to you.

Please share your contact information and select the ministries that interest you. Return this form by putting it into the offering plate or handing it to one of the greeters as you leave.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- The Worship Planning Committee works with the clergy to craft liturgy that invites us into a deeper relationship with God and each other.
- The Altar Guild prepares the altar for worship and cares for the linens and the liturgical items used in worship.
- Greeters and ushers make everyone feel welcome during worship, both newcomers and long timers alike. They ensure everyone receives a bulletin, assist with the Sunday collection, and much more.
- Acolytes carry the processional cross, torches, and banner in processions, and assist at the altar.
- Lay readers take an active role in every worship service, reading lessons and leading prayers.
- Hospitality volunteers offer refreshments to worshipers after services, allowing for fellowship and conversation. They are responsible for setting up and putting away the refreshments, which are provided by St. Mark's.

Questions? Please contact the Reverend Christopher Phillips at

assistantrector@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 March 13, 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

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/. If you'd like to join the St. Mark's egroup to interact with other parishioners, please contact Raiford Gaffney (rgaffneydc@gmail.com).