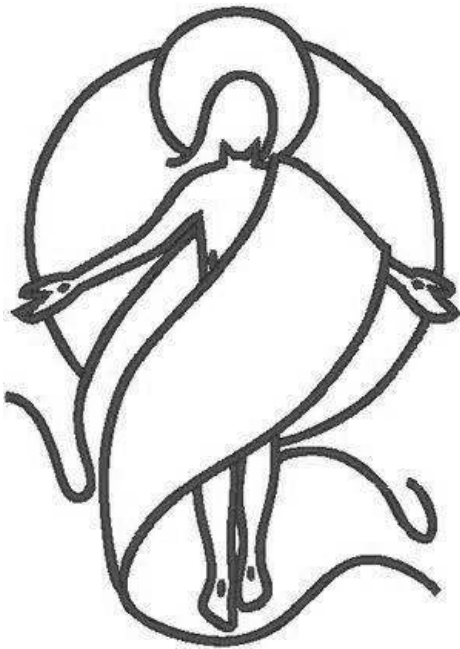


**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
✠
CAPITOL HILL**

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 OF EASTER

April 24, 2022

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST**

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

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



To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage www.stmarks.net and click “Calendar” at the top of the page.

To support those who may be immunocompromised and those with small children, masks must be worn at all times in the nave.

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.

Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.



About Today we celebrate the feast day of St. Mark the Evangelist (April 25)

Saint Mark, also known as Mark the Evangelist, is celebrated with a feast day on April 25. He is traditionally ascribed to be the author of the Gospel of Mark and the founder of the church in Alexandria, an important center of early Christianity. As a result, Saint Mark is honored as the founder of Christianity in Africa. Martyred in Egypt, his remains were later smuggled to Venice and are interred in St. Mark's Basilica.

Our parish, founded as “Memorial Parish”, was named for St. Mark after the death of Rev. Mark Olds in 1869, our founding rector.



The Butterfly Cross was created by the children of the Parish for Easter Season 2017. It is a representation of our donation of living plants to help pollinators have a more livable habitat.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Jesus is risen indeed. Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT

The risen God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

You are invited to hold silence.

THE READING Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the [crowds], Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

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.

You are invited to hold silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Living God, we gather in prayer to glorify you and serve each other. Let us pray for the world, for all communities, and for all of Creation.

Silence.

God, you have blessed us with a loving community. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us so that we may serve our neighbors as ourselves and strive to heal our broken world. By your grace,

Strengthen us.

God, you have blessed our church with passionate and creative members. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we may embrace humility, work in harmony, and speak truth in love. By your grace,

Enlighten us.

God, you have blessed us with open minds and inquiring souls. Send your Holy Spirit to enliven us so that we may proclaim and create a world of love and justice. By your grace,

Enliven us.

God, you have embraced us in a cloud of witnesses. Send your Holy Spirit to sustain us so that we may act as faithful stewards of what we have been given. By your grace,

Sustain us.

God, through Jesus's resurrection you conquered death, comfort us as we experience the fear and grief that accompanies profound loss. Give peace to the departed and solace to those left behind. By your grace,
Comfort us.

Let us pray for our needs and others.

*All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with
"This is my prayer" to which all will respond "Amen."*

Let us pray:

God, our Creator, help us to love you and our neighbors; Jesus, our Risen brother, give us humility to follow you as your disciples did; Holy Spirit, form us to be your hands and voice healing this broken world. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen God be 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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in Saint Mark and all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took wine, and having given thanks, gave the cup to his friends, saying,

"This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it for the remembrance of me."

So now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this wine, ordinary things of the world, that they may become extraordinary means of God's blessing. As Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate God's goodness.

**Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth.
Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.**

In the beginning, O God, you watered the earth that we might have food and drink. You gave your servants Abraham and Sarah bread to strengthen them on their journey. You called Moses and his people and sustained them with food and drink in the wilderness. You gave Mary and the other disciples their daily bread. And here at your table you nourish us for our journey as your children. And so with all our siblings, before us and beside us, we praise you for your unending greatness and mercy.

God present as our Lord Jesus Christ, breathe your Spirit upon this bread and wine that they may be heaven's food and drink for us; renewing us, sustaining us, and making us whole. Breathe your Spirit upon us that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Creator, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen.

Throughout the season of Easter we are using 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 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 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

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life:

Who for our transformation gave yourself in Jesus to death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection made us an Easter people, the living members of his body: Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, that we may evermore live in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Faced with the joy, the confusion, the wonder, and the power of Jesus, crucified yet risen, let us renew ourselves in faith for the work of transforming love that God calls us to. And so that we might be strong for this work, the blessing of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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, in-person or remotely.

If you are a newcomer and want us to get to know you better, please fill out this form.

If you are attending in-person, please complete the form on the last page.

If you have questions, you please 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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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 Assistant Rector Christopher Phillips at assistantrector@stmarks.net.

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Discipleship Sermon Series

“Therefore, go make disciples of all nations” Mathew 28:19

During the Great Fifty Days (the second Sunday of Easter through the Feast of Pentecost), we will explore what it means to be a disciple, both in our lives and as members of St. Mark's. When do we lead and when do we follow? How do we encourage others to join us as we follow God? How do we speak truth in love, especially when we may disagree? How do we as a community create a culture that supports one another and our neighbors?

The lectionary readings during this season lend themselves to these inquiries because they describe Jesus' followers' efforts to form a cohesive community to carry on his work. Each week we will explore a quality of discipleship, whether as a leader or follower.

Easter 2 (April 24): Witness

Easter 3 (May 1): Service and Compassion

Easter 5 (May 15): Inclusion

Easter 6 (May 22): Following

Easter 7 (May 29): Connection

Pentecost (June 6): Clarity

This season ends in Pentecost, when we celebrate the birth of the Church. Why do we offer ourselves to God in a faith community? What can we do to make our community stronger and more joyful?

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Cycle of Prayer

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St. Mark's Church, DC
St. Mark's Church, Fairland
Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring
Good Shepherd Episcopal Preschool, Silver Spring

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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Jan Hoffman • Elizabeth Long • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks
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*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
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Notes

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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 April 24, 2022

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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