

**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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 18, 2022**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Assistant Rector**

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

**Liturgy & Pastoral Associate**

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

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**Director of Music**

Jeff Kempskie

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

To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage [www.stmarks.net](http://www.stmarks.net) and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

**Masks** are now optional, though you may continue to wear them during services.

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



### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Today, the Spirit calls us!

**Let us hear, and let us act.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Holy Spirit is upon you!

**And also upon you!**

Let us pray.

**O God, free us from the certainty of having you in our grip, and allow a better wealth to flow through us; lead us not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; even now, among things that are passing away, inspire us to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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.*

#### COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS

**Presider:** Today we celebrate the beginning of the Sunday School and Adult Christian Education program year.

We give thanks for teachers' willingness to share their time and gifts, and we look forward to their sacred work of fostering curiosity and deepening understanding.

They will strive to create a safe place for students to explore their deepest concerns; they will be open to questions, consider doubts, and accept not having all the answers. Through their work they will explore the mystery of faith and bring the Christian story to life.

Good people of Saint Mark's, will you support and encourage them in their ministry of education and understanding?

**All: We will!**

**THE FIRST READING** Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 16:1-13

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for a servant will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*Please be seated.*

**HOMILY**

Keith Kruger and Michele Rivard

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**AFFIRMATION**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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**

God has promised to hear us when we call in his son's name: let us lift our voices in prayer:

Let us give thanks for the multitude of blessings:

**For our lives and the lives of those whom we love; for the beauty of the Earth you created, and for our families and friendships, Gracious God, we give you thanks.**

Let us pray for the just use of God's creation.

**Remind us, O God, to care for what you have given us, with attention and thought.**

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

**For Michael and Mariann, and for all clergy; for all lay people who serve parishes at home and around the world, and for those who gather in worship and prayer, O God, we give you thanks.**

Let us pray for all who have not yet returned to their spiritual home.

**Breathe fresh life, O God, into your people and guide them back.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world.

**Give strength, O God, to all people who are confronted by oppression, especially the people of Ukraine; for refugees and the homeless, that your presence will be felt by them.**

Let us pray for those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**Inspire them, O God, to act with integrity and courage.**

Let us pray for all who face pain and grief, here and elsewhere.

**Hearten, O God, those who struggle wherever violence intrudes, especially the victims of gun violence across this country; may they face the future with the knowledge that you are by their side.**

Let us pray for all who mourn.

**Comfort them, O God, in the emptiness left behind.**

Let us pray for those who have died, whether in the faith of Christ or those whose faith is known only to you.

**Welcome your children to your arms, O God.**

Let us pray for those in our lives and for 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 together saying:

**Grant, O God, that we may walk in your presence with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, and your strength in our will until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the risen God be with you!

**And also with you.**

## **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](http://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**

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and give himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

# 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 offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Creator, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Jesus, your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit, who came with signs from heaven to lead your Church into all truth. In the power of the Spirit, and made ready with his gifts, we take the joy of the gospel into all the world.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim;  
your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our

redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As Christ teaches 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 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**

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 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**

*You will be offered bread by a celebrant, which you may consume as usual.*

*If you are uncomfortable receiving and consuming the host while standing close to others, please remain seated until the last circle has finished and then come forward to receive from the clergy.*

*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:

**You have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. 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

**Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit!  
Thanks be to God; alleluia, alleluia!**



### Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

<b>Presider</b>	The Reverend Christopher Phillips
<b>Preacher</b>	Keith Kruger and Michele Rivard
<b>Verger</b>	Jennifer Cate

**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](mailto:assistantrector@stmarks.net).

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## Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman, Mary Neznok and Ruth Roman

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville

St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville

United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21) Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations.

## *Anglican Communion*

Pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

## *Parish Prayer List*

Charlie Donnelly • Betsy Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Pamela Blumgart  
Molly & David Bonnell • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt  
Aldena Clifford • Martin De Nys • Pete Eveleth • Susan Flanders  
Jan Hoffman • Michele Huycke • Elizabeth Long • Nat Marks  
Taylor Emerson Marks • Steve Marshall • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson  
Joan Pierotti • Rick Rutherford • Eleanor Whitman  
Joel Wilson • Margaret Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

## *Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military*

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest

## *For those who have died*

Jean Eveleth • Jeff Gray

*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](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!*

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 September 18, 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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