

**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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

September 4, 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

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempkie

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.

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A RITE OF HOMECOMING

Lay Leader: Today we welcome our Rector Michele as she returns to lead our community after her sabbatical. We give thanks for this time of reflection and renewal, for Michele and for our congregation.

We give thanks for Michele's safe return to our community, and we look forward to witnessing God at work among us, inspiring us to share our gifts and serve all people.

Michele: I give thanks for a renewing sabbatical, and for the efforts of Chris, Patricia, Linell, David, the Sabbatical Committee, Jeff, Caleb, the admin staff, and for all who have served faithfully, maintaining the vitality of this community in my absence.

In returning, I commit myself to doing the work, and to holding sacred the trust of this community. I will care for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor alike. By my words and actions, and in my life, I will proclaim the gospel. I will love and serve all people, nourish them, encourage them in their Ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Good people of Saint Mark's, we have all been called to share in the church's mission to reconcile all people. Through Baptism we are called to work together, remembering that each of us has resources and gifts for ministry. Do you commit yourself to lending your gifts and being of service to this part of God's kin-dom?

All: We do, by God's grace. Welcome home, Michele!

You are invited to hold silence.

THE FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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, 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

St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community. Please form a single line in the main aisle. Ushers will guide you into a circle; please remain approximately six feet apart from others for COVID protection.

You will be offered bread by a celebrant, which you may consume as usual. Please remain in place until the presider dismisses the group. Return to your seat by way of the clergy chairs.

If you are uncomfortable receiving and unmasking to consume 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

Presider & Preacher	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Verger	David Deutsch

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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Diocesan Delegates

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, and St. Mary's College

National Association of Episcopal Schools

Pray for all students and teachers

Labor Day (September) Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia

Parish Prayer List

Betsy Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Pamela Blumgart
Molly & David Bonnell • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt
Aldena Clifford • Susan Flanders • Martin De Nys • 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

Those Who Have Died

Rick Rutherford

*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!

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 4, 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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