

**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.



**CHRIST OUR SOVEREIGN
SUNDAY**

November 20, 2022

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

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.

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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize God's presence with us.

Let us pray

God of unbroken weakness, you laugh at our love of power: may we find kin-ship in the gathering around this altar, always seeking the divine, give us conviction to bear witness to love, whatever the cost through Jesus Christ our Sovereign. Amen

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

Today we welcome Thom Sinclair, who has been chosen to serve as Deacon of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Thom, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Thom: *I do.*

Having committed yourself to this work, you will encourage the participation of the baptized people in all opportunities for ministry in the world by assisting them to identify areas of greatest need, engaging with them to discern the most effective ways to minister to people in the community, and supporting them in the implementation of those ministries.

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Thom in this ministry?

We will

Let us offer our prayers to God for all people, for this community, and for Thom.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Thom, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for all people; and grant that together he may follow Jesus, offering to you his gifts and talents; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION

Let us affirm our faith together:

We believe in God the Creator,

By whom every person in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

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 PEOPLE

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

You framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church.

Fill us with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love.

You delivered your people from the misery of bondage to the land of promise; free us from division, disunity, and distrust in our public life.

Grant those in authority the light of vision, that they may lead all peoples to greater unity and concord.

You created the cosmos and all that lives within it.

Create in us hearts that are open to the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that we may care for the world around us.

You lead us into relationship with you and one another; renew us to be people of community.

Lead us to truly listen to one another so that all might glorify you by sharing our gifts to raise up those in need.

You bring comfort and hope to the lowest and the lost; help us to sow compassion and hope.

Show your compassion to the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering.

You hear us as we remember those who have died, whether in the faith of Christ or those whose faith is known only to you.

Grant us all peace and a share in your heavenly kingdom.

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."*

Together let us pray.

Gracious God, you walk with your people in compassion. You call us to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with You and each other. Set us free from the division and distrust that infects our hearts and fractures our communities. Amen.

BLESSING OF DONATED FOOD/GIFT CARDS FOR THANKSGIVING

St. Mark's collects food in baskets under our altar; we typically say a prayer over it and bring it to the Lutheran Church of the Reformation's food pantry, which provides non-perishable food items that are distributed in pre-packaged bags to those in need Monday through Friday.

Thanksgiving we are also giving giftcards out through Everyhome DC see announcement #9

Merciful and eternal God, as we seek the bread which sustains us, inspire us to also generously share the bounty we are given. Bless this food, and the many hands who have brought it to us; may these shared gifts not simply satisfy hunger, but awaken compassion, rekindle hearts, and reawaken hope. Grant this all for the sake of your love.

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

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

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Go into the world and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness, for there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken unless you speak them. And now let us go forth into the world in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Christopher Phillips
Preacher	The Reverend Thom Sinclair
Verger	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.

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Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman, Mary Neznok and Ruth Roman

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Christ Church, Chaptico; Christ Church, Clinton Parish
Christ Church, La Plata; Christ Church, Rockville
Christ Episcopal School, Rockville; Christ Church, Wayside
Church of the Holy Comforter, DC; Daughters of the King
Thanksgiving Day (November 24) Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Betsy Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Pamela Blumgart
Molly & David Bonnell • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Aldena Clifford
Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys • Charley Donnelly • Pete Eveleth
Anne Headley • Jan Hoffman • Michele Huycke • Elizabeth Long
Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks • Steve Marshall • Pam Burton Moore
David Peterson • Joan Pierotti • Janet Vail • Betty Wellman
Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • Margaret Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

Parishioners Who Have Died

Jan Hoffman

Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest

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 November 20, 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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