

**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 FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**November 27, 2022**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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The Reverend Thom Sinclair

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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](http://www.stmarks.net) and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

**Masks** are optional at St. Mark's and you may continue to wear them during the service.

**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

Keep awake!

**You know not when God comes.**

Keep awake!

**God is coming.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, as your kin-dom dawns, turn us from the corruption of sin to the honesty of holiness, so that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

*You are invited to hold silence.*

#### THE FIRST READING Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 24:36-44

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele Morgan

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*The people stand as able.*

**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**

Gracious God, as we begin Advent, we pray that your holy and Universal Church may be awake and alert to your call to be agents of your love in the world. In all your Love

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who hold positions of authority. May they be ever watchful for the signs and symptoms of this hurting world, being open to prophetic voices of our time, so that decisions of peace, love, and reconciliation are made. In all your Love

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for the welfare of the world, that your light may shine in those places that are overshadowed by darkness and fear. In all your Love

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for the St. Mark's Community, that we may have an awareness of your presence in our lives and take what we learn in this place and use it to be Christ's healing hands in the world. In all your Love

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for those burdened by suffering, grief, or lack of purpose: That they may know the soothing balm of your compassion. In all your Love

**Hear our prayer**

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.

**Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess how we have missed the mark of God at the center of our lives and of our truest selves.

*A period of silence is observed.*

All Holy and loving God,  
we have dwelt in darkness  
and preferred it to the light;  
we have been proud of our accomplishments  
and despaired over our shortcomings.  
Smooth down the mountains of our pride,  
and lift up the valleys of our doubts.  
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives  
that we might find our way to you again.

## ABSOLUTION

God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace.  
Amen.

## THE PEACE

The peace of 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](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

Let us put into action the generosity that comes from your faith

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O come, Emanuel, into our longing hearts.

**We open ourselves to You**

As we gather around this table

**In expectation and hope.**

We embrace all that is holy as we sing:

**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.**

In this season of waiting, of shorter, darker days, and of preparation for Christmas, we hear of the coming of Jesus. We hear from the prophets of God's dream for the world. From Isaiah, we hear of a time when peace will take the place of war. From Verna Dozier, in our own day, we hear of a world of justice, freedom and forgiveness, of God's dream for the way our world could be.

We hear from Jesus of the coming of the Son of Man, and we are warned to be ready for change, to be awake. We wonder what this can mean now as we grope in the tattered remains of our faltering hopes for a better world.

And we light our Advent candles, as of old, savoring tradition even as we yearn for change. Our tradition reminds us of Jesus, and how, on the night before he died, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

We remember how, after supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

In our hope for a new vision, we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, this bread and wine may be the body and blood of Christ for us and so strengthen us to be change agents. May Jesus come to us still as God's power in our humanity. May we in our own day, seek and be inspired by the prophets. Move in us to translate your dream into reality, to fire our hearts and minds and wills to love and serve you in the world. **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 remain socially distanced 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.*

*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**

Together.

All God of all grace, may we live in expectation and hope, and may the gifts we have received at this table remind us not only of the gift of Christ, but of your steady presence among us, that we may act faithfully in response to your love. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, to serve God through loving in the world.

**We go in hope and faith and gratitude. Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants**

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## Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman, Mary Neznok and Ruth Roman

## Cycle of Prayer

### *In the Diocese of Washington*

St. Andrew's Church, College Park  
St. Andrew's Church, Leonardtown  
St. Andrew's Episcopal School and St. Andrew's Lower School, Potomac  
Diocesan Latino Ministry  
Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

### *Anglican Communion*

Pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

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

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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  
Bulletin Coordinator at [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net)*

# 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!*

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 27, 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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