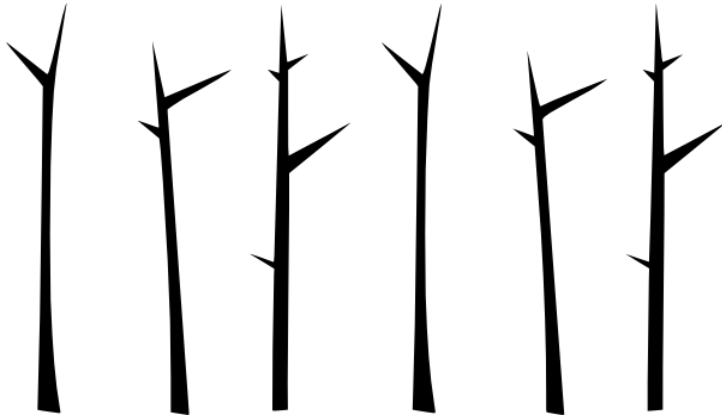


**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL**

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.



**THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT**

February 26, 2023

5:00 PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

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 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 BROKEN MIRROR CROSS, which hangs above the altar in Lent, an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives, was designed and made by Joya Cox.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

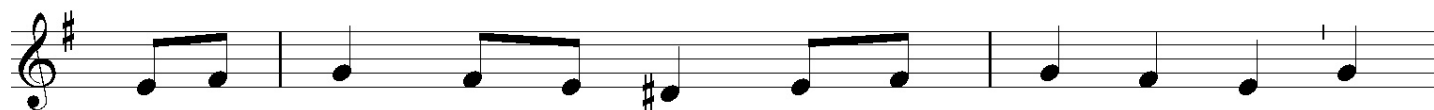
PRELUDE Reflection on *Erhalt uns, Herr*

James Biery (b. 1956)

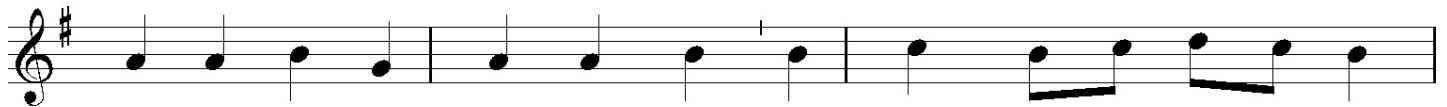
The people stand as the procession enters the nave.

OPENING HYMN 143 The glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr



1	The	glo - ry	of	these	for - ty	days	we
2	A -	lone	and	fast - ing	Mo - ses	saw	the
3	So	Dan - iel	trained	his	mys - tic	sight,	de -
4	Then	grant us,	Lord,	like	them	to	be full
*5	O	Fa - ther,	Son,	and	Spi - rit	blest,	to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

OPENING SENTENCES

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

- Psalm 74:16-17

PRECES

Philip Moore

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The candles are lighted as the choir sings.

PHOS HILARON

Andrew J. Walker

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Song of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The people are seated.

PSALM 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Douglas Major

1 I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people may remain seated.

MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1:46-55)

Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior, for he hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; for He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with His arm, he that scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel, as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING John 12:44-50

Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

Please stand as able.

AFFIRMATION

We believe in God the Creator, by whom every person in heaven and 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.

The people remain standing, as able.

THE LESSER LITANY

Phillip Moore

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Cantor Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.**

SUFFRAGES

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor O Lord, save the state;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The officiant offers three collects; the choir responds to each with a sung "Amen."

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.
Choir Thanks be to God.

The people are seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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Thank you for your generous support of our collective work.



Chancel Choir; Aaron Tucker, soloist

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever.

Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom? Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.

The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom; and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her, and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gift, and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honor, and glory, and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart, and giveth joy, and gladness, and a long life.

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is my desire.
O 'stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee.
Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.*

A period of silence is observed.

Please stand as able.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Together, let us pray:

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised though your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The world is now too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed to see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cries of the poor. May your hand be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, *your love*, changes everything. May the blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer be with us now and always.

Amen.

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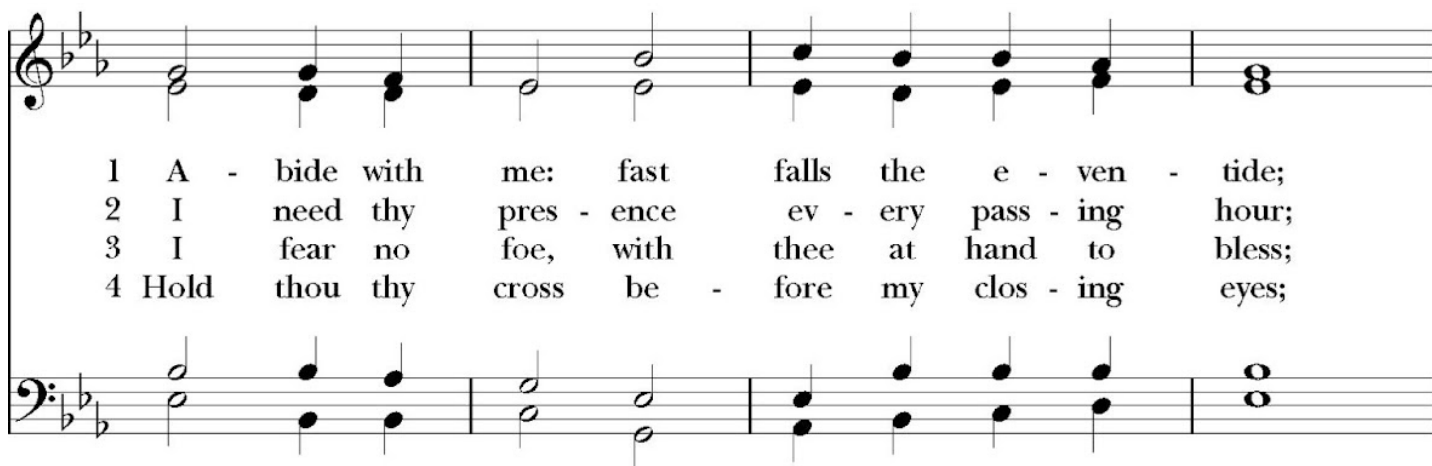
Beloved, let us love, not only in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

Amen!

CLOSING HYMN 662 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide

Eventide



1 A - bid e with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

POSTLUDE *Pazienza, No. 2 from Three Quiet Pieces for Organ*

Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)

Please join us for a reception in Baxter following the service.



Service Participants

Officiant	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Director of Music & Organist	Jeff Kempkie
Verger	Raiford Gaffney
Acolyte	Doris Burton, crucifer
Readers	Gwen Dillard
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Upcoming Services in Lent

Sunday, March 5

- 10:00 a.m. Eucharist (*service live-streamed on Facebook Live*)
- 12:30 p.m. St. Mark's Annual Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

Sunday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. Eucharist (*service live-streamed on Facebook Live*)
- 5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. Eucharist (*service live-streamed on Facebook Live*)
- 5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. Eucharist (*service live-streamed on Facebook Live*)
- 5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Saturday, April 1

10:00 a.m. Following after Jesus, Interactive Children's Holy Week Service

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms

10:00 a.m. Sermon Seminar

11:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms (*service live-streamed on Facebook Live*)

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms

Tenebrae Wednesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae, Contemporary readings and music that prepares us for Easter

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner in Parish Hall

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at the U.S. Capitol

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist (*service live-streamed on Facebook Live*)

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

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Tom Getman, Mary Neznok and Ruth Roman

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Contact Michele for the link if you want to join us:

Tuesday 7pm on 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. David's Church, DC

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church

Parish Prayer List

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Taylor Emerson Marks • Steve Marshall • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson
Sylvia Peterson • Joan Pierotti • James and Wanda Pittman • Betty Wellman
Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

Parishioners family members who have died

Mollie Falk mother of Karen Falk

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Andrew Ernst

*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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We'd like to get to know you better!

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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!

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I attended: _____ 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ Sermon Seminar
_____ 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ 5 p.m. Evensong
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on February 26, 2023

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- _____ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
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- _____ Senior programs/activities
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