

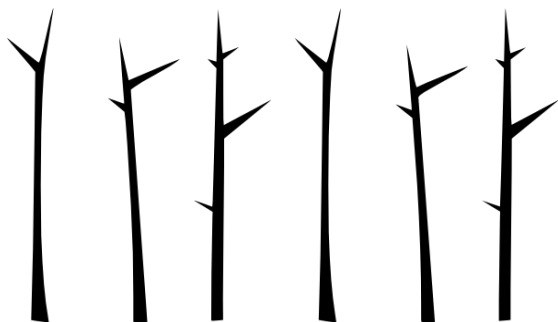
# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT LAETARE SUNDAY

March 19, 2023

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST

#### Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

#### Associate Rector

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](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.

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**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.

## Upcoming Services in Lent

### *Sunday, March 26*

9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sermon Seminar

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

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING SENTENCES

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## COLLECT

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Creator and Healer, root of all goodness working your Sabbath will in the chaos of our life: teach us the insight that gives true judgment and praise you wherever you are found, making miracles from spit and mud; through Jesus Christ, the son of Earth. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

*The people stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL John 9:1-41

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

### Glory to you lord Christ

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you

already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**AFFIRMATION Lenten Creed**

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that Christ's grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,  
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen**

*A period of silence is observed.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gentle God, during this Lenten season, gift us with your presence so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your work.

Help us to fast from judging others;  
**So we may feast on Christ dwelling in them.**

Help us to fast from words that pollute;  
**So we may feast on words that purify.**

Help us to fast from discontent;  
**So we may feast on gratitude.**

Help us to fast from anger;  
**So we may feast on patience.**

Help us to fast from pessimism;  
**So we may feast on hope.**

Help us to fast from bitterness;  
**So we may feast on forgiveness.**

Help us to fast from self-concern;  
**So we may feast on compassion.**

Help us to fast from gossip;  
**So we may feast on purposeful silence.**

Help us to fast from problems that overwhelm;

**So we may feast on prayer that sustains.**

*All may 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 and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us to live focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. Amen**

**Mission Moment**

**Middle East Working Group**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.*

## **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**

**God of the Cross, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kin-dom. Use these gifts toward your holy work of peace, justice, and service in the world. Amen**

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home. Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



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

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love. Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Throughout the season of Lent, we will use the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

We break this bread so all may share;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and this bread and wine as God's food 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.*

*You will be offered bread by a celebrant, and invited to drink from the common cup. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray, saying together:

**Lord God, you renew us with the living bread from heaven. Nourish our faith, increase our hope, strengthen our love, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer, be with you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**We go in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

*If you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles, we'd love to talk to you!  
For more information, contact our Associate Rector Christopher Phillips, [Christopher@stmarks.net](mailto:Christopher@stmarks.net)*

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Post-Communion Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal: The Book of Common Prayer of New Zealand, adapted. The Book of Common Prayer of the USA, adapted. The Eucharistic prayer: "Alternative Great Thanksgiving from The New Zealand Prayer Book. Prayers of the People, Based on a Lenten prayer by William Arthur Ward

## 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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	Bill Jordan, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>
	Shay Waye, <i>Clerk</i>

## Diocesan Delegates

Maureen Shea (2026), Tom Getman (2025), and Mary Neznok (2024)

The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on Zoom on these dates. Contact Michele for the link if you want to join us: Tuesday 7pm on 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House

The Annunciation (March 25)

## *Anglican Communion*

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Betsy Agle • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Don Bennett  
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Alexander Casadonte  
Aldena Clifford • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys • Mary De Nys Charley Donnelly  
Pete Eveleth • Gale and Wayne Johnson • Nat Marks  
Taylor Emerson Marks • Steve Marshall • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson  
Sylvia Peterson • Joan Pierotti • James and Wanda Pittman • Betty Wellman  
Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • Rita Wolfinger • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

## *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](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!*

After completing, please remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

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 March 19, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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