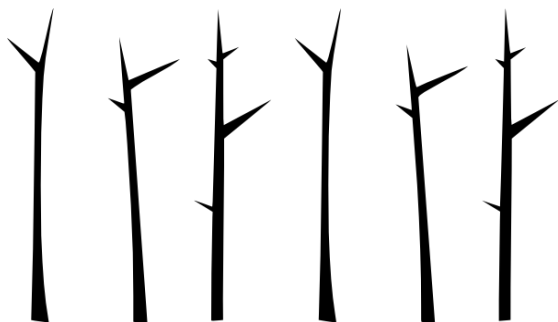


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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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**ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT**

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 26, 2023**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST**

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# Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ☩ Capitol Hill

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

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## 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:

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order our unruly wills and affections: Grant us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath. Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL John 11:1-45

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary

get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

Joel Martinez, Seminarian

**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**

## **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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**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.

## 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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## Diocesan Delegates

Maureen Shea (2026), Tom Getman (2025), and Mary Neznec (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 Intercession, Washington Hospital Center  
Pray for all hospital, hospice, nursing home and healthcare chaplains  
Pray for all parish nurses and healthcare providers

## *Anglican Communion*

The The Anglican Church of South America

## *Parish Prayer List*

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Aldena Clifford • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys • Mary De Nys Charley Donnelly  
Pete Eveleth • Gale and Wayne Johnson • Nat Marks  
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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*

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## 2023 Easter Festival Fund

You are invited to contribute to this year's Easter Festival Fund to support the purchase of special musical offerings and Easter decorations. Your contribution in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for loved ones will be gratefully acknowledged in the bulletins for Easter services.

Either fill out this form or, better yet, email [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net) and if you want to make a donation, <https://rb.gy/yusrwk>

**For inclusion in the bulletins, the office must receive your form by Tuesday, April 4th at 5 PM.**

We are not asking for a specific donation. If you would like to make a donation, you are more than welcome to donate to our general fund as that is what we use to pay for music and decorations.

**Complete the form on the reverse side and return it in one of the following ways:**

- offering plate (if cash, use a pew envelope)
- the staff/clergy drop box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
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Make checks payable to "St. Mark's Church" with "Festival Fund" on the memo line.

***If possible, please limit your request to 4 names total***

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**In Thanksgiving for:**

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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!*

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 26, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I am interested in learning more about:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Getting married at St. Mark's
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Children/youth classes & programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult classes
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach/community service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yoga classes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dance classes
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Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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