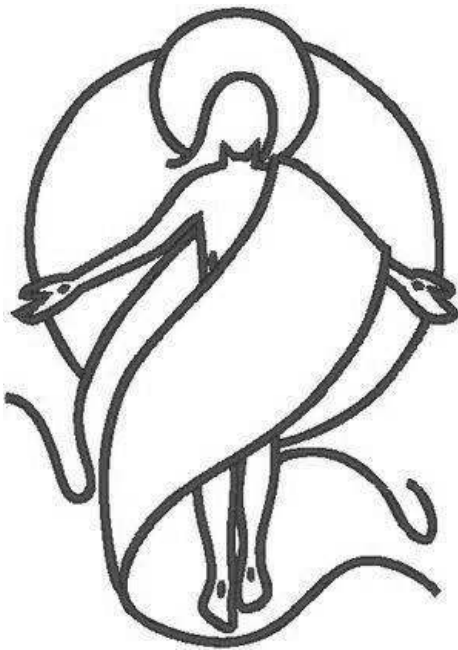


**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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CAPITOL HILL**

**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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 16, 2023**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE  
EUCCHARIST**

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Associate Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

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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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**Jesus is risen indeed. Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

*A period of silence is observed.*

### THE COLLECT

The risen One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Eternal Father, through the resurrection of your Son, help us to welcome whatever come to us with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in death or life can ever part us from your love, for all things are for our healing. Amen**

### THE READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory

and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** John 20:19-31

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the [crowds], Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION

**We believe in God the Father:  
from whom everyone in heaven and on earth has life and being.**

**We believe in God the Son:  
Who has been raised through transforming love and lives now in our hearts through  
faith, and calls us to this same loving transformation in our own lives.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, we gather in prayer to glorify you and serve each other.

*A brief silence is observed as we center our attention on God's presence.*

Loving God, as Jesus called for a world of compassion and peace, we seek to transform our world, our nation, and our communities into places that care for your creation and your children. We ask for the power to proclaim and create a world of love and justice.

Loving God, make us instruments of joyful transformation,  
**With love for each other.**

Loving God, as Jesus healed and served others, we seek to equip ourselves to be healers and servants. We ask for the inspiration to embrace spiritual practices, such as study and prayer, that will transform our perspectives and strengthen our faith.

Loving God, make us instruments of joyful transformation,  
**With love for each other.**

Loving God, as Jesus's resurrection and ascension conquered death, we seek to transform the fear and grief that accompanies deaths in our midst. We ask for peace for those who have left us and the compassion and wisdom to care for those they left behind.

Loving God, make us instruments of joyful transformation,

**With love for each other.**

Loving God, hear our prayers, which we may offer silently or, if aloud, ending with “This is my prayer, “ to which all will respond “Amen.”

*The congregation is welcomed to offer prayers at this time.*

Let us pray together:

**Loving God, hear our prayers that we offer in the joy and mystery of your Resurrection. Holy One, we seek your transformative love. Jesus, we seek your transformative presence. Holy Spirit, we seek your transformative power. We have faith that your love, presence, and power will allow us to transform ourselves and thereby the world. Amen.**

*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, 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.*

## **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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever. At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his love, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said,

"Take, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God present as our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world

about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.  
**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**AMEN!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Throughout the season of Easter we are using the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.*

And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever 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 for all 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.*

*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

God of Life:

**We thank you, for all the blessings of this table: for the life-giving story, the living bread and the wine of new creation. Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal, to tell the Good News to neighbors and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Faced with the joy, the confusion, the wonder, and the power of Jesus, crucified yet risen, let us renew ourselves in faith for the work of transforming love that God calls us to. And so that we might be strong for this work, the blessing of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day 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.**

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## 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!*

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## 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 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

International Earth Day (April 22 ) Pray for the Good Stewardship of the Earth

## *Anglican Communion*

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Don Bennett  
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## *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 April 19, 2023

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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