

**WELCOME TO
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 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:
PALM SUNDAY**

April 2, 2023

**5:00 PM LITURGY OF THE PALMS
& CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST**

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Associate Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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Director of Youth & Family Ministries

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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 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 PALMS

The people gather in the A Street Courtyard.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

O God, with the kindness of your love, assist us that we, with joyful faithfulness, may contemplate anew the mighty acts of your Son, our brother Jesus, through which you grant us life. Amen.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29 *Read responsively*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
**that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

God is with you.

Always with us.

Therefore, let us give thanks!

It is always good to give thanks to you, O God, for the acts of love by which you redeem us through your Son, our brother Jesus. On this day, we remember his triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem, where he was proclaimed as God's chosen by those spreading garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

The palms are distributed.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*All process into the Nave. The people proceed to their seats and
the altar party and choir stand at the baptismal font.*

STATION COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, your dear son, our brother Jesus knew not joy before first suffering pain, entering not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

My companions in faith, God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Humble Lord, while people clamored for a warrior-king, the colt revealed your servanthood: as you face the way of tears, remove us from the shouting mob and help us place our faith in you, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION

We believe that God has created us.

We believe that God is born among us.

We believe that God will always sustain us.

We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.

We believe that in the end of all things, God's love shall prevail. 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.

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.

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

God is always with us.

God's healing Spirit is upon us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Holy One.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy One, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Holy One,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Source of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in harmony with your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty and Holy One, 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

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens—and the blessing of God Our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be 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!
For more information, contact our Associate Rector Christopher Phillips, Christopher@stmarks.net*

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Vergers

Martha Huizenga

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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.

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Holy Week and Easter Services

**service live-streamed on Facebook Live*

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*

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms

Tenebrae Wednesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Contemporary readings & music
that prepare 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*

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

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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

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 4)

Calvary Church, DC
Church of the Atonement, DC
All Parish Altar Guilds of the Diocese
African Palms

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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



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 2, 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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