

**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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 7, 2023**



**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM**

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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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.

**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!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

### THE COLLECT

The risen One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Everliving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, so that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE READING Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** John 14:1-14

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele Morgan

**THE BAPTISM**

**Candidate**

*We celebrate the Baptism of*

✠ Natalia Oliveira Sierra ✠

Child of Denise Oliveira & Jeremiah Sierra  
Godchild of Chase Danford, Angela Letizia & Sandy North

Dear friends, in Christ, God is love; God gives us life. We love because God first loves us. In baptism, God declares that love; in Christ, God calls us to respond.

I present Natalia Oliveira Sierra to be baptized and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

From the beginning, the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement, they should grow up in Christ and, by the grace of God, serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.'

How do you respond to this promise?

*We hear God's call and ask for baptism.*

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

*I renounce all evil.*

Do you trust in Christ's victory, which brings forgiveness, freedom, and life?

*In faith, I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, and my life as I care for this child.*

How then will you care for this child?

*I will love this child and share my faith with her/him.*

## **BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Let us rejoice with those committing themselves to Christ and celebrate the faith of baptism.

Do you believe the Creator God?

**I believe in God who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus a displaced Galilean who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.**

**When he returned to his own country, he suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and condemned to death unjustly.**

**But on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.**

**Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.**

**I believe the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers.**

**I believe the communion of the saints begins when we accept the diversity of saints.**

**I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God, and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness. I believe that in the resurrection, God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.**

**I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever.**

**Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?**

**I will, with God's help.**

**Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?**

**I will, with God's help.**

**Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?**

**I will, with God's help.**

**Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?**

**I will, with God's help.**

**Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?**

**I will, with God's help.**

**THANKSGIVING OVER WATER**

Praise God who made heaven and earth  
**whose promise endures forever.**

We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel, through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death, Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He died to free us and was raised to be exalted Lord of all. It is Christ who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

We thank you that through the waters of baptism, you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life. In the new covenant, we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom. Through your Holy Spirit, fulfill your promises in this water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might, be to our God forever and ever.

**Amen!**

## **THE BAPTISM**

Natalia, I baptize you in the Name of the Creator, and the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer.

**Amen.**

Natalia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Natalia, receive the light of Christ. **Amen.**

You are now a pilgrim with us. As a member of Christ's body, the Church, you will be challenged to affirm your faith in God and receive the laying on of hands in confirmation. May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfill your ministry, and follow Christ your whole life.

God bless you with wisdom and love. May this child find in you, your homes and families, Christ's love and understanding. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be 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.*

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

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

We pray for congregations to engage in understanding  
their history in racial inequity.

### *Anglican Communion*

The Church in Wales

### *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • 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 • Janice Gregory • Gale and Wayne Johnson • Pat Latin • 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)*

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### **Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants**

**Presider & Preacher**

The Reverend Michele Morgan

**Verger**

Jennifer Cate



## 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!*

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- attended:                     9 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
                                   Sermon Seminar  
                                   11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
                                   5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist  
                                   Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

On May 7, 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about:

- BECOMING A MEMBER
- 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 clergy person?  Yes  No

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