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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 AFTER PENTECOST:

INDEPENDENCE DAY LESSONS IN DEMOCRACY

July 2, 2023

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR 11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

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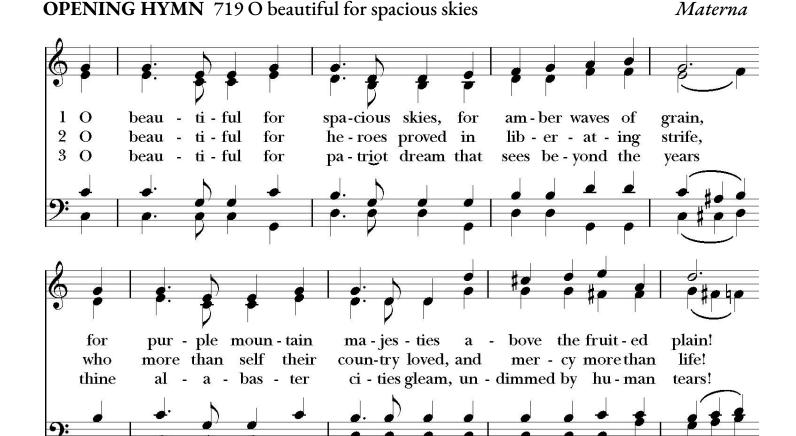
Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples on whose traditional territory we are located, specifically the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We make this acknowledgement mindful of the traumatic events and the ongoing forces of systemic racism and oppression that forced native peoples from their lands. We continue our commitment to learning, growing, and finding a new way forward together for meaningful, mutual healing.

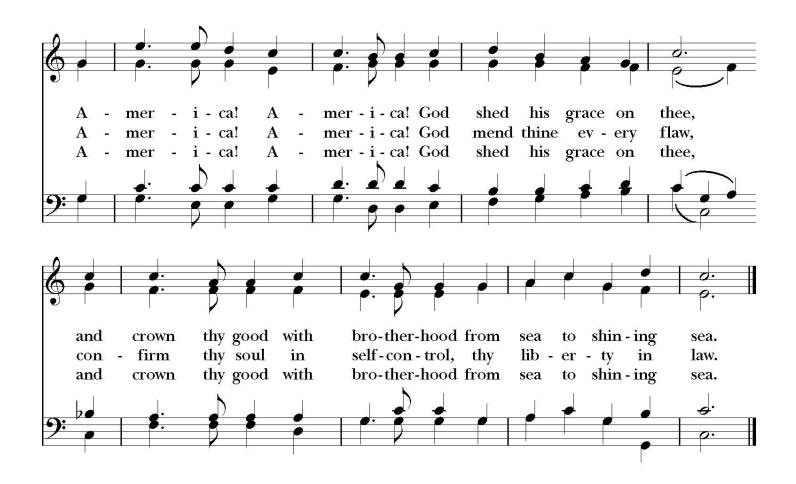
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE God, who stretched the spangled heavens

arr. Edwin T. Childs (b. 1945)





OPENING SENTENCES

Today, the Spirit calls us! Let us hear, and let us act.

THE COLLECT

The Holy Spirit is upon you! And also upon you!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(9:00) Children wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the leader at this time.

THE FIRST READING In the book The Dream of God Verna Dozier invites us to rediscover discipleship. The church, as an institution, has fallen away from the dream that God has for us -- to follow Jesus and not merely worship him.

We can come to the Bible with a new understanding of what it says that will itself be a new response to that revelation: that God came into history to create a people who would change the world, who would make the world a place where every person knew that he or she was loved, was valued, had a contribution to make, and had just as much right to the riches of the world as every other person. That is what the church is all about, to bring into being that vision, that ideal community of love in which we all are equally valuable and in which we equally share. Every structure of life comes under the judgment of that vision: our politics, our economics, our education, our social structures. Even the church. Nothing is exempt from that challenge.

SOLO Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Morecambe, arr. Larry Moore

JT Spivy, soloist

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; thro' all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, And make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine own soul, heart and strength and mind. I see thy cross there teach my heart to cling; Oh, let me seek thee, and, oh, let me find.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, My heart an altar and thy love the flame. THE SECOND READING November 19, 1863. Abraham Lincoln speaks at the dedication of a final resting place for the union soldiers who had died in the battle of Gettysburg the previous July.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal....

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, can long endure....(W}e here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

THE THIRD READING July 4th, 1776. The Continental Congress representing thirteen British colonies, declares their independence from the Crown. The Congress begins by explaining the principles on which the new state will be founded.

(The congregation is invited to stand and say together)

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness —That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.



THE FOURTH READING On 25 March 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King was still working for a democracy for all people. This is an excerpt from his speech "How Long, Not Long," delivered on the steps of the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama.

[The newspaper writes] "When will Martin Luther King, and all of these civil rights agitators get out of our community and let Alabama return to normalcy?" It was normalcy in Birmingham that led to the murder on Sunday morning of four beautiful, unoffending, innocent girls. It was normalcy on Highway 80 that led state troopers to use tear gas and horses and billy clubs against unarmed human beings who were simply marching for justice. It was normalcy by a cafe in Selma, Alabama, that led to the brutal beating of Reverend James Reeb.

It is normalcy all over our country which leaves the Negro perishing on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of vast ocean of material prosperity. It is normalcy all over Alabama that prevents the Negro from becoming a registered voter. No, we will not allow Alabama to return to normalcy.

The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy that recognizes the dignity and worth of all of God's children. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy that allows judgment to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy of brotherhood, the normalcy of true peace, the normalcy of justice.

The people stand, as able.



THE FIFTH READING January 20, 2021. On the occasion of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, Amanda Gorman delivered her poem, standing on the very steps that a mob of insurgents who charged up two weeks earlier in a failed attempt to prevent that inauguration. Here is the final stanza:

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid.

It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit.

It's the past we step into and how we repair it.

We've seen a force that would shatter our nation, rather than share it.

Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.

And this effort very nearly succeeded.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left.

When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid.

For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.

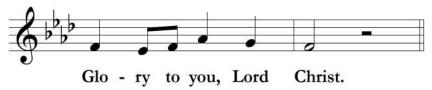
The people stand, as able.

Sung without repeats.



THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of Jesus.



HOMILY

The Reverend Michele Morgan

The sermon for the 9 AM service will be delivered after the service during sermon seminar.

(11:15) The people stand as able.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, and the gifts and promises of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows, **We thank you.**

For patriots who dream of, and strive to create, a free nation, We thank you.

For the immigrants who brave difficult journeys to build new lives, **We thank you.**

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

We thank you.

For all who safeguard our freedom, and for those who have sacrificed for it, **We thank you.**

That we would be a people who repent from the sins of denying the dignity of all people. We pray to you.

That we would be a nation that protects and promotes liberty and justice for all. We pray to you.

That we would be a people who are a beacon of hope to all those who live under the shadow of oppression and despair,

We pray to you.

That we would be a community that sees, and responds to, the needs of neighbors near and far, **We pray to you.**

All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with "This is my prayer" to which all will respond "Amen.

Gracious God, bless and protect us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you! And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

WELCOME

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an <u>online</u> <u>gift</u>, or learn about the <u>other ways to give</u>, by visiting the St. Mark's website, <u>stmarks.net</u>, 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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Words by Julia Ward Howe Music by William Steffe, arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

JT Spivy, soloist (9:00); Summer Choir (11:15)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

(lyrics continue on the next page.)

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps, His day is marching on! Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free! While God is marching on. Refrain sung twice*

*The congregation is invited to stand and sing on the final repetition of the refrain.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

God's spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

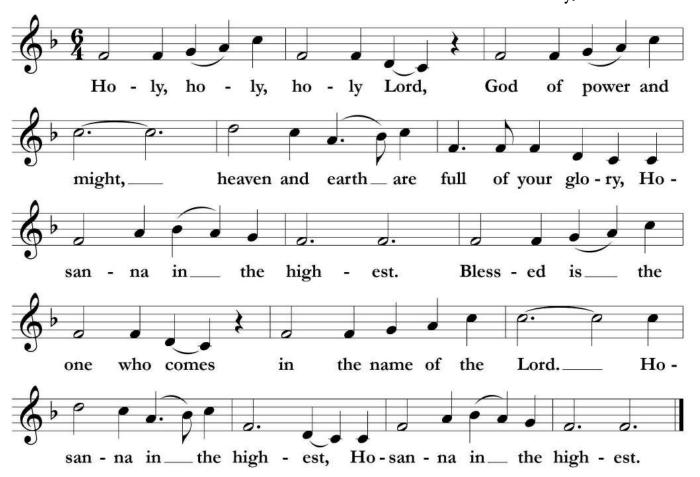
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Creator, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Jesus, your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit, who came with signs from heaven to lead your Church into all truth. In the power of the Spirit, and made ready with his gifts, we take the joy of the gospel into all the world.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:



All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Mother; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

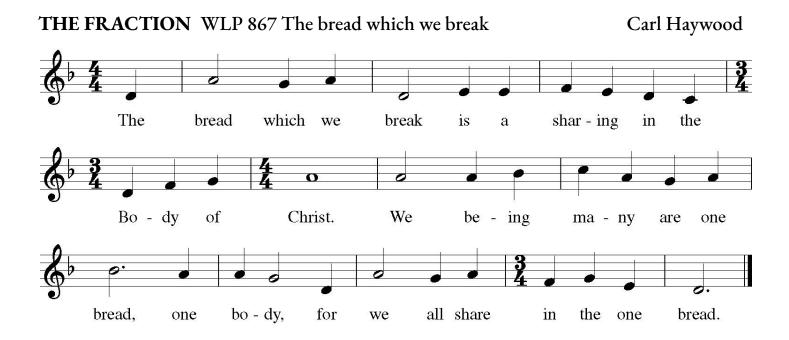
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.



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,

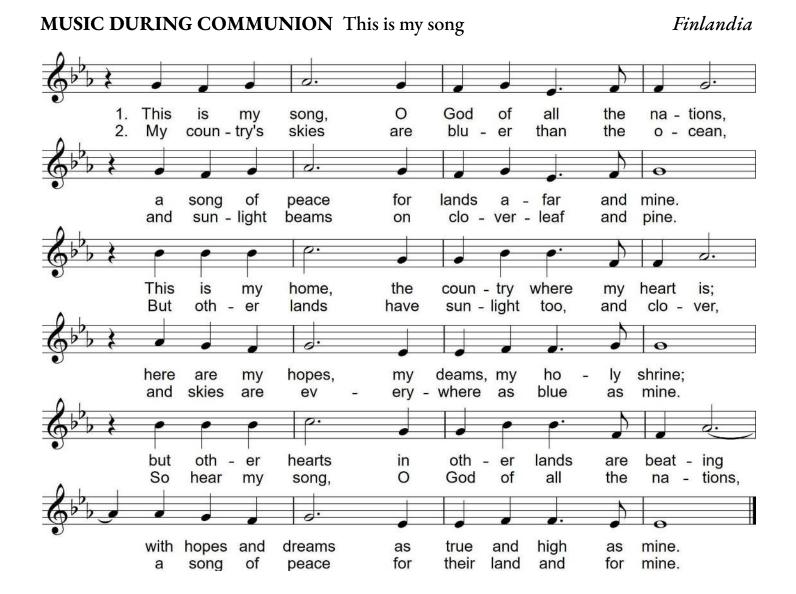
All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

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.

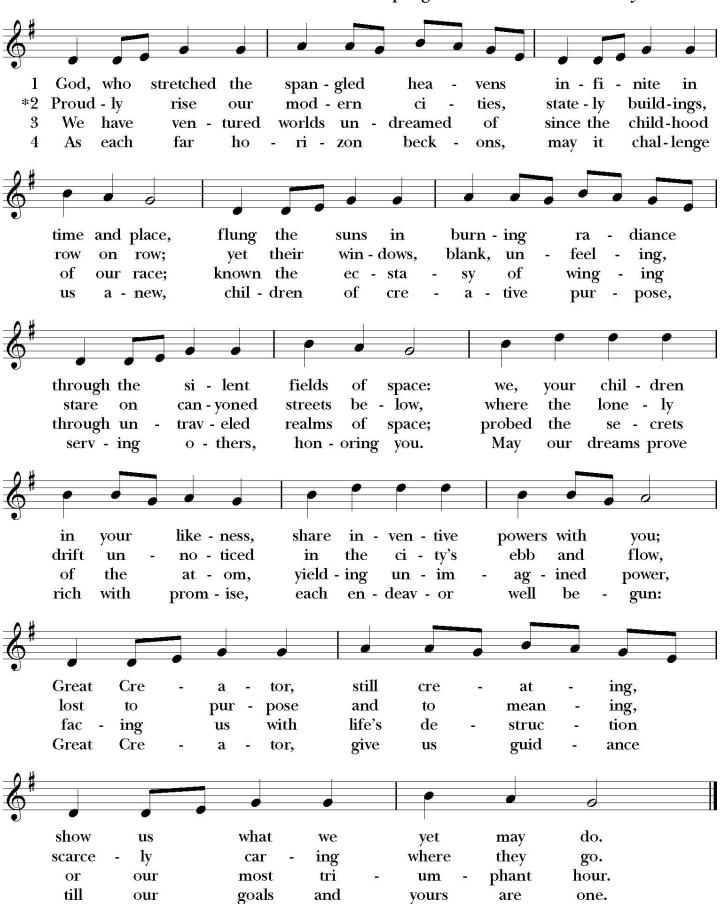
Please join us in the eating of the bread, knowing this act of community is a full communion.





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life: You have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.



THE BLESSING

Now go in Peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God: the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer rest on and remain with you now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit! Thanks be to God; alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE The Washington Post March

John Philip Sousa (1854-1932) arr. Robert Gower

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Sermon Seminar at 10:00 am

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

The Reverend Michele Morgan

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

- 1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
- 2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
- 3. Can I make it short?
- 4. Will I later regret having said it?
- 5. Has anyone else said it?

Worship Participants

Presider The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Preacher The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Director of Music Jeff Kempskie

Soloist JT Spivy

Readers Kathryn Powers, Randy Marks and David Deutsch, 9:00

Margie Ware, Karen Wiederman and Raiford Gaffney, 11:15

Altar Guild Nancy Lucas, 9:00; Doris Burton & Logan Clark, 11:15

Acolytes Stephanie Deutsch, 9:00; Marshall Thorpe, 11:15

Video Director David Deutsch

Technical Director Charlie Rupp

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Liturgy Request At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you have a suggestion for the liturgy, please contact michele@stmarks.net.

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

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Independence Day (July 4) Pray for justice, freedom and peace for all people.

Anglican Communion

Pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil – Province

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Don Bennett • Pamela Blumgart
Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Molly Bonnell • Alexander Casadonte
Aldena Clifford • Dail Doucette • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys • Mary De Nys
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Taylor Emerson Marks • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson • Sylvia Peterson • Joan Pierotti
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Rita Wolfinger • Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

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Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest • Noah Landen

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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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!

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 July 2, 2023
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I am interested in lear	ning more about:	
	BECOMING A MEMBER	
	Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server,	Altar Guild, etc.)
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	Getting married at St. Mark's	
	Music (choir, lessons)	
	Children/youth classes & programs	
	Adult classes	
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