

**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
AFTER PENTECOST:
INDEPENDENCE DAY
LESSONS IN DEMOCRACY**

July 2, 2023

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

Liturgy & Pastoral Associate

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

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Caleb Nelson Amaker

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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.



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.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

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

A period of silence is observed.

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.

THE FIRST 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 newspapers say] "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 SECOND 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 GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele Morgan

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

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 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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

**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.

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 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.

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

MUSIC DURING 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!**



Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Preacher	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Verger	Jennifer A. Cate



Acknowledgements

Opening Sentences: Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare. The Collect: Canada Book of Alternative Services. The Eucharistic prayer: Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted by St. Mark's.
Post-Communion prayer, The Book of Common Prayer, adapted by Andrew Schmidt, Scott Lipscomb.
Dismissal: The Book of Common Prayer of the USA, adapted by Andrew Schmidt & Scott Lipscomb. The Affirmation: New Patterns for Worship, The Church of England. The Prayers of the People: Based on "A litany for Independence Day," by the Rev. Rick Morely, adapted by St. Mark's The Blessing: Iona Abbey Worship Book.

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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, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/28, 12/19

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
Charley Donnelly • Pete Eveleth • Gale and Wayne Johnson • Pat Latin • Nat Marks
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*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 July 2, 2023

Name _____

E-mail _____

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 clergyperson? _____ Yes _____ No

You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly eGospel newsletter at www.stmarks.net/contact-us/. If you'd like to join the St. Mark's egroup to interact with other parishioners, please contact Raiford Gaffney (rgaffneydc@gmail.com).