

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE
AWARENESS DAY**

June 25, 2023

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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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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Episcopalians across the church wore orange shirts, orange ribbons and even orange liturgical stoles June 3rd as a sign of their commitment to reducing gun violence in their communities. This year St. Mark's has transferred the day to June 25, 2023 this Sunday.

The Wear Orange movement began in 2013 after Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old high school student, was shot to death on the south side of Chicago just a week after marching in President Barack Obama's second inaugural parade. Her friends asked people to honor Pendleton by wearing orange — the color hunters choose for safety — on her birthday, June 2. Their cause was taken up by gun violence prevention groups around the country who last year promoted the first National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

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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

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, we hold before you all who have died from the plague of gun violence in our land. Receive all who have died into the arms of your mercy, comfort those who mourn and strengthen our hearts and minds to end this scourge. We pray in the name of the one who overcame the power of death, your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele Morgan

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

God of wisdom, we long for elected officials to exercise their duties, with wise hearts and to constantly feel the weight of the responsibility bestowed upon them by the people. We pray for responsible leaders and gun safety legislation that makes this country safer for all people.

Hear us,

For your mercy is great.

God of justice, we mourn the lives lost at the hands of unjust, oppressive systems. We repent of the church's role in supporting injustice. Help us to build a world that respects the dignity of all people.

Hear us,

For your mercy is great.

God of healing, we stand with survivors as they struggle with their loss. Inspire us to respond to those who live in fear of daily gun violence, even as gun sales continue to rise. Help us to learn that violence will never assuage our fears nor bring healing.

Hear us,

For your mercy is great.

God of peace, we live in times of great strife. Comfort us in the face of ever-widening divisions and lead us to build community. Help us to follow the non-violent way of Jesus.

Hear us,

For your mercy is great.

God, of compassion, we remember all those who have died from gun violence. Send your healing spirit on those whose lives have been shattered by guns. Help us to create a new way, a new conversation, and a path forward.

Hear us,

For your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those in our lives and for others.

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

The Presider concludes

Fill our hearts with love, and transform our grief into commitment, and move us to follow the example of Jesus until all live in dignity, safety, and peace. **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.

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 share the Good News to neighbors and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ. 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!

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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 6/27, 7/25

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
Cathedral Chaplains and Cathedral Volunteers

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Church of Bangladesh

Parish Prayer List

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*In order to keep the prayer list updated, we begin anew semi-annually.
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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!

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 June 25, 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.)
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- _____ 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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