

**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**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 SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 16, 2023**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Associate Rector**

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

**Pastoral Associate**

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

**Deacon**

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

**Director of Youth & Family Ministries**

Caleb Nelson Amaker

**Director of Music**

Jeff Kempskie

## Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ☩ Capitol Hill

To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage [www.stmarks.net](http://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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**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

### 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.

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Loving God, we gather in prayer to glorify you and serve each other.

*A brief silence is observed as we center our attention on God's presence.*

Hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that all who gather in your name may truly and humbly serve you,

**That your love may be revealed in our words and deeds.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

**Help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

**Grant that love may grow in our hearts.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.

**Through your presence may they find strength.**

We remember those who have died.

**Into your loving hands we commend them.**

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

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

**God our hope, you enliven our thanksgivings and animate our petitions. Keep us from being content with things as they are, and imbue in us a deep well of compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of God be 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](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.*

## 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!



## Worship Participants

**Presider & Preacher**      The Reverend Michele Morgan  
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	Bill Jordan, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	
	Shay Waye, <i>Clerk</i>	
	Martha Huizenga, <i>Manciple</i>	

## 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 7/25, 8/25, 9/26

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Wheaton  
Diocesan Ordination Service (July 20) Pray for those who are being ordained.

## *Anglican Communion*

The Anglican Church of Canada

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Pamela Blumgart  
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Aldena Clifford • Dail Doucette • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys • Mary De Nys  
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James and Wanda Pittman • Betty Wellman • Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson  
Rita Wolfinger • Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

## *Family Members of the Parish Who Have Died*

Don Bennett, Raiford Gaffney's brother-in-law

## *Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military*

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*

*Bulletin Coordinator at [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto: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 16, 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

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