

**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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 27, 2023**

**5 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](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.

**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

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal

shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*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.**

*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."*

Together, let us pray:

**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.**

## 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](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

Be of good courage; hold fast that which is good and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; show love to everyone. Seek and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit!  
**Thanks be to God**





*Please stay and join us for refreshments after the service*



## **Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants**

*If you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles, we'd love to talk to you!  
For more information, contact our Associate Rector Christopher Phillips, [Christopher@stmarks.net](mailto:Christopher@stmarks.net)*

**Preacher & Presider**     The Reverend Thom Sinclair  
**Verger**                     Michael Broomfield



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	Shay Waye, <i>Clerk</i>	
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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 9/26

# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

St. Albans School for Boys  
The National Cathedral School for Girls  
Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School  
Washington Episcopal School  
The Bishop John T. Walker School

## *Anglican Communion*

Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal  
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Gale Johnson • Pat Latin • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks  
Mac McLaughlin • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson  
Sylvia Peterson • Joan Pierotti • James and Wanda Pittman • Eleanor Whitman  
Joel Wilson • Rita Wolfinger • Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

## *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 August 27, 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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