

**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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Rector**

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.

**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

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

### THE COLLECT

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

Let us pray:

**O God: because we often fail to heed your call to love our neighbors as ourselves, inspire us to be good stewards of the relationships that sustain us. Grant us the wisdom and strength to care for others as you care for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE READING Exodus 12:1-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## **THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20**

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on

earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**CONFESSION**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

Almighty God grants you absolution and remission of your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Open our minds, Creator, that we may dream a church reconciled, a church that knows only your love so abundantly that it bursts with a passion for ministry, a desire to give completely, and a sense of stewardship that seeks only to give back.

**Creator, open our minds.**

Open our hearts, giver of gifts, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency is your desired will for us, your servants.

**Giver of gifts, open our hearts.**

Open our eyes, Sanctifier of Life, to the hurts and needs of others that challenge us to ministry. Teach us to see where our own abilities and resources– and the world's deep hunger–meet.

**Sanctifier of Life, open our eyes.**

Open our memories, Redeemer of all, as we remember those who have died. Help us to honor the wisdom of those who devoted their Earthly lives to your service, and who generously gave of their time and treasure.

**Redeemer of all, open our memories.**

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

*Please add your petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Open our hands, O Spirit to be your instrument of witness. Help us to work without caution, serve without recognition, to do justice, to love kindness, and to serve humbly with you, our God.

**Spirit, open our hands.**

Open our lips, oh Spirit, that we may proclaim your benevolent truth and your call for justice in our congregation, in our communities, and in the world.

**Spirit, open our lips.**

Together let us pray, **Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You give upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring and inspire us to serve and to love out of that joy. Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

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

*Please be seated*

## **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**

Offer unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the Most High.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all of creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we proclaim:

**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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. 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 all.

**Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe, or do not believe, all are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!**

### **THE COMMUNION**

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.



## THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth caring for the world as God cares for us.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**The Honduras Cross**, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly with our sister congregations in the San Marcos Cluster in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to the St. Mark's community.

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## 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 Michele H. Morgan

**Verger**                      Jennifer Cate

**Liturgy Request:** At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like to join in one of our Community Liturgy Planning sessions, please contact our Rector at [michele@stmarks.net](mailto:michele@stmarks.net)

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	Rosemary Harold, <i>Vestry Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

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

The Church of the Holy Communion, DC  
Diocesan Youth Ministry  
Diocesan Young Adult Ministry

## *Anglican Communion*

Pray for the Church of Ireland

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal  
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Molly Bonnell • Greg Burton • Fairfield Butt  
Alexander Casadonte • Presiding Bishop Michael Curry • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys  
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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

## **Prayers for Members of St. Mark's who have died**

Joan Pierotti

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

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

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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 September 10, 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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