

**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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

September 3, 2023

5 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 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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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.**

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, 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

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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

POSTLUDE



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*

Preacher & Presider The Reverend Christopher Phillips
Verger Michele Rivard

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Class of '26	Travis Beaty, Meg Platt, and Todd Thorpe	
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	Shay Waye, <i>Clerk</i>	
	Martha Huizenga, <i>Manciple</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

Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, and St. Mary's College

National Association of Episcopal Schools

Pray for all students and teachers

Labor Day (September) Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal
Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Fairfield Butt • Molly Bonnell
Alexander Casadonte • Presiding Bishop Michael Curry • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys
Mary De Nys • Charley Donnelly • Pete Eveleth • Candance Golladay
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



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 3, 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).