

# 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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

October 15, 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

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### Director of Music

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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.



**Laying on of Hands** is an ancient ritual. A chaplain or other minister places hands on the head of a person, while offering words of prayer. Members of the congregation are invited to come into the chapel for private prayer with a lay person trained for this ministry. Often the seeker will request prayer in response to a particular situation – for healing, for consolation in a time of loss or for strength and courage in a time of trial. A few words of explanation may be offered. The minister listens and then places hands on the person's head and offers prayers – prescribed prayers from the Book of Common Prayer often expanded to include words specific to the situation. A few words of quiet conversation may follow.



**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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# 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:

**Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE READING Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

*The people stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL** John 15:1-9

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

The Gospel of Jesus.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

THE AFFIRMATION

**We believe that God has created us.**

**We believe that God is born among us.**

**We believe that God will always sustain us.**

**We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.**

**We believe that in the end of all things, God's love shall prevail. Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

CONFESSION

Let us confess where we have missed the mark against God and our neighbor.

**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.*

Gracious God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**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 us gifts in abundance. Grant that we may know and trust you, so that we may use these good gifts in joyful service to you and our neighbors. Amen.**

**MISSION MOMENT**

Sustainable Villages Honduras

## 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

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 sing:

**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 Savior. 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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## 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)*

<b>Preacher</b>	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
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<b>Laying on of Hands</b>	Stephanie Deutsch & Charles Hoffacker



**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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	Martha Huizenga, <i>Manciple</i>	
	Rosemary Harold, <i>Vestry Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman (2025), and Mary Neznec (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 10/24



# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

St. Luke's Church, Bethesda

St. Luke's House, Bethesda

St. Luke's Church, Brighton

St. Luke's Parish, DC

World Food Day (October 16) Pray for all who are hungry, especially children.

## *Anglican Communion*

Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal

Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Greg Burton • Fairfield Butt

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

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James and Wanda Pittman • Deb Sullivan • Olga, Tony & Anthony Sullivan

Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • Rita Wolfinger

Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

## *Those Who Have Died*

Joyce Gurevich-Uvena

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

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

*If you would like to request to add or remove a name, please email the  
Bulletin Coordinator at [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net)*

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St. Mark's depends on donations to sustain its programs and facilities. The annual church operating budget is based on the sum of these pledges, and the number of programs and service and social justice activities that St. Mark's is able to offer depends directly on our collective generosity.

**Amount of your Pledge** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ANNUAL PLEDGE. I/We pledge to contribute to support the work of the church during the year 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ NEWCOMER PLEDGE. I am/We are new this year. I/We pledge to contribute something to support the church during the year 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ LEGACY POSSIBILITY. Please send information about how to include St. Mark's in my/our will or estate plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ LEGACY. I/We have already included St. Mark's in my/our estate plan.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional names (if pledging as a household):**

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**City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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To make a pledge online, please visit <https://www.stmarks.net/get-involved/donate-pledge/>



## 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 October 15, 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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