

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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

November 19, 2023

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, LAYING ON OF HANDS & HOLY BAPTISM

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To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage 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.

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 worldwide, 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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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 acknowledgment 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 for meaningful, mutual healing.

Laying on of hands is an ancient ritual. A chaplain or other minister places hands on a person's head while offering words of prayer. Congregation members are invited to the chapel for private prayer with a layperson 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, 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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Méditation

Gabriel Dupont (1875-1914)

Please stand as able.



OPENING SENTENCES

There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Creator of all.

THE COLLECT

The Holy Spirit is upon you!

And also upon you!

Let us pray:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

THE READING Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

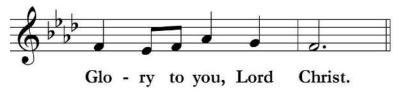
Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Gospel of Jesus.



The people stand as able.

PROCESSION TO THE FONT

Wade in the Water, v. 1

African American Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood

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All Sing.

Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, Wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-gonna trouble the water, The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-gonna trouble the water. Refrain

THE BAPTISM

Candidate

We celebrate the Baptism of

Child of Anna Deutsch & Greg Ervanian Godchild of Megan Cogburn & Chris Deutsch

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

We present Dahlia King Ervanian to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in a life of faith? We will, with God's help.

Will you, by your prayers and witness, help this child grow into the full stature of Christ? We will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? We renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? We renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? We do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? We do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with this person who is moving herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for Dahlia, who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Together,

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE BAPTISM

Dahlia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dahlia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen**.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O God, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

SHUTTING THE DEVIL'S DOOR

An ancient Celtic Christian custom symbolized the community's earnest intention at Baptism to nurture the young, driving far from them all evil.

THE PEACE

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

VESTRY GREETING & WELCOME

Mission Moment

Gun Violence Prevention

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

Please consider supporting the work of the church. You may make an <u>online</u> <u>gift</u>, or learn about the <u>other ways to give</u>, by visiting the St. Mark's website, <u>stmarks.net</u>, 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

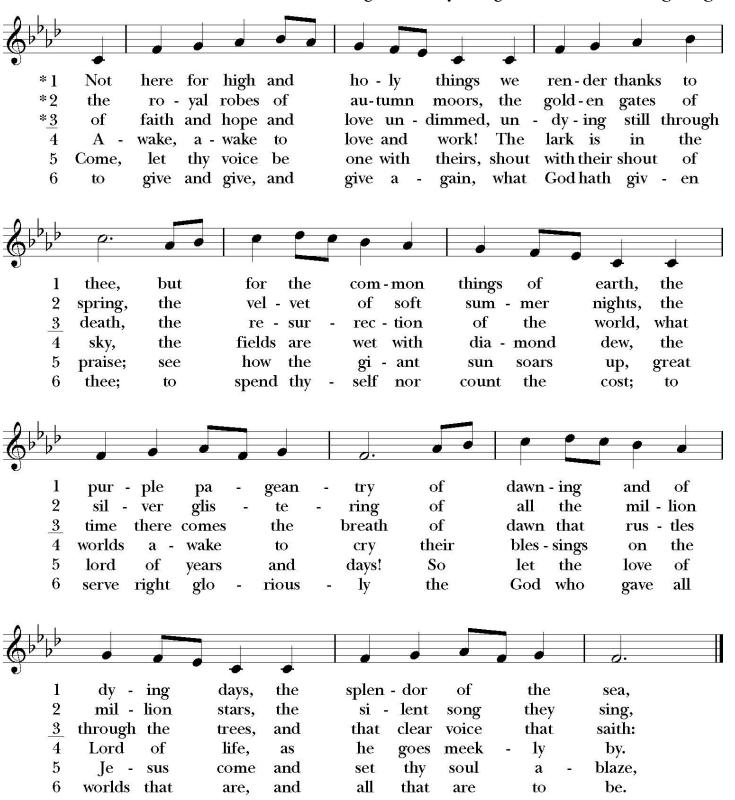
Praise ye the Lord Alan Bullard

Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise the Lord in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Please stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 9 Not here for high and holy things, vv. 4-6 Morning Song



EUCHARISTIC 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:



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 children, 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.

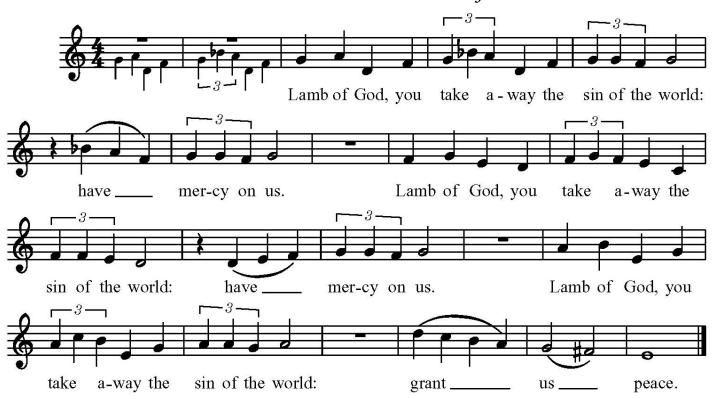
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

From Music for the Eucharist, David Hurd



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

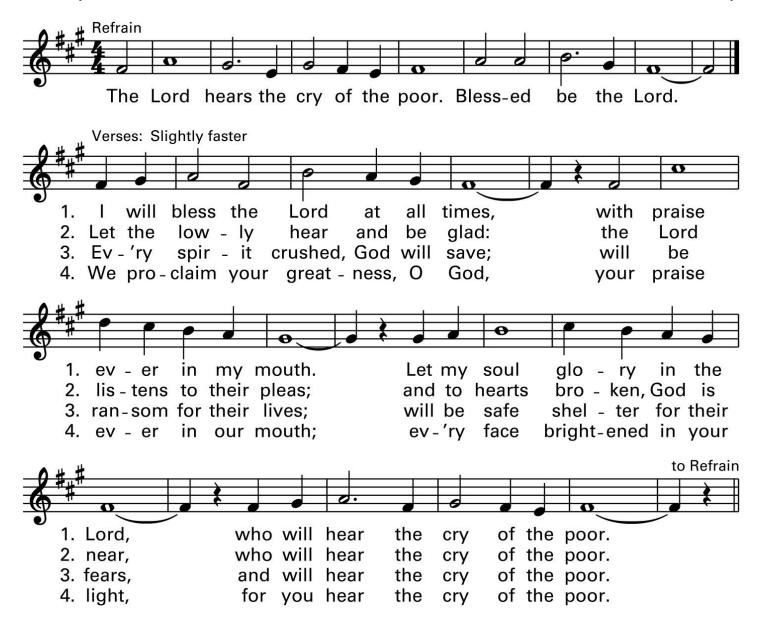
St. Mark's receives communion "in the round" as a symbol of our strong belief in the power of community.

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

Hymn 313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured, vv. 1-3 Jesus, meine Zuversicht thy Blood poured, let thy Let in gra - cious mer - **cy** 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou the thorns that thy spear-wound Bycrowned brow, by the 4 Wilt thou own the bring? All gift my pen - i Bo dy bro ken, gra - cious Lord, be to me, 0 that love cam'st to save me; all of God could give and the nail by the pain death, I now ing, and thou art my alt ed tence give thee; ex King, Refrain of thy bound-less love the ken. to by his rows gave Jes - us sor me. Thou didst give thy claim, O Christ, thy un - fail love ing. for - give of thy match-less love me. self for I self thee. me, now give my

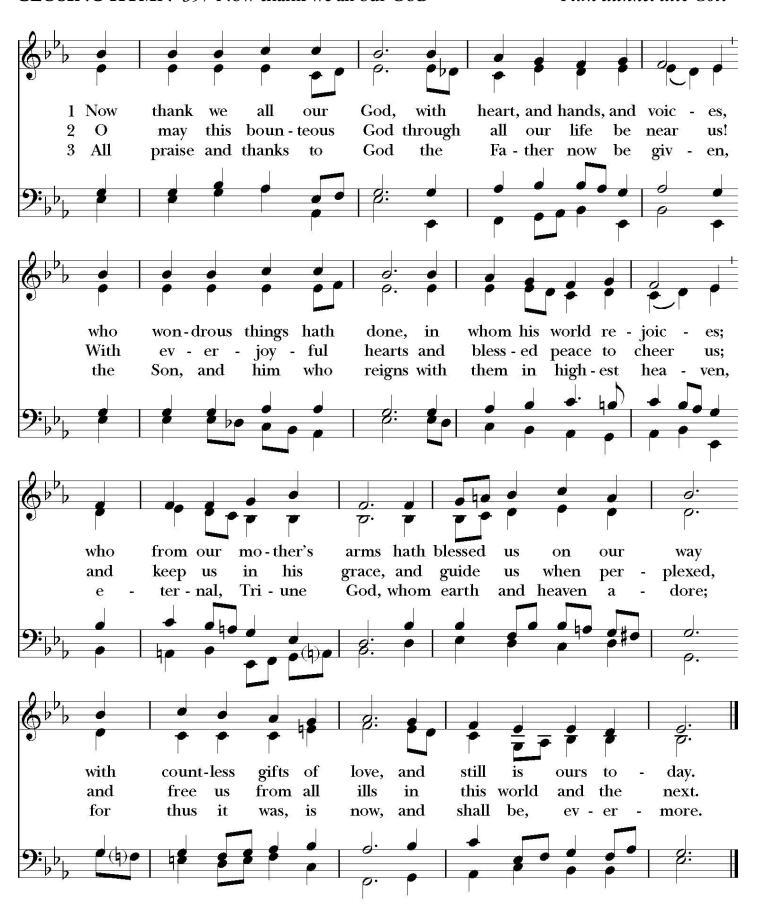
The Cry of the Poor John Foley



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.

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God *Nun danket alle Gott*, arr. David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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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

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Deacon Intern Annemarie Quigley

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Readers Karen Wiedemann & Raiford Gaffney

Altar Guild Anne & Bob Headley

Acolytes Doris Burton

Bread & Wine Charlie Rupp & Louise Walsh

Laying on of Hands Penny Farley & Raiford Gaffney

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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

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Tom Getman (2025), and Mary Neznek (2024)

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Church of the Holy Comforter, DC Thanksgiving Day (November 24): Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal
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Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • Rita Wolfinger • Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

Additional Prayers

Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers, yet keep them both together in our hearts.

(The Rev. Sari Ateek, Rector of St. John's Norwood in Bethesda and a Palestinian American.)

Parishioners who have died

Fairfield Butt and Bill Flanders

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 <u>bulletin@stmarks.net</u>

St. Mark's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2024

What is stewardship?

Stewardship means that we individually and collectively make gifts of financial resources and of time and talents to support the mission and ministries of St. Mark's. In addition to money, time and service given to others are also critical components of stewardship - our church can't function without gifts of money, time, and service.

Why is pledging important?

Each year, we ask you to commit to the practice of financially supporting the parish. The vestry does its best to operate the church on a sound basis, and knowing what the church can expect in income enhances the vestry's ability to plan responsibly. About 77% of our annual income comes from pledging. St Mark's operating budget supports the ministry and mission of the church, it supports our staff, maintenance, and programs as well as the programs of the dioceses and the larger Episcopal Church. Your pledge enables us to tell the good news of Jesus in the world and our commitment to telling the story in a concrete way.

How much should I give? Am I expected to tithe?

The most important thing is to make a pledge and gift that is meaningful to you. The concept of tithing – giving 10% of your income – is rooted in scripture and Episcopal doctrine, yet today, we all receive appeals from multiple organizations and causes, so we may share our "tithe" among multiple organizations, many of which have large and broad donor bases.

Most of us want our financial gifts to make a real impact and since St. Mark's has a potential donor base of 300 households, your gift to St. Mark's makes a very large impact on our ability to fulfill the many important ministries that support our parish and community.

Why should every member pledge?

We give so that we can be part of a community and be in relationship to God. We all expect the church to be here when we need it—baptisms, weddings, funerals, and, of course, every single Sunday of the year. Together, we share responsibility to fund these ministries. We know that the past few years have been challenging for many and that our costs will likely increase in the coming year. We ask that you consider making, and if possible increasing, your pledge this year.

How do I make my pledge?

Fill out and return a pledge card (there is one on the following page). You may also pledge online at https://www.stmarks.net/get-involved/donate-pledge/

St. Mark's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2024



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 o	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):
Address:	
Apt.:	
City/State:	
Zip:	
Email:	
Phone:	Mobile /Work/Home
To make a p	ledge online, please visit <u>https://www.stmarks.net/get-involved/donate-pledge/</u>

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!

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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 November 19, 2023
Name E-mail Phone No Zip Code		
I am interested in lear	BECOMING A MEMBER Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar 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)	Guild, etc.)
Would you like to b	be contacted by a clergyperson? Yes No	

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