

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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

November 26, 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

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempkie

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.

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 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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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.



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:

Almighty and everlasting Creator, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son. Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and weighed down by sin, may be freed and brought together through Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE READING Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

A period of silence is observed.

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.

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 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.

CONFESSION

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

A period of silence is observed.

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.

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.**

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

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 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.

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

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

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.



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*

Presider & Preacher	The Reverend Patricia Catalano
Verger	Martha Huizenga

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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Class of '26	Travis Beaty, Meg Platt, and Todd Thorpe	
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	Bill Jordan, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	
	Shay Waye, <i>Clerk</i>	
	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 these dates. Contact [Michele](mailto:michele@stmarks.net) for the link if you want to join us: Tuesday 7pm on 11/28 (online), 12/19, (Hybrid) 1/23/24 (Hybrid)

Notes

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Christ Church, Chaptico

Christ Church, Clinton Parish Christ Church, La Plata

Christ Church and Christ Episcopal School, Rockville

Christ Church, Wayside

Daughters of the King

Anglican Communion

The Church of Nigeria

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal

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Mac McLaughlin • Pam Burton Moore • David Peterson • Sylvia Peterson

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

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 Reverend. Sari Ateek, Rector of St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church in Bethesda
and a Palestinian American.)

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*

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 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 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 November 26, 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).