

**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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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 life's struggles and care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR SUNDAY

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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The Reverend Christopher Phillips

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ☩ Capitol Hill



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To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage www.stmarks.net, and click “Calendar” at the top.



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

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Breath of God, breath of life, breath of deepest yearning.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter,

Come, Holy Spirit.

Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of truth, Midwife of change.

Come, Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord, teach us the silence of humility.

The silence of wisdom.

The silence of love.

The silence that speaks without words.

The silence of faith.

Lord, teach us to silence our own hearts and minds so that we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit and feel your presence in the depths of our beings. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING *from “Love Your Enemies” by Martin Luther King Jr.*

A sermon delivered November, 1957 in Montgomery, Alabama. Edited for publication while in jail in 1962.

A third reason why we should love our enemies is that love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. We never get rid of an enemy by meeting hate with hate; we get rid of an enemy by getting rid of enmity. By its very nature, hate destroys and tears down; by its very nature, love creates and builds up. Love transforms with redemptive power.

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one

spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL John 1:43-51

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

A CELTIC CREED

Together, let us affirm our faith:

We believe in God above, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon of water and Earth of male, female, non-binary, cisgender, and transgender.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant to the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the Earth to the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kin-dom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, the life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection, and eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, whom our words may cradle but never contain, we thank you for all the sound and silence and color and symbols which, through the centuries, have helped the worship of your Church to be relevant and real.

Here, we pause to remember those who helped us to come to faith by singing songs or telling us stories, by inviting us in when we felt distant, and by praying for us without being asked.

Silence is kept.

We remember the preachers, the readers, the musicians, the leaders, whose sensitivity and skill have helped us to grow in faith and enjoy worshiping you.

Silence is kept.

We remember those who encourage people to raise you outside the sanctuary:
those who teach young people,
those who lead youth groups,
those who take prayers to hospitals, schools, and prisons.

Silence is kept.

Finally, we pray for ourselves and for those who are closely connected to us:
our family, our friends, and all those needing our prayers.

Let us pray for our needs and those of others...

Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers at this time.

Together, let us pray:

God, we thank you for always being with us. Open and transform our hearts so that we might connect more deeply with the needs of others and be moved to be your love and care in the world. Help us to keep courage as we learn, share, and give. Amen.

THE PEACE

Christ, the Good Shepherd, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My siblings, may the Peace of the Lord always 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 loves us.

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. All that is spectacular; all that is plain have their origins in you; all that is lovely; all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking that contradicts our confusion, for his disturbing presence, for his innocent suffering, for his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and follow him.

Here also, our gratitude rises from the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even now confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth as in heaven.

**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.

And now, lest we believe that our praises alone fulfill your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words are not enough. Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our heart, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving, which Christ alone can offer.

Merciful god, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and said, 'This is my body— broken for you. Take it, all of you, to remember me.'

Later, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. drink it, all of you, to remember me.'

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take the bread and this wine. In them, God comes to us so that we may come to God.

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 it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever 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, saying together:

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. May we live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. So, God, we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of Earth and citizens of the Commonwealth of Heaven. Amen

THE BLESSING

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow,
May the soft ones freshen your spirit,
May the sunshine brighten your heart,
May the burden of the day rest lightly upon you
and the blessing of God Almighty, Mother, Child, and Holy Spirit be among you and
remain with you always.

Amen

DISMISSAL

Beloved, let us love, not only in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

Amen!



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Preacher	The Reverend Caitlin Frazier
Verger	Jennifer Cate

We welcome our Preacher today the **Reverend Caitlin Frazier** who is a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. She is on the journey to ordination to the priesthood. Caitlin was sponsored for ordination by St. Mark's—Capitol Hill and serves as a seminarian at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Bethesda. Originally from Oklahoma, Caitlin has also lived in California, Texas, and the District of Columbia. Before pursuing a call to ordained ministry, she worked in the fields of politics, communications, and journalism, most notably for the U.S. Congress and at The Atlantic magazine. She is a senior at Virginia Theological Seminary and her ministry passions are preaching and pastoral with those who have experienced grief or trauma. She lives on Capitol Hill with her hound dog, Lincoln.



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Diocesan Delegates

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

The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on these dates. Contact Michele for the link if you want to join us: Tuesday 7 pm on 1/23 (Hybrid)

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Peter's Church, Poolesville
Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, DC
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
(Jan 18-25)
St. Timothy's Parish, DC
St. Timothy's Child Development Center

Diocesan Ordination Service (January 19)
Pray for those who are being
ordained.
Religious Life Sunday: Pray for the many
gifts of religious orders in the
Episcopal Church (January 21)

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Church of the Province of South East Asia

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Eileen Blumenthal
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Kathrine Ebert • Shadi Khoury Martin De Nys • Mary De Nys
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Pat Latin • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks • Kate McFadden • Mac McLaughlin
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.)

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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: _____ 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ Sermon Seminar
_____ 4 p.m. Pageant and Family Service Holy Eucharist
_____ 5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist
_____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

On January 14, 2024

Name _____

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I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ BECOMING A MEMBER
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- _____ 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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