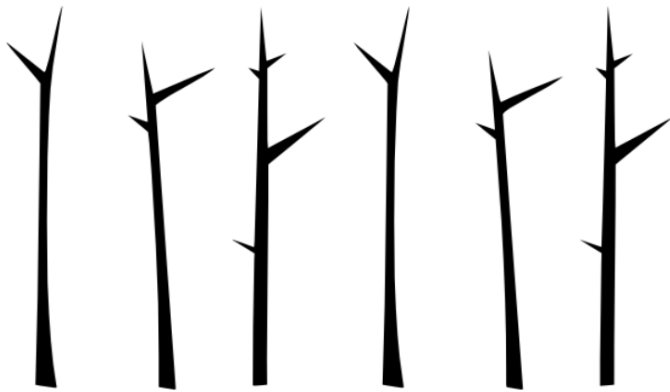


**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL**

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.



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2024

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Pastoral Associate

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

Deacon

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

Deacon Intern

Annemarie Quigley

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

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, and click “Calendar” at the top.

Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

The Broken Mirror Cross, which hangs above the altar in Lent, is an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives. It was designed and made by Joya Cox.

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

THE GREAT LITANY (adapted)

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts
and assaults of the devil.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and
flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from
violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please you to illumine all bishops, priests, and
deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your
Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may
set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us a heart to love you,
and diligently to live after your commandments.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you so to rule the hearts of your servants,
the President of the United States, and all
others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy,
and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to make wars to cease in all the world;
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to
bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show your pity upon all prisoners
and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are
desolate and oppressed,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to inspire us, in our several callings,
to do the work which you give us to do with singleness of
heart as your servants, and for the common good,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to preserve all who are in danger by
reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to visit the lonely; to strengthen all
who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with your
presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive
us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue
us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives
according to your holy Word,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed
eternal life and peace,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant that in the fellowship of Mark
and all the saints we may attain to your heavenly kingdom
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT

Together let us pray,
Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of brokenness, and through the life, death, and teachings of your Son, bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You are invited to hold silence.

THE FIRST READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION

Let us pray together

We believe in God the Creator,

by whom every person in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

CONFESSION

Let us together, in honesty, confess our brokenness.

A time of silence and self-examination may be kept.

Together

Forgiving God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION & THE PEACE

**Hear the words of comfort Christ says to all who truly turn to him:
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
God Forgives you, forgive yourself, and go in Peace.
And Peace be with you.**

VESTRY GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**God be with you.
And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.**

**Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**We thank you, desert Mother, for in the valley of dry bones you create hearts of
flesh quickened by the Spirit's breath.**

We thank you, wise Sister, that you walk in cloud and fire with your lost and faithless people. We thank you, Son of Heaven, that you empty yourself of might and glory and set your face toward the fickle crowd, the cruel empire, the faithful despisers. We welcome you as God's own fool whose cross brings to nothing the violence of the world and reveals another wisdom outside the city walls.

Therefore, with all who follow your way with the traders and tax collectors, the soldiers and prostitutes, and all who caught a glimpse of glory in the humanity you shared, we worship God's own holiness revealed in sweat and tears:

**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.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond our capacity to fully understand.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new.

We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gifts we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ, the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and forever.

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

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread

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 and invited to drink from the common cup.
Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.*

We offer Laying on of Hands in the chapel on the first and third Sunday of the month. On those Sundays, you may receive communion and go to the chapel to have prayers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Lord of this feast beyond measure and price: we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness so that none might be lost: liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May our wilderness bear no terror for us, only truth. May our truth never break us, only make bold our strength. May we, in our strength, seek not to sustain only ourselves but make swift our service to others. And may the blessing of God – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – shine in us and through us, this day and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

In this season of contemplation, let us move into a world
In which we bring all of ourselves

Go in peace, to love and serve God.
Thanks be to God.

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Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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Laying on of Hands

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From the Altar Guild and Acolytes: You will notice changes for Lent. Besides the purple hangings, the broken mirror cross, and purple veils on all our crosses (the color of penitence, a tradition in the Episcopal church), our silver and brass have been put away and replaced with pottery pieces, a set belonging to Michele. The offertory plates are wood as are the candlesticks on the altar and the large silver alms basin has been replaced with a basket. The acolytes are carrying the wood Meade-Mahany processional cross and wearing wood crosses instead of their usual silver. This change gives us a chance to think more simply about worship and its

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington
House of Mercy's Rosemont Center
Anglican Communion

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal
Church of South Sudan

Parish Prayer List

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The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on these dates
Feb. 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, all hybrid and at 7 pm.
If you have questions or want to attend, contact the Vestry Clerk at clerk@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. After completing, please remove this page and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.

I attended: _____ 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ 10 a.m. Sermon Seminar
_____ 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
_____ Last Sunday of the month Family Service
_____ 5 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist
_____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

On February 18, 2024

Name _____
E-mail _____
Phone No. _____
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I am interested in learning more about:

_____ BECOMING A MEMBER
_____ Volunteer during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, Read, etc.)
_____ Baptism (child, adult)
_____ Music (choir, lessons)
_____ Children/youth classes & programs including Sunday School
_____ Adult classes
_____ Social Justice/Service
_____ Environmental issues
_____ Getting married at St. Mark's
_____ Senior programs/activities
_____ 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)

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today. *Go in peace and return often!*