

**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.



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
THE EPIPHANY**

**February 4, 2024**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST  
LAYING ON OF HANDS & THE  
ENDING OF A PASTORAL  
RELATIONSHIP**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Associate Rector**

The Reverend Christopher Phillips

**Pastoral Associate**

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

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The Reverend Thom Sinclair

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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](http://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.

**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.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people stand as able.*

### 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.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

### 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.**

## **THE COLLECT**

**Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## **THE FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of Jesus according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**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.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## 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 worshipping 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, binds 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

## 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](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** 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.*

*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

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**

## ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

*(Christopher)* On the 27th day of June, 2021, I began serving as Assistant Rector of St. Mark's. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, and with deep gratitude for the formation and encouragement that I have received at St. Mark's, it now seems that I should leave this charge to accept a new call. I publicly state that my tenure as Associate Rector of St. Mark's ends this day.



(Michele) Do you, the people of St. Mark's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

**We do.**

*Christopher briefly addresses the congregation.*

(Michele) Let us pray:

**O God, you have bound us together for a time as a priest and people to work to advance your Kin-dom in this community: we give you thanks for the ministry we have shared.**

**We thank you for your mercy and forgiveness; when we have failed each other, give us likewise merciful and forgiving hearts. Help us to recognize and foster your presence in one another, and guide us to a deeper life with you.**

**We also thank you for all who have joined this community in baptism, confirmation, or attending as our friends and guests.**

**Now, we pray for your continued grace and guidance for Christopher, who leaves us, and for those who stay. As students of Jesus, God-with-us, may we serve you and the world through lives of radical love. 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

<b>Presider and Preacher</b>	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
<b>Verger</b>	Jennifer Cate
<b>Laying on of Hands</b>	Stephanie Deutsch & Jillian Green

**The Epiphany Star** above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is a stellated icosahedron (20-sided polygon with a triangular solid shape built on each of the faces of that polygon). As its name indicates, the star was originally commissioned to mark the Epiphany, the Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the world. The imagery of a star, with its light distant but still visible, is also appropriate for Advent, and as a result is now displayed during the season of Advent as well as during Epiphanytide. The star was restored by Jim Pittman, Junior Warden, 2020-2023.

**The Needlepoint Star** carried behind the cross was made by Doris Burton and given in memory of her husband Jack Burton. It is carried in procession throughout Epiphany.



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## Cycle of Prayer

### *In the Diocese of Washington*

Theological Education Sunday  
All Seminaries, Seminarians, and Seminary  
Professors; Postulants and Candidates

### *Anglican Communion*

Pray for The Anglican Church of South America

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros  
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Joseph Boone • Alexander Casadonte  
Michael Curry • Shadi Khoury • Martin De Nys  
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## *Those Who Have Died*

Joe Kerr

Patricia Sheppard, sister of Martha Connor-Donnelly

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

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



## 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 it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.

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 February 4, 2024

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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