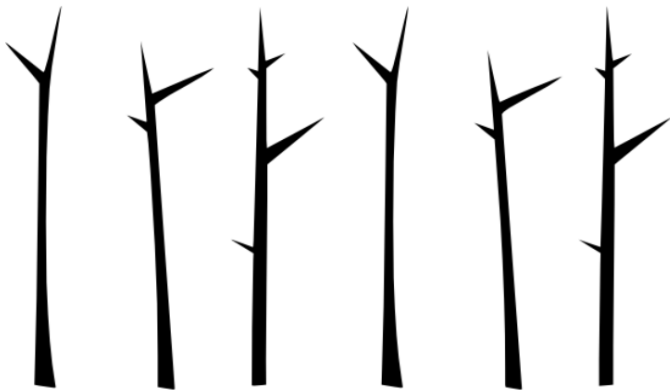


**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL**

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Pastoral Associate

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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

OPENING SENTENCES

We, like Christ, spend forty days in the wilderness.
Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

THE COLLECT

Together let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

You are invited to hold silence.

THE FIRST READING Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL John 12:20-33

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

You are invited to hold silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray to the Eternal One for the courage to give up other things and to give ourselves in service to Christ.

Silence is kept for a time.

Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world.

May the wounds of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness, and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and all the other places destroyed by human want.

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife, and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. We pray for this country, this district, and all places where justice does not rain down.

May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care, and comfort to the sick.

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. Eternal One, give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice we hold close those who have died this week.

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. Eternal One, Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Please add your own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Together let us pray:

Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. **Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. 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

MISSION MOMENT

Food Shelf

Michael Knipe

WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Offer to the Holy One a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and make
good your vows to the Most High. *(Psalm 50:14)*

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.



You're invited to join us for refreshments after the service.

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Presider	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Preacher	Annemarie Quigley
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Laying on of Hands	Susan Sedgewick

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Holy Week and Easter Services

All information is also available at: <https://tinyurl.com/STMDCHolyWeek>

Holy Saturday, March 23

10:00 a.m. Walking after Jesus, Interactive Children's Holy Week Service

Palm Sunday, March 24th

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms

10:00 a.m. Sermon Seminar

11:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms (*service live-streamed*)

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms

Tenebrae Wednesday, March 27th

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae, St. Mark's Tenebrae is divided into five Nocturnes. Each Nocturn represents a powerful call for God to make God's presence known in the dark, chaotic areas of humankind.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Agape Dinner

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Good Friday, March 29th

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at the U.S. Capitol

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, March 31st

9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist (*service live-streamed*)

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

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The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on these dates
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.

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring
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Sylvia Peterson • James & Wanda Pittman
Deb Sullivan • Olga, Tony & Anthony Sullivan
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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 March 17, 2024

Name _____
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I am interested in learning more about:

_____ BECOMING A MEMBER
_____ Volunteer during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, Read, etc.)
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_____ 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

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