

**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 life's struggles and care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION:  
PALM SUNDAY**

**March 24, 2024**

**5:00 PM LITURGY OF THE PALMS  
& CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Pastoral Associate**

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

**Deacon**

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

**Deacon Intern**

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**Director of Youth & Family Ministries**

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Jeff Kempskie

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



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

To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit our homepage, [www.stmarks.net](http://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 PALMS

*The people gather in the A Street Courtyard.*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray.

**O God, with the kindness of your love, assist us that we, with joyful faithfulness, may contemplate anew the mighty acts of your Son, our brother Jesus, through which you grant us life. Amen.**

**PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29** *Read responsively*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let Israel say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
**that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God,  
**and he has given us light.**

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
**up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
**you are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

God is with you.  
**Always with us.**

Therefore, let us give thanks!

**It is always good to give thanks to you, O God, for the acts of love by which you redeem us through your Son, our brother Jesus. On this day, we remember his triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem, where he was proclaimed as God's chosen by those spreading garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

*The palms are distributed.*

Let us go forth in peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*All process into the Nave. The people proceed to their seats and  
the altar party and choir stand at the baptismal font.*

## **STATION COLLECT**

Let us pray.

**O God, your dear son, our brother Jesus knew not joy before first suffering pain, entering not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace. Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT

Together, let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## 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 12:12-16

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## **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.*

Help us to fast from judging others;  
**So we may feast on Christ dwelling in them.**

Help us to fast from words that pollute;  
**So we may feast on words that purify.**

Help us to fast from discontent;  
**So we may feast on gratitude.**

Help us to fast from anger;  
**So we may feast on patience.**

Help us to fast from pessimism;  
**So we may feast on hope.**

Help us to fast from bitterness;  
**So we may feast on forgiveness.**

Help us to fast from self-concern;  
**So we may feast on compassion.**

Help us to fast from gossip;  
**So we may feast on purposeful silence.**

Help us to fast from problems that overwhelm;  
**So we may feast on prayer that sustains.**

*Please add your own petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Together, let us pray:

**Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us to live focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. 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**

## **(11:15) 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**

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



# 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 look 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**

We break this bread so all may share;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

### **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.*

## **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.**



## **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](mailto:Christopher@stmarks.net)*

<b>Presider and Preacher</b>	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
<b>Vergers</b>	Jennifer Cate

**Leading Today's Procession**, as is our long-standing custom, are lay leaders of the parish, either current or past, carrying the symbol of office:

9 am: Senior Warden Jim Brooks & Charlie Rupp, Junior Warden (1990-1992)

11:15: Senior Warden Louise Walsh ('07-'09, '23) & Junior Warden Martha Huizenga.

**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.

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## Holy Week and Easter Services

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

### *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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	Rosemary Harold, <i>Vestry Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman & J.R. Randall

The upcoming Vestry Meetings are held on these dates  
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](mailto:clerk@stmarks.net).

## *Notes*

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# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

Chapel of the Intercession, Washington Hospital Center  
Pray for all hospital, hospice, nursing home and healthcare chaplains  
Pray for all parish nurses and healthcare providers

## *Anglican Communion*

Pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa

## *Parish Prayer List*

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Jackie Blondin  
Eileen Blumenthal • Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Alexander Casadonte  
Michael Curry • Shadi Khoury Martin De Nys • Mary De Nys • Charley Donnelly  
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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

On March 24, 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.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 clergy person? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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