

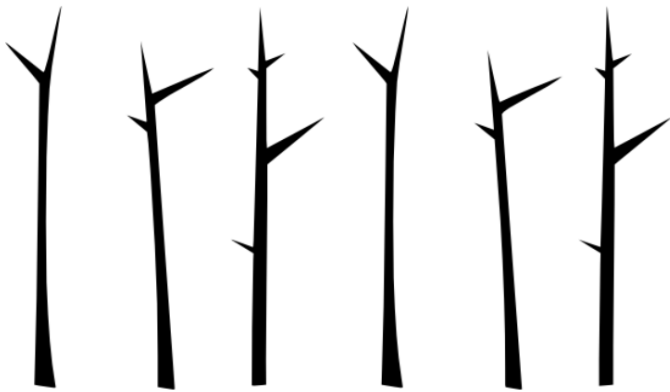
# **WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



## **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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 3, 2024**

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

#### **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**

Jeff Kempeskie

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



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.

**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.

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*You are invited to hold silence.*

## **THE FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL John 2:13-22**

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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**

## **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.**

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

## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

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The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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**Laying on of Hands**

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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](mailto:clerk@stmarks.net).

## Cycle of Prayer

***In the Diocese of Washington***  
Grace Church, Georgetown  
Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish

***Anglican Communion***  
Pray for The Diocese of Maiduguri –  
The Church of Nigeria

## Parish Prayer List

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Mac McLaughlin • David Peterson  
Sylvia Peterson • James & Wanda Pittman  
Deb Sullivan • Olga, Tony & Anthony Sullivan  
Eleanor Whitman • Joel Wilson • Rita Wolfinger  
Geoffrey Wood • May Yazawa • Tom Zarek

## Those Who Have Died

The Very Rev. Charles Taylor (former Canon Precentor, Lichfield Cathedral,  
retired Dean of Peterborough Cathedral)

***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. 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 3, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

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