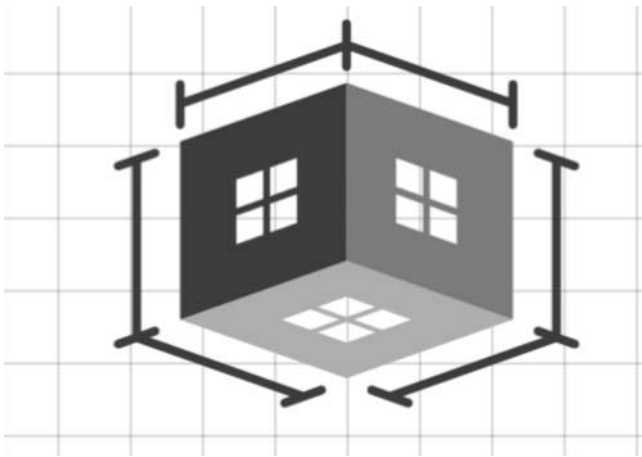


**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
✠  
CAPITOL HILL**

**ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate God's gifts, which empower us to engage boldly in life's struggles and care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

**November 3, 2024**

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

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Assistant Rector**

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

**Director of Youth & Family Ministries**

Caleb Nelson Amaker

**Director of Music**

Jeff Kempkie

**Deacon**

The Reverend Thom Sinclair

**Pastoral Associate**

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

**Seminarian**

Lydia Arnts

# 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 of the page.

**Masks** are optional at St. Mark's. You may continue to wear them during the service.

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

**Childcare** – The Nursery is open! Children up to age 3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, the last room on your right.

**Restrooms** are available in the foyer, with more downstairs.

**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.

**Food Baskets** During the offertory we are invited to share our abundance with those in need, donating food in the baskets under the altar for the Reformation Lutheran Church Food Pantry on East Capitol Street. Matthew 25:35 35, "for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

## Building the Household of God Annual Stewardship Appeal



We are called to be stewards of the gifts God has given us, and pledging is one way we respond to that call. We are asking you to consider making a pledge again this year, Think about the many ways that St. Mark's touches lives—whether it's supporting our ministries, offering a place of peace and worship, or helping those in need, and providing a place for people to gather to hear music, advocate for change, dance, meditate, practice yoga and celebrate their lives we know that every gift helps us do more.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING SENTENCES

We are God's stewards.

**We honor the Holy One by caring for ourselves.**

We follow Jesus by caring for each other.

**We embody the Holy Spirit by caring for the world.**

**Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## THE COLLECT

God be with you!

**And also upon you!**

Let us pray:

**Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them

food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;  
Where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

*The people stand, as able.*

## **THE GOSPEL** Mark 12:28-34

The Gospel of Jesus according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele Morgan

## **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

## **THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray.

Creator God, we pray for the whole church and the unity of all your people, allowing us to see beyond just our needs to the needs of people seeking peace and wholeness. By your grace, **Make us builders of the household of God.**

Guide the people of this nation and protect us from being so consumed with our own lives that we fail to notice what is happening in the lives of others and the world around us. By your grace, **Make us builders of the household of God.**

Give Elected officials, candidates, election workers, journalists and voters the ability to be fully present to the work before them as we move towards the general election. By your grace, **Make us builders of the household of God.**

May we resist the temptation to get caught up in fruitless arguments and defensiveness. Strengthen us to serve and uphold one another. By your grace, **Make us builders of the household of God.**

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation.

*All may now offer their prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with  
"This is my prayer," to which all will respond, "Amen."*

As builders of your household, we ask,  
**Creator, calm our hearts. In you alone, our souls find rest. In this chaotic world, we lay all our burdens at your feet, and we find safety and protection in your kin-dom. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**Building the Household of God**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of God 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

Creator God, you created all things; by your will, they existed and were created.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right to glorify you and to give you thanks, our holy and living God; you dwell in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Now we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, and give voice to every creature, as we join in the eternal hymn:

**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 acclaim you, holy one, all your actions reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy, you came to our help so that in seeking you, we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets, you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time, you sent your only begotten one. To the poor, Christ proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, you sent the Holy Spirit, the first gift for those who believe, to complete this work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Gracious God, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**



## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever 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 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

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of  
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the  
Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us  
strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of the things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life. We ask you to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon us now and forever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth caring for the world, stewarding the world as God cares for us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

<b>Preacher &amp; Presider</b>	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
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#### Cycle of Prayer

##### *In the Diocese of Washington*

All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase

All Saints' Pre-School, Chevy Chase

All Saints' Parish, Oakley

Veterans' Day (November 11)

Pray for all military veterans, chaplains, personnel  
and their families.

##### *Anglican Communion*

Church of the Province of South East Asia

##### *Those who have died*

Emily Ann McDuff

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

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings •

Jason Earnest • Noah Landen

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	Roy Phillips, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>
	Randy Marks, <i>Clerk</i>
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	Rosemary Harold, <i>Vestry Counsel</i>

## Diocesan Delegates

Tom Getman & J.R. Randall

Upcoming Vestry Meetings will be held on these dates: Nov 26th,  
and Dec 17th (focused on the budget), 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).

## 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

On November 3, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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!*