WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH E 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 the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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To view the **Parish Calendar online**, go to our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

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

Restrooms are available in the foyer, with additional facilities located downstairs.

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.

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

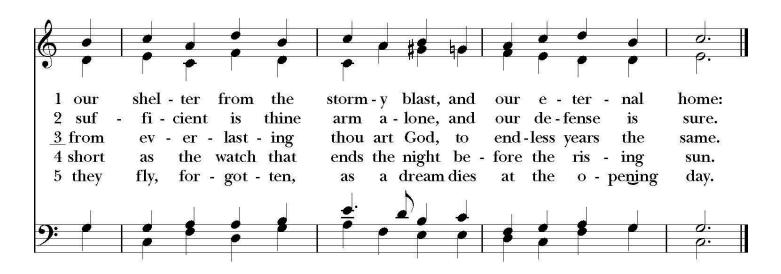
PRELUDE Schmucke Dich, O Liebe Seele

Georg Kauffmann

OPENING HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne





6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

OPENING SENTENCES

Today, the Spirit calls us! Let us hear, and let us act.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Joel 2:23–32

- O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
- for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
- The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
- the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.
- You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.
- And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
- And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- Then afterward

 I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
- your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
- Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

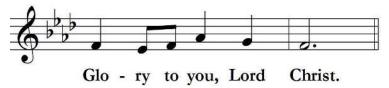
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.



Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of Jesus.



SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

AFFIRMATION

We believe in God the Father:

from whom everyone in heaven and on earth has life and being.

We believe in God the Son:

Who has been raised through transforming love and lives now in our hearts through faith, and calls us to this same loving transformation in our own lives.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to God, saying "God, have mercy."

For our Bishop, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

God, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

God, have mercy.

For the DC Metro, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

God, have mercy.

For immigrants, law enforcement officers, the homeless, the National Guard, and activists, let us pray to the Lord.

God, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

God, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

God, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

God, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. God, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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

Let us pray together saying:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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, 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 God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (Psalm 50:14)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Fear not, O land

Edward Elgar

Chancel Choir

Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice For the Lord will do great things

Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: For the pastures of the wilderness do spring, For the tree beareth her fruit, The figtree and the vine do yield their strength.

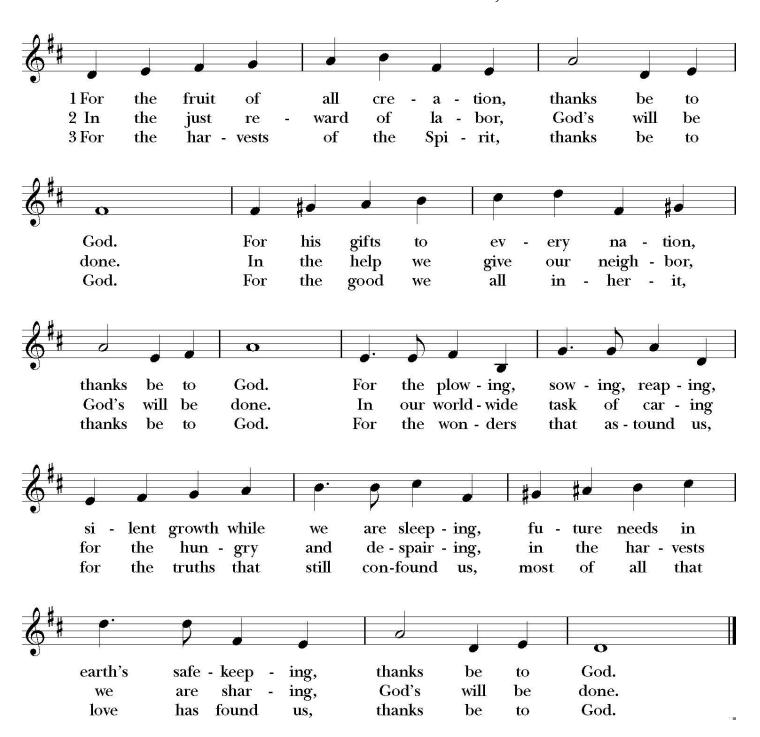
Be glad, then be glad, ye children of Zion And rejoice in the Lord your God

The floors shall be full of wheat.
And ye shall eat in plenty,
And praise the Name of the Lord your God,
That hath dealt wondrously with you.
Amen.

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 424 For the fruit of all creation, vv. 1 & 3

East Acklam



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

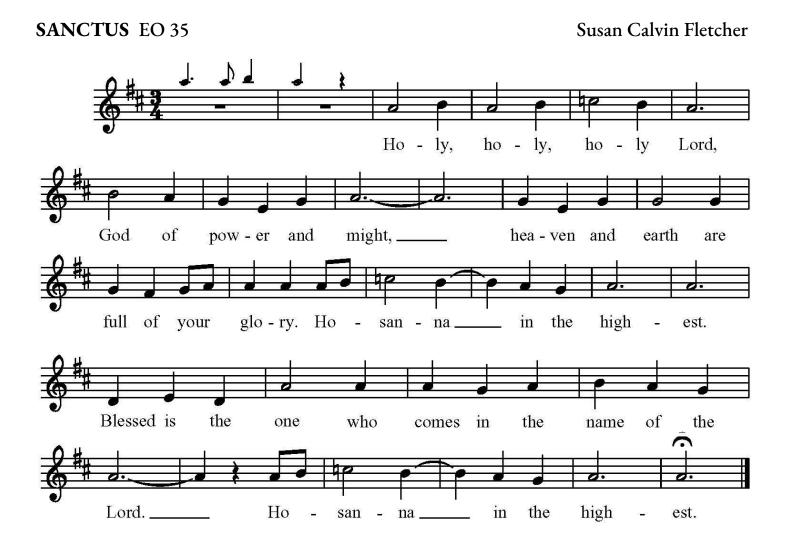
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Susan Calvin Fletcher







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.

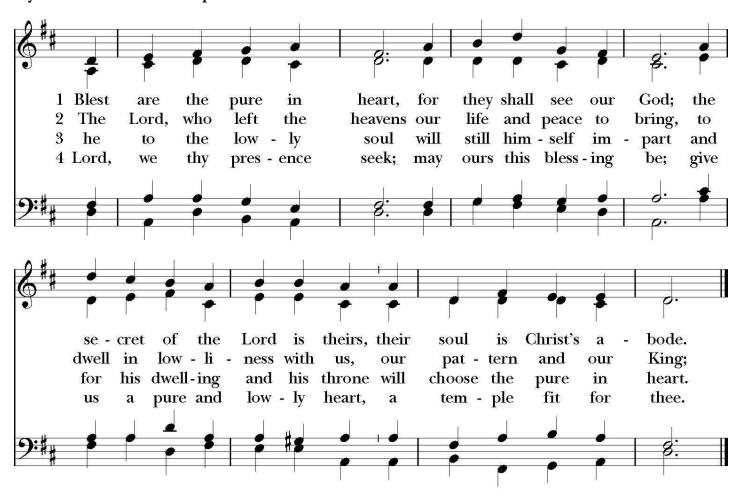
You will be offered bread by a celebrant and invited to drink from the common cup. Please put out your hands to help guide the cup to your lips, and drink.

If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the host (the bread) into the wine.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 656 Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia



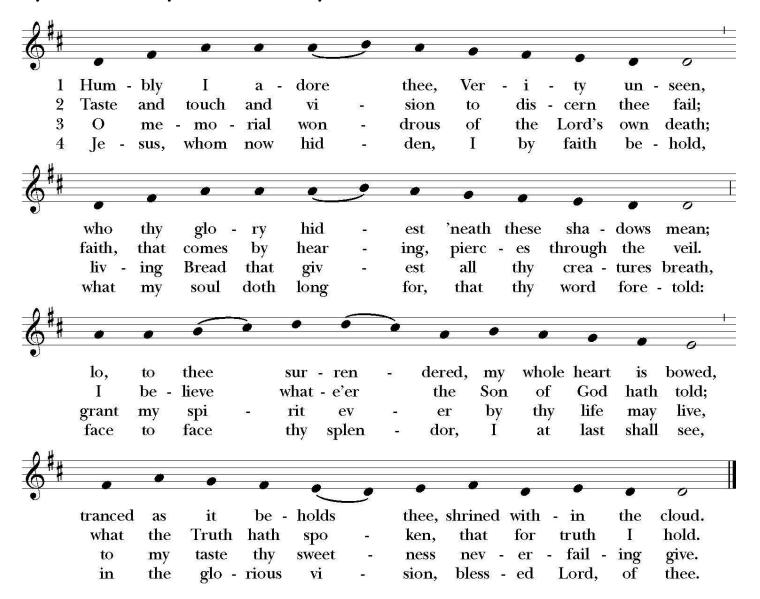
Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Traditional; arr. Paul Halley & Theresa Thomason

Charmian Crawford, soloist

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, I'm fixed on it, mount of thy redeeming love. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Hymn 314 Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, 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

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us, so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go into the world and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness.

There are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done unless we do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken unless we speak them.

And now let us go forth into the world in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE Hornpipe (Water Music)

GF Handel

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Worship Participants

We'd love to talk to you if you're interested in serving in the liturgy in any of the following roles! For more information, contact our Associate Rector Caitlin Frazier, <u>Caitlin@stmarks.net</u>

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

All Saints' Day (November 1)
Diocesan Cathedral Confirmation Service (November 4)
Pray for those who are to be confirmed, received, and reaffirmed.

Anglican Communion

The Church in Whales

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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. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service.

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	Adult education classes and prayer groups	
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	Baptism/Confirmation (child, adult)	
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	Children/youth classes & programs including Sunday School	
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	Getting married at St. Mark's	
	Meditation Center	
	Yoga classes	
	Dance classes	
	St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)	
Anything else you	would like to share?	

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