

**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 the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

November 16, 2025

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Associate Rector

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

Pastoral Associate

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

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Rebekah Taylor

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ☒ Capitol Hill



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.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

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

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of Jesus.
Praise be to you Lord Christ

HOMILY

Rebekah Taylor

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

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.

A period of silence is observed.

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 area, 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.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you!
And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT GVP

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.



In November, people who rely on SNAP benefits will likely face food insecurity. To help offset this, we are passing a second basket. The funds will go to food shelves in the DMV area.

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

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.

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, 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.**

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

AMEN.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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 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.*

*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.

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.



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Ministers	All the Members of St. Mark's
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Acknowledgements: The Opening Sentences, The Collect: Church of England Common Worship. Prayers of the People (adapted), The Peace, The Eucharistic Prayer: Book of Common Prayer USA. Affirmation: New Patterns for Worship, The Church of England. Post-Communion Prayer: CoE Common Worship. Blessing: based on the words of Henri-Fredrick Amiel. Dismissal: Theological Grounding Resources

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Christ Church, Chaptico
Christ Church, Clinton Parish
Christ Church, La Plata
Christ Church, Rockville
Christ Episcopal School, Rockville
Christ Church, Wayside

Thanksgiving Day (November 28) Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings

Anglican Communion

The Diocese of Raiwind – The Church of Pakistan (United)

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • Nora Alquiros • Pam Baugh • Jackie Blondin
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Eddie Garnett • Barbara Harvey • Michael Henely • Darnell Hill • Judith Holt
Gale Johnson • Julia Jones • Shadi Khoury • Hatcher Byrd Kincheloe
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David Thacker • Stephanie Toth • Mateo Martinez-Vega & Family
Stephen Wolf • Geoffrey Wood • Tom Zarek

Parishioners and Family Members Serving in the Military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Jason Earnest • Noah Landen
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Diocesan Delegates

J.R. Randall (2027), Mary Neznec (2027), Jan Lipscomb (2028), Randy Marks (2026)

The next upcoming Vestry Meeting will be held on November 18, 7:00 PM via Zoom and in-person. If you have questions contact the Vestry Clerk at 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. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service.

To complete this form online, or sign up for our weekly newsletter, use this QR code:



I attended: _____ 5 p.m. Worship Service on November 16, 2025

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

Zip Code _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Becoming a member
- _____ Service and Social Justice
- _____ Adult education classes and prayer groups
- _____ Volunteer during worship (Greet, Lay Serve, Altar Guild, Read, etc.)
- _____ Baptism/Confirmation (child, adult)
- _____ Music (choir, lessons)
- _____ Children/youth classes & programs including Sunday School
- _____ Affinity groups (20s/30s, Men's Group, Women's Group)
- _____ 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!*