

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



**CHRISTMAS I**

**December 28, 2025**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST  
AND HOLY BAPTISM**

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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](http://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

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## THE COLLECT

The Holy Spirit is upon you!  
And also upon you!

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
    my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
    he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
    and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
    and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
    to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
    and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
    and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
    and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
    that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
    and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

## **THE GOSPEL John 1:1-18**

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

# HOLY BAPTISM

## Candidate

*We celebrate the Baptism of*

✠ Harrison Jude Wingo ✠

Child of Sarah Wahlgren Wingo & Michael Wilson Wingo

Godparents Ashley Wingo, Anna Wahlgren, & Alexandre Lacroix

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present Harrison Jude Wingo to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*I will, with God's help.*

Will you, by your prayers and witness, help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*I do.*

Will you, who witness these vows, do all in your power to support Harrison in his life in Christ?

**We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread,  
and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to  
the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every  
human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

Let us now pray for Harrison, who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Together,

**Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

Harrison, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Harrison, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.  
**Amen.**

Harrison, receive the light of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O God, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **VESTRY GREETING & 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 unto God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

## 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 loving God, for you did not abandon us or stand far off but came in awful nearness with the urgency of love. Now we praise you for the Word made flesh born of Mary's body, nurtured in her womb, cradled in her arms, greeted by her song. The fullness of God dwells in his flesh, a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside, good news of bread for the hungry and poor, a shepherd to find those who are lost. Now we are caught up, body and soul resound with the glory of music divine, echoing through the hallowed earth:

**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 all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and 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**

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 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

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

**Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. In his living, dying, and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost,  
to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,  
to bring Peace/سلام / שלום among the people, to make music in the heart.  
And the Blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
Christ is born in us! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## **Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants**

<b>Ministers</b>	All the Members of St. Mark's
<b>Presider &amp; Preacher</b>	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
<b>Verger</b>	David Deutsch



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## *Notes*

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# Cycle of Prayer

## *In the Diocese of Washington*

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Christ Church Port Tobacco Parish, La Plata • Christ Church, Rockville  
Christ Church, Kensington • Christ Church, Washington Parish  
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## *Parish Prayer List*

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## Diocesan Delegates

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

The upcoming Vestry Meetings will be held on January 6th 7:00 PM via Zoom and in-person.  
If you have questions, 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. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service.

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I attended: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 p.m. Worship Service on December 28, 2025

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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?

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