

**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 life's struggles and care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY**

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11, 2026

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Associate Rector

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

Pastoral Associate

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

Seminarian

Rebekah Taylor

Interim Director of Music

Michael McCarthy

Children, Youth, & Family

Ministry Director

Lisa Ramish

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

To view the **parish calendar online**, please visit 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 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.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Arise, shine for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us.

The gates will always be open;
By day or night they will never be shut.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you Lord Christ

SERMON

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

THE AFFIRMATION

We believe that God has created us.

We believe that God is born among us.

We believe that God will always sustain us.

We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.

We believe that in the end of all things, God's love shall prevail. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

**Give us the perseverance and courage to seek out and approach you,
wherever you are to be found.**

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

**Grant us the vision and understanding to see and recognise you,
whenever we might meet you.**

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

**Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully,
whatever you might ask of us.**

We pray especially for the people on our prayer list,

Louise, Ben, Nora, Beth and Col. James, Pam, Jackie, Jackie, Joseph, Suzanne, Charlotte, Tracy, Martin, Mary, Charley, Dottie, Rudy, Pete, Eddie, Jack, Barbara, Michael, Darnell, Judith, Jack, Gale, Liam, Julia, Shadi, Hatcher, Pat, Marwan, Lila, Nat, Taylor, Walton, Fred, Mariza, Bob, James, Wanda, Susan, Malik, T.H., Jon, Ben, Stephanie, Elin, Helen, Martha, Deb, Anthony, Yasser, Jawaher, David, Stephanie, Mateo, Stephen, Geoffrey, Tom, Chase, Clint, Jason, Noah, Andrew, Tyler, and Colin.

*The people are invited to offer prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings,
either silently or aloud, at this time.*

So may our loving and living become,

**in their turn, places of epiphany where you can be recognised and known, and the
transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed. Amen**

THE PEACE

May 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, 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.



Food offerings may be brought forward to the baskets under the altar at this time.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us continue to make community with Joy and step into our Abundance.

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

He has revealed himself as your Son, and all nations have come to praise you. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise forever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, the Word made flesh, to reveal your glory, to bring light to the nations, and to call us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

As we look for the coming of your kin-dom, we remember his perfect offering of himself made once for all upon the cross.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling his death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our own lives as a living sacrifice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Son.

Shine your light upon your Church, O God, that we who are fed by this holy food may be filled with the radiance of Christ and show forth your light in all the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O source of all light, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us 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.

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 and this bread and wine as God's food for us 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

Father 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.
Dying and living, 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.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word. **Amen.**

The Son, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. **Amen.**

And the Blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



Liturgical Leaders and 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 Assistant Rector Caitlin Frazier, Caitlin@stmarks.net*

Ministers	All the Members of St. Mark's
Presider & Preacher	The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Verger	Jennifer Cate



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Epiphany Star above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid.

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

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

Upcoming Vestry Meetings will be held on January 27th 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. 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: _____ 5 p.m. Worship Service on January 11, 2026

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 clergy person? Yes No

You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly eGospel newsletter at www.stmarks.net/contact-us/ or scan the QR code. If you'd like to join the St. Mark's egroup to interact with other parishioners, please contact Chris Berendes (christophberendes@gmail.com)



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