

**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.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 15, 2026



**9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

**11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

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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.

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.

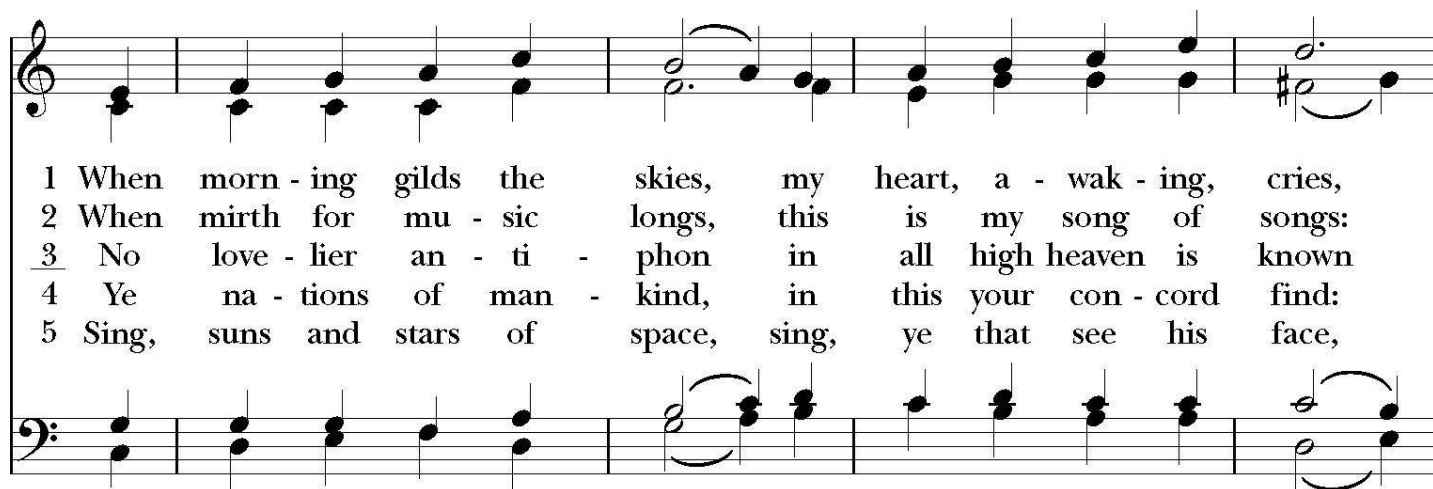


THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 427 When music fills the skies

Laudes Domini



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of Jesus.



Praise to — you, Lord Christ.

(11:15) SERMON

Rebekah Taylor

The sermon for the 9 AM service will be delivered after the service during Sermon Seminar.

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.

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,

Ben, Nora, Beth and Col. James, Pam, Jackie, Joseph, Suzanne, Charlotte, Tracy, Martin, Mary, Charley, Rudy, Pete, Eddie, Jack, Barbara, Michael, Darnell, Judith, Jack, Gale, Liam, Julia, Shadi, Hatcher, Pat, Marwan, Lila, Nat, Taylor, Walton, Karen, Fred, Delia,

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

So may our loving and living become,
**in their turn, places of epiphany where you can be recognized 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

(11:15) 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.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright

Words by Ambrose of Milan, tr. Robert Bridges

Music by Peter Mathews

Chancel Choir

*O splendor of God's glory bright, O thou that bringest light from light;
O Light of light, light's living spring, O day, all days illumining.*

*O Thou true Sun of heav'nly love, pour down thy radiance from above;
The Spirit's sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.*

*With prayer the Father we implore: O Father, glorious evermore;
We plead with thee for grace and power to conquer in temptations hour,*

*To guide whate'er we nobly do, with love all envy to subdue,
To give us grace our wrongs to bear, to make ill fortune turn to fair.*

*All laud to God the Father be; all praise, eternal Son, to thee;
All glory to the Spirit raise in equal and unending praise.*

Please stand as able.

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and
my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
whom shall I fear? In the time of trou - ble,
He shall hide me, O in the time of trou - ble,
He shall hide me, in the time of trou - ble,
He shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

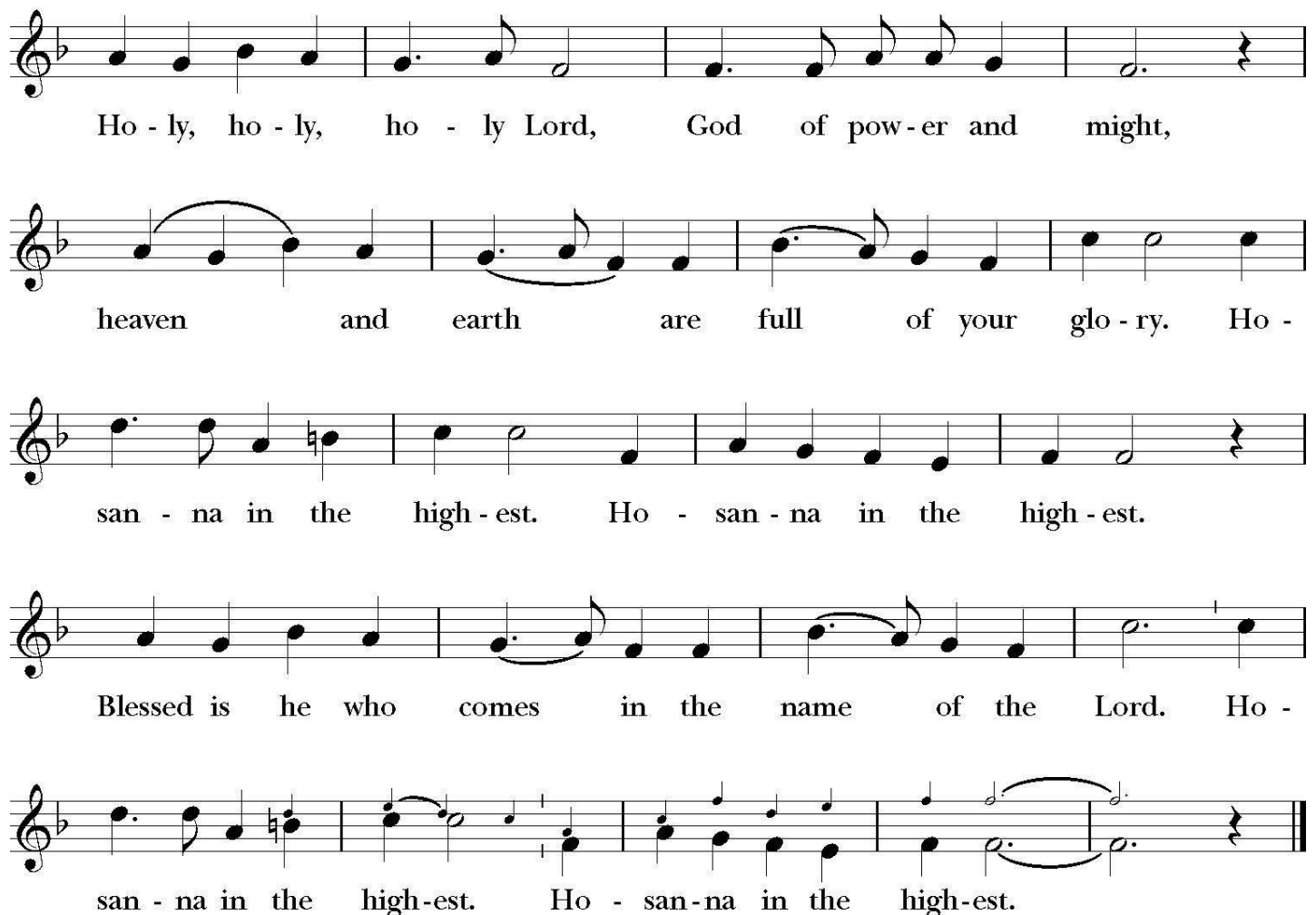
God be with you.
And also with you.

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:

SANCTUS S 125 - Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 - Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

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

O nata lux

Thomas Tallis

Chancel Choir

O nata lux de lumine
Jesu redemptor saeculi
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes preces que sumere

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis

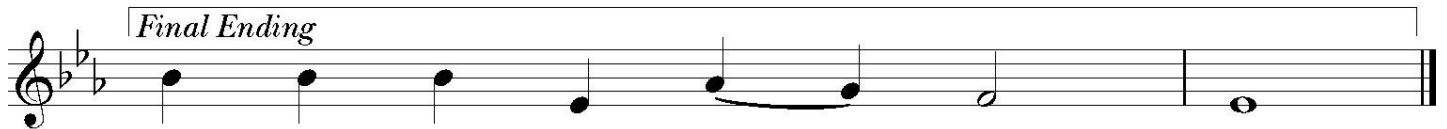
*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body*

133 O light of light

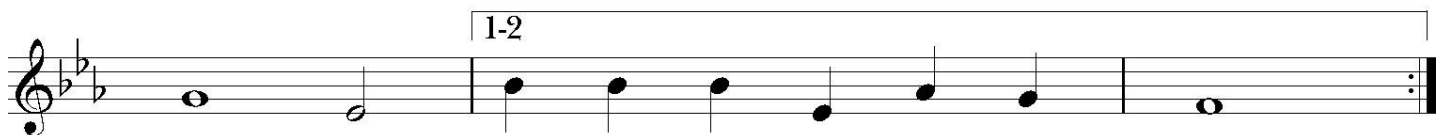
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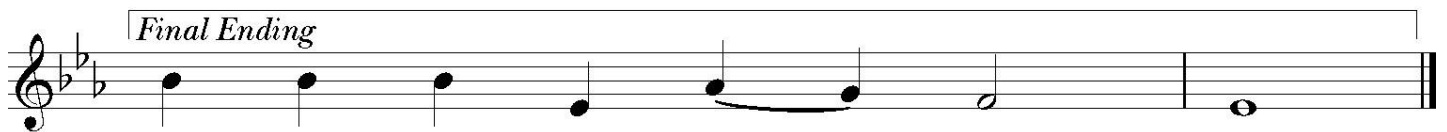
1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth; Je - sus, Re -
2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see, with your e -
3 May all who seek to praise a - right through pur - er



faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.
lect found com - pan - y; the heavens a - bove your glo - ry
lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glo - ry,



show, your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
named, your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
now all



faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

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.

CLOSING HYMN 137 O wondrous type

Wareham

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

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.

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Seminar at 10:00 am

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

Rebekah Taylor

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
3. Can I be brief?
4. Will I later regret having said it?
5. Has anyone else said it?

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*

Presider	The Reverend Caitlin Frazier & The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
Preacher	Rebekah Taylor
Interim Director of Music	Mike McCarthy
Verger	Josie Jordan 9:00; Michael Knipe, 11:15
Greeters	Johannsen Family & Bill Jordan, 9:00; Izzie Hirschy-Reyes & Jayme Bibbins, 11:15
Acolytes	Mitch Wood, 9:00; Jason Campbell, 11:15
Readers	TBD, 9:00; Doris Burton & Stephanie Deutsch, 11:15
Bread & Wine	Sydney Register, 9:00, TBD, 11:15
Altar Guild	Susan Sedgewick, 9:00; Lucy Brown & Steve Scammacca, 11:15
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenn Dalzell, 9:00; Michael Knipe, 11:15
Video Director	David Deutsch
Technical Director	Charlie Rupp
Laying on of Hands	Cecile Jones, 9:00, Jan Lipscomb & Maria Helena Carey, 11:15

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In the Diocese of Washington

The ministry of the Rosemont Center
Pray for our Muslim siblings observing the Season of Ramadan
Ash Wednesday (February 18)

Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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Dottie Grube

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Upcoming Vestry Meetings will be held on February 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. 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: _____ 9 a.m. Worship Service on February 15, 2026
_____ 11:15 a.m. Worship Service on February 15, 2026

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

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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?

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