

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



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026

5:00 PM CHORAL EVENSONG

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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.



About Choral Evensong: It is an ancient tradition for the people of God to offer praise and prayer as the day draws to a close. Choral Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer. The service text is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. The main purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in human history and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sung psalms and canticles are interwoven with readings from the Hebrew Bible and Epistle, the recitation of the Creed (or Affirmation), and the Lord's Prayer.

Other prayers and hymns are drawn from the many centuries of the Christian Church. The congregation is invited to listen reflectively and prayerfully as the choir offers prayer and praise on their behalf. Many find this frees them to offer to God their own thoughts and prayers.

PRELUDE Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BWV 658

J.S.Bach

INTROIT Keep

Tarik O'Regan

Chancel Choir

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord
thy Church with thy perpetual mercy;
and, because the frailty of man, cannot but fall,
Keep us ever by thy help
from all things hurtful,
lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

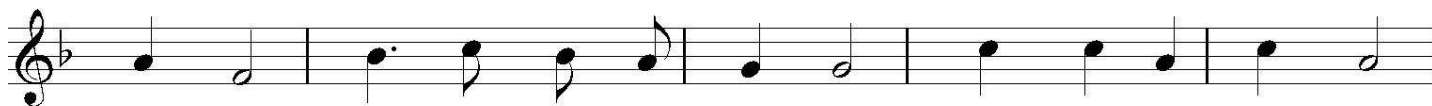
The people stand as the procession enters the nave.

OPENING HYMN 35 Christ Mighty Savior

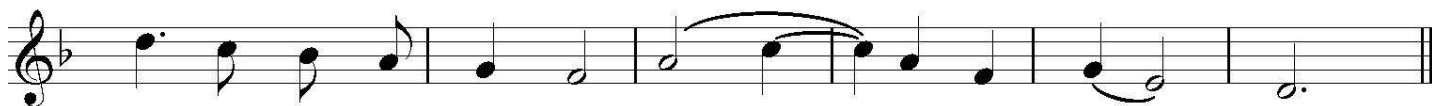
Mighty Savior



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars _____ in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now _____ and for ev - er.

OPENING SENTENCES

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRECES

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

Soloist O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Soloist O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Soloist Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The candles are lighted as the choir sings.

PHOS HILARON

Andrew J. Walker (b. 1955)

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Song of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The people are seated.

PSALM 103

John Barnard (b. 1948)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins

and heals all your infirmities;

*He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.*

*The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.*

*He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.*

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.*

*He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.*

*He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.*

*For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.*

*As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.*

*As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.*

*For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.*

*Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;*

*When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.*

*But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;*

*On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them.*

*The Lord has set his throne in heaven,
and his kingship has dominion over all.*

*Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
and hearken to the voice of his word.*

*Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.*

*Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.*

THE FIRST READING 1 Cor. 1:17-31

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT Luke 1:46-55

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior, for he hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; for He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with His arm, he that scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel, as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING Mark 2:18-22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

Please stand as able.

THE AFFIRMATION

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

We believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in the Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The people remain standing, as able.

THE LESSER LITANY

Stephen Caracciolo

Soloist The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Soloist Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

 Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SUFFRAGES

Soloist O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Soloist O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Soloist Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Soloist O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Soloist Give peace in our time, O Lord:

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Soloist O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The officiant offers three collects; the choir responds to each with a sung "Amen."

Soloist Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

The people are seated.

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.

ANTHEM All wisdom cometh from the Lord

Philip Moore

Chancel Choir; Aaron Tucker, soloist

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever.

Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom? Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.

The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom; and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her, and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gift, and he hath given her to them that love him.

The fear of the Lord is honor, and glory, and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart, and giveth joy, and gladness, and a long life.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is my desire. O 'stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee. Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

A period of silence is observed.

Please stand as able.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Together, let us pray:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The world is now too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed to see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cries of the poor. May your hand be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, *your love*, changes everything. May the blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer be with us now and always. **Amen.**

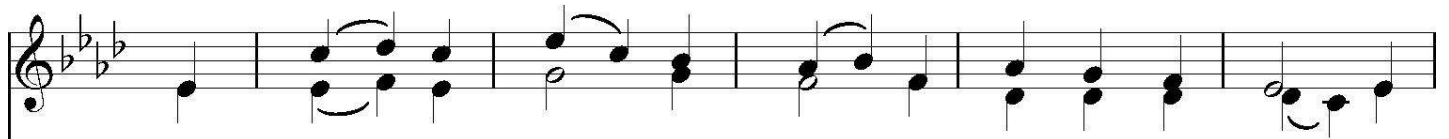
DISMISSAL

Beloved, let us love, not only in word or speech,
but in truth and action.

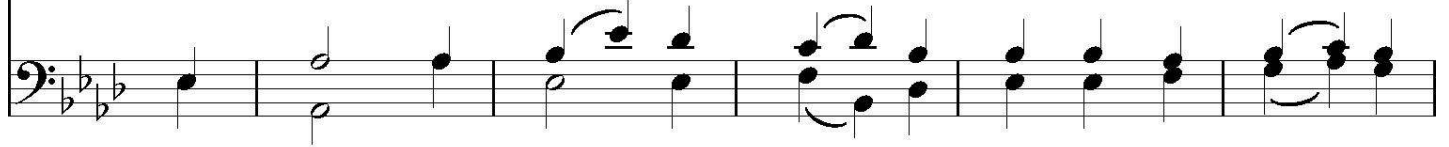
Go in peace to love and serve our God.
Amen!

CLOSING HYMN 24 The day thou gavest

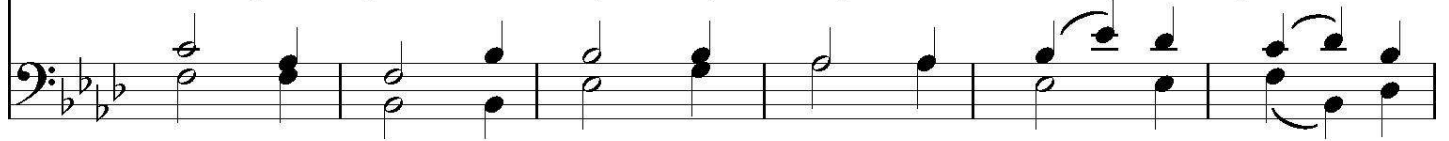
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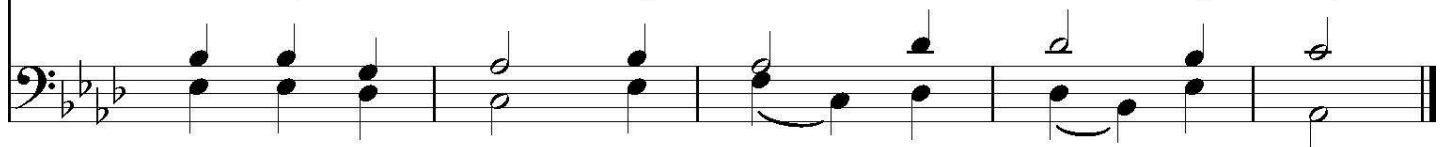
1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud



falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for



scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.



POSTLUDE Postlude in D minor

Stanford



Please join us for a reception in the Nave immediately following the service.

Service Participants

Officiant	The Reverend Caitlin Frazier
Interim Music Director	Mike McCarthy
Organist	Matthew Steynor
Soloist	Aaron Tucker
Verger	Michael Knipe
Acolyte	Doris Burton
Readers	TBD

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Kathryn Anderson, Katherine Buchanan, Martha Connor-Donnelly, Charmian Crawford, Helen Fields, Hayley Gray-Hoehn, Christina Herman, Risha Hussain, Kristina Keenan, Pam Lacey, Jordan Meyer, Claire Monteiro, Mary Neznok, Rebecca Stauber, Doris Summey, Fiona Ward Shaw, Marjorie Wellman, Logan Clark, Hayley Brandt, Holly Burkhalter, Anjuli Das, Mary Ellison, Laura Gladstone, Cecilie Jones, Marika Klein, Ginger Miller, Emily Nosse-Leirer, Meg Platt, Sydney Register, Cher Stepanek, Mary Thuell, Karen Wiedemann, Ellen Frost, Sarah Headley, Kathryn Powers, Jeff Bell, Tom Getman, Larry Lokken, Walton Moody, Nicholas Simons, Aaron Tucker, Jess Szmajda, Michael Swift, Lou Bayard, Joyce Decerce, Caleb Feltis, John Flink, Raphael Flores, Luke Giannini, Travis Lim, John Payne, David Perry, Nick Rogers, J.T. Spivy, Dave Wellman



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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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- _____ Getting married at St. Mark's
- _____ Meditation Center
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- _____ Dance classes
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Anything else you would like to share?

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