

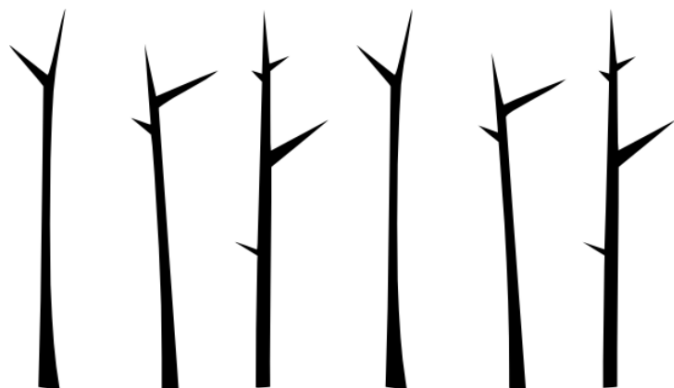
**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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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 SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT**

March 1, 2026

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

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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.

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.

As we move into the season of Lent, you will notice several changes: the cross over the altar is **the broken mirror cross** created by the late Joya Cox symbolizing our broken nature. All the silver is stored until Easter: the offering plates, alms basin; the candlesticks on the altar are wood and our chalices are **pottery**. The acolytes wear **Jerusalem crosses** made of olive wood from Bethlehem on purple ribbons. The hangings on the pulpit, lectern and altar are purple, the color of penitence, as are the stoles worn by the clergy. All crosses are draped in purple until Holy Week when the color changes to red.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Listen to the silence.
Hear the Voice of all;
The still, small Voice.
The Voice of God.

Silence is observed.

Seek the silence.
Find the Source of all.
That still, small Voice.
The Voice of God.

Silence is observed.

Welcome the silence.
Live in the Center of all;
The still, small Voice.
The Voice of God.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written,

“I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL John 3:1-17

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

Glory 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.

SERMON

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the church, ourselves, and the world.

Gracious God: As we walk through this season of Lent, we give thanks for our chosen spiritual home, all who guide and work for it, here and abroad.

Our help comes from you

Creator God, who breathed this world into being and established a covenant with those who follow you: bring us out of the captivity of our lives into your promised land.

Our help comes from you.

Forgiving God: You gave us this world and all its beauty, yet we used it for our own glory rather than yours. Remind us daily of its wonders and of our responsibility to tell those who have the power to make a difference by doing the work we gave them to do.

Our help comes from you.

Loving God: You taught that all are precious in your sight: we remember the lonely and the isolated, those who have suffered so much in these years of pandemic. We ask that you carry them and us through these dark days and breathe new life into all as you breathe new life into the world each spring.

Our help comes from you.

Living God: Your son walked among us and touched the lives of those overlooked by society: remind us of the homeless and refugees among us and that we are your hands in the world.

Our help comes from you.

Comforting God: You welcomed your own Son back into your arms after his earthly life. We ask that you welcome those we have lost, loved and unloved, known and unknown, over these pandemic years and remind us that we, too, will be welcomed home one day.

Our help comes from you.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Community members may now offer petitions ending with
"This is my prayer," to which all will respond, "Amen."*

Merciful God: These things, good Lord, that we, your servants, have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and, in the purpose of your love, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. Amen.

CONFESSION

Together,
Forgiving God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace.

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

Offer to the Holy One a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.
(Psalm 50:14)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love, you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings, you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, suffering with us, in his dying and rising, sharing with us the pattern of our living.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

**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 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, my body, I give to you. Eat and remember me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This, my blood, I give to you. Drink and 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 is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking, we are filled with Jesus' life-giving presence; 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.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Lord of this feast beyond measure and price: we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness so that none might be lost: liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor, each receiving from the other what we need to be ourselves. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May our wilderness bear no terror for us, only truth. May our truth never break us, only make bold our strength. May we, in our strength, seek not to sustain only yourselves but make swift our service to others. And may the blessing of God –Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – shine in us and through us, this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

In this season of contemplation, let us move into a world
In which we bring all of ourselves

Go in peace, to love and serve God.
Thanks be to God.

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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
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Preacher	The Reverend Patricia Catalano
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Notes

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

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Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish

Anglican Communion

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Parish Prayer List

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Class of '29	Laura Gladstone, Randy Marks, Bo Ranney	
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Nick Simons,	<i>Risk Manager</i>	

Diocesan Delegates

J.R. Randall (2027), Mary Neznec (2027), Jan Lipscomb (2028), Michael Knipe (2029)

Upcoming Vestry Meetings will be held on March 24th 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 March 1, 2026

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!*