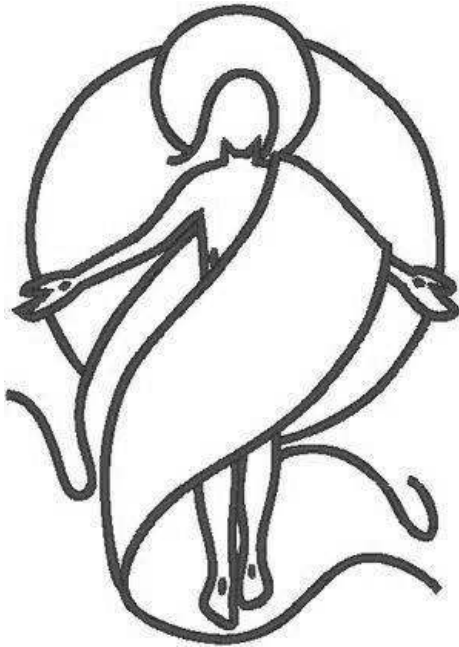


**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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CAPITOL HILL**

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



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
FEAST DAY OF ST. MARK**

**April 26, 2026**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Rector**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Associate Rector**

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

**Pastoral**

**Associate**

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**Ministry Director**

Lisa Ramish

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

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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 more downstairs.

**Childcare** – The Nursery is open! Children up to PreK-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.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*A period of silence is observed.*

### THE COLLECT

The Risen One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

**Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING** Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

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

## **THE GOSPEL Mark 1:1-15**

The Gospel of Jesus according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of Jesus.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### 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.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Living God, we gather in prayer to glorify you and serve each other. Let us pray for the world, for all communities, and all of Creation.

*A brief silence is observed as we center our attention on God's presence.*

Living God, as Jesus called for a world of compassion and peace, strengthen us so that we may serve our neighbors as ourselves and strive to heal our broken world. Compassionate one,

**Strengthen us.**

Living God, as Jesus healed and served others, enlighten us so that we may embrace humility, work in harmony, and speak truth in love. Compassionate one,

**Enlighten us.**

Living God, we give thanks for the witness of St. Mark and for this community as we celebrate his feast day and the 100th anniversary of laying the cornerstone of our parish hall. Strengthen us to honor this legacy with faith, service, and renewed commitment to your mission. Compassionate one,

**Strengthen us.**

Loving God, as Jesus meets people where they are, inspire an open mind and inquiring soul in us so that we may proclaim and create a world of love and justice. Compassionate one,

**Inspire us.**

Living God, through Jesus's resurrection, you conquered death. Comfort those who experience fear and grief. Give peace to the departed and solace to those who mourn.

Compassionate one,

**Comfort us.**

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

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

Let us pray:

**Living God, help us to love you and our neighbors; Jesus, our Risen brother, give us humility to follow you; Holy Spirit, move us to be your hands and voice healing this broken world. Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF COMMITMENT**

People of God, when you attend St. Mark’s, we ask you to join in an exploration of our values, choices, and beliefs through worship, classes, and service.

We now invite all those who wish to affirm or reaffirm their commitment to St. Mark’s to join us by standing.

*Those who wish are invited to stand*

Do you affirm your commitment to this community with your time, talent, and ongoing financial support?

**I do.**

Will you seek to live a life of justice, compassion, and love in the world, in your communities, at your work, and at home?

**I will with God’s help.**

Will you make known to the appropriate persons in this community your praises and complaints, by speaking your truth in love?

**I will.**

Will you, if you decide to leave, declare your reasons for doing so as part of a Liturgy of Departure?

**I will.**

To all here gathered, will you support these persons in fulfilling the promises they make today, sustaining them in their lives, and welcoming them as your siblings?

**We will.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the risen 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

Touch our hearts, God, with your love so that we may share our gifts with others. May your grace shown to us in Jesus Christ inspire us to be generous.  
**Amen.**

# 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 praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Holy Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**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.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice:

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Holy God, speak in tongues of fire and inspire us to challenge and heal a broken world. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Mark, Elizabeth, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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

## THE BLESSING

God, who has called you, is faithful. Go into the world with joy, forgive generously, love extravagantly, live abundantly. And the blessing of God, the Creator, the Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## 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](mailto:Caitlin@stmarks.net)*

<b>Ministers</b>	All the Members of St. Mark's
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<b>Verger</b>	Jennifer Cate

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## *Notes*

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# Cycle of Prayer

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The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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Barbara Harvey  
Pete Eveleth

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Upcoming Vestry Meetings will be held on April 28 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 p.m. Worship Service on April 26, 2026

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I am interested in learning more about:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Becoming a member
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 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!*