

**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 to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

September 6, 2026

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

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Associate Rector

The Reverend Caitlin Frazier

Pastoral Associate

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

Children, Youth, & Family

Ministry Director

Lisa Ramish



To view the **parish calendar online**, go to 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. St. Mark’s is also equipped with a hearing loop. This allows many hearing aid wearers to use their hearing aids’ telecoil, or *T-coil*, setting to transmit speech picked up by the microphones directly to their aids. Enabling this setting on your hearing aids may make it easier to hear and understand people using wireless mics or speaking at the podiums.



Restrooms are available in the foyer, with more downstairs.

Land Acknowledgment – 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.



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 Associate Rector Caitlin Frazier, Caitlin@stmarks.net*

Ministers	All the Members of St. Mark’s
Presider & Preacher	The Reverend Patricia Catalano
Verger	Michael Bloomfield
Laying on of Hands	Stephanie Deutsch

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

THE FIRST READING Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Patricia Catalano

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

THE AFFIRMATION

I believe in the Source Eternal, the creator of the universe, who spoke, “Let there be light!” and there was light, setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Light that shines in the darkness; the darkness cannot overcome him. He manifests God in our midst, suffered under sin on the Cross, and lives as God’s saving grace.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the guiding light of God in our world, who conquers the darkness of human sin, helps people grow and become the images of God we are meant to be. I believe in the power of transformation, here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us the grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

*Members of the community may now offer petitions, ending with
"This is my prayer," to which all will respond, "Amen."*

Together, let us pray.

Holy God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

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.
Amen.

THE PEACE

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Love others the way Christ loved us. He willingly gave of his life as an offering.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created
all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out
from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as
we shout with joy:

**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 are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a
people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them
to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to
proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had
given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body,
broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever.

AMEN

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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.

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

Let us pray,

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Labor Day (Sep 7): Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

Diocesan Youth Ministry
Diocesan Young Adult Ministry
All whose passion and work is formation

Anglican Communion

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Diocesan Delegates

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

Upcoming Vestry Meetings will be held on September 29 at 7:00 PM in Person only in Baxter Hall. 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: _____ 5:00 p.m. Worship Service on September 6, 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!*