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**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 9, 2017**

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**5PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

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**Presider and Hologist**  
The Reverend Justi Schunior

**Cell Phones** – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.  
**Hearing** – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

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**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, which will be the last room on your right.

**The Parish Calendar is Online at** [www.stmarks.net/calendar/month](http://www.stmarks.net/calendar/month).

**Restrooms and water fountains** are available in the foyer and on the lower level.

**Lost & Found** is managed by our new maintenance contractor PMM. Please contact the PMM On-Site Team (202-695-9433) to see if your item has been found or to turn in an item you've found.



APRIL 2, 2017

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>361</b>
<b>Pledge &amp; Plate collection:</b>	<b>\$ 10,823.91</b>



**THE BROKEN MIRROR CROSS**, which hangs above the altar in Lent, an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives, was designed and made by Joya Cox.

**THE WOODBLOCK PRINTS** of The Stations of the Cross, which are hanging in the Nave throughout Lent, were created by and given to St. Mark's by Tracy Councill.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> ( <i>Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months</i> )
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Children's Chapel</b> ( <i>not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am</i> )
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Sermon Seminar</b>
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Eucharist</b>

***We formally begin the worship service with the Prelude***, a musical offering designed to bring us together for worship that allows for quiet reflection before the service begins. Please respect this time by refraining from conversations in the Nave as much as possible. While greeting each other is important, we ask that you do so outside the Nave or near the doors so that others can have quiet time.

# THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The people gather in the A Street courtyard*

Presider Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider Let us pray.  
**All O God, with the kindness of your love, assist us that we, with joyful faithfulness, may contemplate anew the mighty acts of your son, our brother Jesus, through which you grant us life. Amen.**

## **Matthew 21:1-11**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Presider God is with you.  
**People Always with us.**

Presider Therefore, let us give thanks!

It is always good to give thanks to you, O God, for the acts of love by which you redeem us through your son, our brother Jesus. On this day, we remember his triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem, where he was proclaimed as God's chosen by those spreading garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Presider Blessed is one who comes in the name of God!  
**People Hosanna in the highest!**

*The palms are distributed.*

## **The Procession**

Presider Let us go forth in peace.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Station Collect

Presider Let us pray.

**All** O God, your dear son, our brother Jesus knew not joy before first suffering pain, entering not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Sentences

Presider Let us bless God who forgives our sins.

**People** God's mercy endures for ever.

### Collect

Presider Let us pray,

**All** O God, your love is broken open among cheering crowds and traitor's coins, deserting friends and hands washed clean, the mockery of power and the baying mobs : as we follow your way of passion, give us the faith to bring our weak and divided hearts to the foot of the cross and the door of the guarded tomb that they might be opened, astonished and healed, through Jesus, who carries the weight of the world. Amen.

### The Passion Narrative – Matthew 27:11-54, *revised*

*The people remain seated. The customary salutation at the opening of the reading of the Gospel is omitted.*

Narrator Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus You say so.

Narrator When the chief priests and elders brought their charges against Jesus, Pilate asked him,

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator But Jesus said nothing; not a word of reply to a single charge. Pilate was amazed. Now, at the Passover festival, the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone they desired. At that time, the Romans had in custody a notorious prisoner, named Jesus Barabbas. Pilate said to the crowd,

Pilate Who do you want me to release? Jesus Barabbas or Jesus, who is called Messiah?

Narrator He realized that it was out of jealousy that chief priests and elders handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. Pilate again asked them,

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**Crowd Barabbas!**

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called Messiah?

**Crowd Crucify him!**

Pilate Why? What evil has he done?

**Crowd Crucify him! Crucify him!**

Narrator When Pilate saw that there was nothing he could do, but rather that a riot was breaking out, he washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood! See to it yourselves!

**Crowd His blood be on us and on our children!**

Narrator Pilate released Barabbas. After flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers took Jesus into the headquarters, gathering the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and, twisting thorns into a crown, placing it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him, mocking him, saying,

**Soldiers Hail, King of the Jews!**

Narrator The soldiers spat on Jesus, and taking the reed, they struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him, leading him away to be crucified. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon, compelling him to carry Jesus' cross. When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)

*The people stand.*

Narrator They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots. Then they sat down, keeping watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads, saying,

**Bystanders You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

Narrator The chief priests, along with the scribes and elders, mocked him.

**Chief priests He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he is the King of Israel, let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God, let God deliver him now, for he said, "I am God's Son."**

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him. From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness came over the whole land. At about three o'clock, Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator That is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Bystanders This man is calling for Elijah.**

Narrator Immediately, one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

**Bystanders Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the soldiers who kept watch over Jesus, heard the earthquake and saw all that took place, they were terrified and said,

**Soldiers Truly this man was God's Son!**

*The people sit.*

**Homily** The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

### **Music for Meditation**

### **The Peace**

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People And with you.**

### **Welcome**

### **Clergy Greeting**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Presider This is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So, come. You who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God should meet God here.

Leader Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began. On the night on which Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples. While they were eating, he took a piece of bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the words, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me. Later on he took a cup of wine, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed, with my blood. Drink from it, all of you. To remember me."

Presider So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special.

Leader Let us bring before you, O God, the things and the people concerning us as we gather at Christ's table:

### **Prayers of Gratitude and Concern**

Leader For all the things ordinary or special, which are significant at this time: You may now offer prayers either silently or aloud ending with "this is my prayer" to which the people will respond with **Amen**.

### **Consecration**

Presider Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you promised. What have we to offer?

**People Our hands are empty,  
Our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.  
But with you is mercy  
And the power to change us.**

Presider Among friends gathered round table, Jesus took bread broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you."  
Later he took the cup of wine and said, "This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this – all of you." So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

**All Amen!**

Presider And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

**People Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: forever your name is All in One.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

Presider We recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all.

Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,

**People All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!**

## The Communion

*Please gather around the altar. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available;  
please make your needs known to the minister.*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

**All God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son, our brother Jesus and brought us home to you. Dying, he declared your unbounded, abundant love for us. May we who share in the body and blood of his risen life share his love and justice with others that all may dwell in liberty. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Presider Send us anywhere you would have us go,

**People only go there with us.**

Presider Place upon us any burden you desire,

**People only stand by us to sustain us.**

Presider Break any tie that binds us,

**People except the tie that binds us to you.**

Presider And the blessing Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier be with you this day and evermore.

**All Amen.**

Presider Let us go forth into the world, daily taking up our cross and following Jesus.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Acknowledgements: This liturgy, *In the Shadow of the Cross* (Salutation, Collect, Prayers of the People, Eucharistic Prayer, Invitation to Communion, Post-Communion Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal), including the revisions to Liturgy of the Palms and Station Collect from the Book of Common Prayer, was written by the Rector.

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## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger, Jennifer Cate

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## Holy Week at St. Mark's + Capitol Hill

<b>Monday, April 10</b>	7:00pm Service of Confession
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	7:00pm Tennebrae, Contemporary readings and music
<b>Maundy Thursday, April 13</b>	12:00 pm Noon Eucharist, <i>Chapel</i> 6:00 pm Fellowship Hour, <i>Parish Hall</i> 7:00 pm Agape Feast, <i>Nave</i> 8:15 pm Holy Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>
<b>Good Friday, April 14</b>	12:00 pm Good Friday Service, <i>Nave</i> 1:30 pm Stations of the Cross, <i>Nave</i> 3:30 pm Stations of the Cross <i>at the U.S. Capitol</i> 7:00pm Good Friday Service, <i>Nave</i>
<b>Holy Saturday, April 15</b>	10:00 am Walking After Jesus
<b>Easter Sunday, April 16</b>	9:00 am Festival Eucharist, <i>Nave</i> 11:15 am Festival Eucharist, <i>Nave</i> 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, <i>Nave</i>



Sign up for the Maundy Thursday Fellowship Dinner at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/StMarksMaundyThu2017>

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## *PARISH PRAYER LIST*

Alishia Daugherty Bauman (Kristen Deutsch's cousin, Stephanie and David Deutsch's daughter-in-law)  
Grace Aspinall • Pamela Blumgart • Janice Brown • Joya Cox  
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter)  
Gary White (Michael Stratmoen's stepfather) • Alisa Earnest (Lynda Bugge's grandchild)  
Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece) • Mr. and Mrs. David Glaze (of Boulder, CO)  
Jan Hoffman • Dave Haglund • Rick Hayes  
Alice Kistler (Kathryn Powers' sister) • Dennis Lewis • Elizabeth Long  
Lina Marks (Randy Marks' mother) • Nat Marks • Lila Marks  
Lilly March • Barbara Nelson • Rosalie Ryan  
Leslie F. Nickerson (Frank Nickerson's father and Amelia Nickerson's grandfather)  
Randell Prothro • Marilyn Stiles • Arnold Taylor • Debbie Keysor and Joyce Gutson

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### *THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:*

Vincent Alcazar (Parishioner) • Kayla Baily (Parishioner) • Blake Bassett (Parishioner)  
Clint Billings (son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner)  
P. J. Boehm (brother of Rachel Boehm) • Preston Brooks (Parishioner)  
Stephen Dannenmaier (brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier)  
Jason Earnest (grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge)  
Kurt Hansen (nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen)  
Weston Zarek (son of Tom Zarek)

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### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

*Celia Hahn • Staff Sgt. Austin Bieren, 25, of Umatilla, OR*

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### *CYCLE OF PRAYER*

#### *IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:*

Calvary Church, Washington  
Church of the Atonement, Washington  
Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda  
African Palms

#### *IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:*

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem* All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To Whom the lips  
of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

Jerusalem - (Jerusalem & Middle East) **The Rt Revd Suheil Dawani**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Announcements, not to exceed 150 words, are to be submitted to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net) by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.*

**Official Parish Calendar online at: <http://www.stmarks.net/connect/calendar/>**

## *From the Vestry & Parish Leadership*

**1) HONORING NEWTOWN, HONORING JUSTI** The Rev. Rebecca Justice "Justi" Schunior has accepted a call to be rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Denver). May 7 will be her last day with us. If you'd like to recognize her service, Justi has suggested that tax-deductible contributions be made to the NEWTOWN FOUNDATION, formed to help gun violence victims heal and transform tragedy into positive change, after the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting. Under Justi's leadership, we have hosted their vigils in 2015 and 2016. To participate, by May 10, please make checks out to the Newtown Foundation, then mail to the church or drop in the collection plate. Online: <http://bitly.com/4newtown> – friendly link for the Foundation's donation page – then email [Patricia@Stmarks.net](mailto:Patricia@Stmarks.net) the contribution amount and whether you'd prefer anonymity. We'll compile the information and let the Foundation know that it is in honor of Justi. Questions? [christopher-endes@gmail.com](mailto:christopher-endes@gmail.com)

**2) CELEBRATING JUSTI ON MAY 7** There will be informal gatherings in Baxter Hall for our departing Associate Rector, The Rev. Rebecca Justice "Justi" Schunior, after she preaches at each of the three Sunday services on Sunday, May 7, her last day. Count on wonderful food, sparkling beverages, and a chance to share stories about Justi's almost six years of service at St. Mark's. If you'd like to provide food (Justi's favorites include chocolate-dipped strawberries, strawberry short-cake, plain strawberries, ice cream w/strawberry sauce, lemon curd tarts, ham in biscuits, cucumber sandwiches – without crusts, of course – and deviled eggs), please contact the intrepid organizers, Mary Thuell and Joe Calizo, (Sermon Seminar), Lucy Brown, Raiford Gaffney, and Jessie Babcock (11:15am), and Alix Pereira and Katherine Anderson (5pm), or [christopherberendes@gmail.com](mailto:christopherberendes@gmail.com)

**3) NEWCOMERS SUNDAY MAY 7!** If you're new to our community, an easy way to meet a few parishioners and our clergy is to join us the first Sunday of every month between our morning services from 10:45-11:15am. Please join us today in Baxter Hall on the main level.

**4) EASTER GREENING** We will be tying ribbons and gluing butterflies from 12-3pm this coming Saturday, April 15 in the nave. You can get a sneak peak at our non-traditional approach to decorating for Easter. Please email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com) if we can expect you.

**5) EASTER DEGREENING** We will be removing decorations for two short hours from 4:30-6:30 pm on Monday, April 17th. It is kind of a tricky time for many people so if you can make it, please do! Many hands will make light work! Please contact [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com) if you can help.

## *Worship*

**6) EASTER VIGIL** In the past, we have celebrated the **Great Vigil of Easter (on the Saturday evening before Easter)** in conjunction with other Capitol Hill churches. This year, we're taking a break. All of the church participants have noticed declining attendance and a lack of interest in taking the time to make the service as rich as in can be. This gives us a chance to rethink and possibly shake up the service in a new and exciting way. To see how other folks do the service, you might want **to join Michele to celebrate the vigil at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church.**

**The service is Saturday on April 15, at 8PM at 1525 Newton St NW, Washington, DC 20010.**

**7) A Special Stations of the Cross** This unique exhibition—held in 14 locations across Washington—uses works of art to tell the story of the Passion in a new way, for people of different faiths. The Stations weave through religious as well as secular spaces. In this pilgrimage for art lovers, viewers travel across the District, from the United Methodist Building adjacent to the Supreme Court, to the National Cathedral. Instead of easy answers, the Stations aim to provoke the passions: artistically, spiritually, and political-ly. 3/1-4/16 - <http://www.coexisthouse.org.uk/stations-2017.html>

**8) Acolyte Service** Interested in being an acolyte at 11:15am? Participating in this service adds another dimension to your experience, and is a contribution to, our community's weekly ritual. All training and support will be provided. Interested? Contact Michael Knipe @haroldknipe@gmail.com, or 202-487-3990.

**9) 11:15 Lay Servers** Would you like to play a central part in our worship? We are recruiting volunteers to be lay servers at the 11:15 service. No particular experience or training is needed although there is a manual. Volunteers generally sign up once a month or once every two months. This is an important, meaningful position. **Contact:** Linda Huntington at 301 279-2248.

**10) Altar Guild Announcement** Jesus may have been able to set the table and produce bread and wine easily, but until he arrives again, we need help in setting the table. Learning how the Altar is set and what goes where and how to set up for Ash Wednesday, Baptismal, normal service, and funerals has been documented to assist those who volunteer their time. There are actually official names for those items you see on the table. Not the cover, the table cloth, the rag thingy, the cup, the wine jug - real names! Join and find out. This is an equal opportunity activity and is supervised by those who wish to share the learning experience with others. The more assistants in the Guild, the fewer times each person needs to set the table. Please consider this opportunity to serve St. Marks in setting the table for Communion. Contact Joan Schindel at [jfschindel@yahoo.com](mailto:jfschindel@yahoo.com)

**11) Mark Your Calendars for May 4-6, 2017** for ProgressiveChristianity.org's *EMBRACE FESTIVAL* in Portland, Oregon where you can join hundreds of others from all over the country to experience some of the amazing creativity and spiritual exploration that are undergirding the future of Christianity. In 1994 St. Mark's then rector Jim Adams created The Center for Progressive Christianity (ProgressiveChristianity.org). This network has continued to lead the way in offering resources for creating sacred community, pursuing social justice, and fostering personal transformation and is now poised for this on-the-ground, in person celebration. More information at [embracefestival.com](http://embracefestival.com), or talk to Susan Flanders, [susanflanders@earthlink.net](mailto:susanflanders@earthlink.net) or Janice Gregory, [janmaxgreg@gmail.com](mailto:janmaxgreg@gmail.com).

### **Christian Education**

**12) NEW! Spring Short Course: The Tensions of Everyday Life** Life is filled with daily tensions that test our convictions, our values, and our faith. A child whose wrongful behavior merits both understanding and discipline. A career opportunity that offers advancement but requires leaving behind close colleagues. A troubled relationship in which revenge vies with forgiveness. Indecision, even paralysis, often sets in. Analytical constructs, cost/benefit calculations, fail. Where do we turn for help? St. Mark's has a long-tested, functional method to help us live faithfully into life's tensions. Join us! Signup sheet in the hall. Questions? Contact leaders below. **2 classes: April 26 and May 3, Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:30 PM** in the Adams' Room **Weekend Retreat (required): April 28-30 at Roslyn, Richmond VA.** \$250 fee. Leaders: Betsy Athey [atheyllloyd@comcast.net](mailto:atheyllloyd@comcast.net) (202) 251-0482 and Bruce Sherman [brucesherman5@gmail.com](mailto:brucesherman5@gmail.com) (202) 213-9066

**13) An Evening with Patricia Stenger An Autobiography of God April 27th, 7:30-9:30 PM, Baxter Hall** In this Christian Education Class, we will hear an "autobiography" of God. Conjured from the pages of Scripture, the imagination begins to recognize the primary figure known to most as the God of the Old Testament. Is he the voice of fire and brimstone, or a curious artist who doesn't know what he has created? A lover, a tyrant or a mass of contradictions? We will answer these questions for ourselves even as we explore the humans' reaction to this God. Listening to our own inner voice, we will be met by our own reactions to the Old Testament God – remembering our childhood images and noticing our current attitudes that may well be living in our very bones. We may even wonder how the God of the Old Testament is present in the attitudes and events occurring in the world today. Please email Susan at [susanlynnthompson@gmail.com](mailto:susanlynnthompson@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

**14) Christian Education Catalog** The 2016-17 Christian Education Catalog is now available on-line at <http://www.stmarks.net/grow/classes/>. Please take a moment to check out our classes. You'll find information on Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and classes on a variety of topics ranging from race and privilege to the art of documentary film. Questions? Contact Lucy Brown ([lucybrown66@gmail.com](mailto:lucybrown66@gmail.com)) and Joe Calizo ([jcalizo@gmail.com](mailto:jcalizo@gmail.com)).

**15) Introduction to Life at St. Mark's** ...will be offered from 12:30-2:00 in Dozier Library, **Sundays, May 7, 14, 21.** Questions? Contact Lucy Brown ([lucybrown66@gmail.com](mailto:lucybrown66@gmail.com)) and Joe Calizo ([jcalizo@gmail.com](mailto:jcalizo@gmail.com)).

**16) Ongoing Christian Education** These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers.

**Marching Through the Bible: Gospel of Mark**, Sundays, 10:00-11:00 am, Penniman Room

**SMMC Meditation**, Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm, Nave

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**, 7:30-9:00 pm, Dozier Library

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**, 11:00 am-12:15 pm; brown bag lunch follows, Elders' Room

**17) Catechesis** Have you ever wondered what goes on in the Catechesis classrooms? Want to give back to St. Mark's by teaching Sunday School? Hoping to connect more closely with St. Mark's youth? We are looking for a few good volunteers to help teach. Catechesis runs from late September through May each year. Training is provided. If you'd prefer to try a couple classes before committing to the full year, that's ok too - we welcome any participation! All teachers will need to complete the "Safeguarding God's Children" class. Please contact Kris Humphrey ([kristenjumphrey@gmail.com](mailto:kristenjumphrey@gmail.com)) or Nora Howell ([nora.howell.va@gmail.com](mailto:nora.howell.va@gmail.com)) for more information.

**18) Marching Through The Bible: The Gospel of Mark** meets weekly at **10 a.m. Sundays** in the Penniman Room. The course consists of class discussion of the Mark text assigned for that day. Regular attendance is encouraged. "Marching Through the Bible" is named in memory of our long-time convener, Francis "Buzz" March. Fee: \$25 per semester. Convener: Bob Ewald.

**19) The Bible, The Birth of Christianity and Gender (Jesus Seminar On The Road): April 21-22** Celeste Lillie (Union Theological Seminary) and Deborah Niederer Saxon (Christian Theological Seminary, IN) will examine the leading role of women in the rise of Christianity and the formation of Christian beliefs. Why does gender continue to be so prominent in religious disputes about knowledge, purity, and authority? How does that relate to Roman imperial power? What's the new story about women and Christian origins revealed by recent scholarship? Sessions at St. Marks: **Friday, 4/21, 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m., Saturday, 4/22, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.** Chris Berendes ([jesusseminardc@gmail.com](mailto:jesusseminardc@gmail.com)), [facebook.com/jesusseminardc/](https://www.facebook.com/jesusseminardc/)

**20) Tuesday Night Bible Study** is exploring the Christian mystic tradition, starting with four medieval English mystics: Richard Rolle and The Fire of Love, the anonymous author of The Cloud of Unknowing, Walter Hinton and The Ladder of Perfection and ending with Dame Julian of Norwich and Revelations of Divine Love. Our text will be Visions of God by Karen Armstrong. We hope that this may become an ongoing inquiry into religious mysticism as it is experience in Christianity and other faith traditions. **When/Where:** Tuesdays 7:30-9pm. **Where:** Dozier Library. **Fee:** \$25 contribution per semester. Questions? Contact Bill Jones ([billclough@icloud.com](mailto:billclough@icloud.com)) or Kathleen Grant ([queenmommy17@gmail.com](mailto:queenmommy17@gmail.com))

### **Music & Arts**

**21) Music Lessons** The St. Mark's Music Studio offers voice lessons with Kellie McHugh ([kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com](mailto:kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com)) and Adam Caughey ([adamcaughey@gmail.com](mailto:adamcaughey@gmail.com)) and piano lessons with Jeff Kempeskie ([jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net)). Students of all ages and levels of experience are welcome.

**22) Do You Like to Sing or Play an Instrument?** If so, we want to know! Singers of all voice parts are needed in the Chancel Choir (regular Thursday 7:30-9:30 pm rehearsals in the nave). Teens are invited to sing with the Teen Choir and children are invited to sing with the Boys & Girls Choir (both rehearse Sundays, 11-11:45 in the Music Studio & Elders' Room, respectively). The Handbell Choir rehearse every other Wednesday from 6:45-8 pm. No prior experience necessary. There are also opportunities to play solo instrumental pieces year-round. Please contact [jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net).

### **Outreach**

**23) SOUP KITCHEN: TODAY** Pick up a **casserole pan** (with recipe, date label, and detailed delivery suggestions) on the table near the High Altar. The pans are provided to the congregation on the first and second Sundays of every month. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare one or more casseroles and deliver them in person to the **Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC)**. CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy, hungry neighbors throughout the week. Questions? Please Jack Richards or Alix Pereira.

**24) FEED THE HOMELESS ON EASTER** In order to serve our monthly Sunday Suppers' meal to the homeless, we are asking for people to sign up to drop off casseroles in the nave on Easter Sunday between 4 and 5pm. When you sign up, we will send you a "dump and bake" recipe, which we ask you to bring, hot, in a disposable pan. Email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com) to sign up.

**25) SERVE EASTER DINNER TO THE HOMELESS** We will be serving food from 6-7:30pm at Franklin Square, 14th and K NW, as a part of Sunday Suppers' monthly dinner for the homeless. This is the first Sunday of a new location for Sunday Suppers. Please join us! Email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**26) SUNDAY SUPPERS SUPPORT TEAM: PLANNING AHEAD FOR SANDWICH MAKING!** Help us make sandwiches for hungry souls, **next Sunday, April 16, 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.** in Baxter Hall. We always need 4-5 volunteers to create and bag 200 sandwiches, in about 30 minutes. The Support Team delivers the sandwiches the same evening to Sunday Suppers, who feeds souls on the street from a food truck at two DC locations. Sunday Suppers is assisted directly by St. Mark's members **Dan and Lisa Hawkins, Ruth Ann Hess, and Diane Hoover**. Questions? Please contact Jack Richards or Alix Pereira.

**27) Gaza Film: Tuesday, April 18 – 7 PM** The Mid East Working Group and Jewish Voice for Peace will host the showing in Baxter Hall of a 13 minute film, "Gaza. A Gaping Wound" and then discuss "Obliterated Families." It is an award-winning multimedia web documentary about families from the Gaza Strip whose lives were destroyed during the 2014 Gaza war. The film makers will be there for a discussion and there will be light snacks. For more information about the documentary: [www.obliteratedfamilies.com](http://www.obliteratedfamilies.com)

**28) Sprucing up the Courtyard Garden** Building on last spring's tremendous Courtyard cleanup, volunteers are called to help spruce up the courtyard garden on Saturday, April 22, from 9:00-4:00. Let's make the courtyard look as good as possible for Bishop Budde's visit on April 30. Bring your own garden gloves, shovels, gardening tools, if possible. Coffee and rolls will be available at 8:30. Sign up on "sign up genius" at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aa8a928a1f58-april>.

**29) "Nature's object in making animals and plants might possibly be for the happiness of each . . . Why should man value himself as more than a small part of the one great unit of creation? And what creature of all that the Lord has taken the pains to make is not essential to the completeness of that unit- - the cosmos?"** - - John Muir

Now our species is destroying our planet, threatening the continuation of life on it. The Green Lions will be in the Climate March on Sat., April 29. Join us:

9 -10:30: gather at St Mark's for hospitality

11:00: form groups on west side of Capitol building

12:30: march starts up Pennsylvania Ave to surround White House

Please let us know you are coming by signing Climate Display board in parish hall.

**30) Welcome Immigrants and Refugees**— Currently many immigrants and refugees are afraid and feel unwelcome in our country. Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, VA wanted to let them know they were welcome and created a yard sign that says in Spanish, Arabic and English: **"No matter, where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbor."** Use of the signs has spread rapidly to many other churches. St. Mark's Outreach Committee will be selling the signs after each Sunday service for \$15. Half of the price of the signs will be donated to the Lutheran Social Services' Capitol Hill Good Neighbor Refugee Project. St. Mark's is one of the seven Capitol Hill congregations participating in the Good Neighbor program which has already assisted in the housing of 3 Afghan families and continues to provide friendship and re-settlement support. **Signs are available after 9am, 11:15am and 5pm Sunday services at St. Mark's.**

**31) MATH TUTOR NEEDED** There is a very sweet eighth grader who you might have met through some of our church events with Capitol Hill Group Ministries. He needs someone who will spend one hour on Saturday mornings, working through some math practice problems and reading a chapter book aloud with him. This is a critical time in his school career that will impact his ability to get into a good high school and college. Interested? Please email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com).

**32) Church of the Brethren Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed** The Washington City Church of the Brethren (COB), located at 4th and N. Carolina SE, needs volunteers to assist with soup kitchen operations Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Volunteers assist with food preparation, service, and clean up, from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m.. Volunteers may opt for the entire process or choose a specific activity (prepping, serving or clean-up). Interested persons must complete a volunteer application, available online at [www.bnp@washingtontycob.org](http://www.bnp@washingtontycob.org). Questions may be referred to newly hired Food Operations Manager, Faith Westdorp, Brethren Nutritional Program (BNP) at the above site, or call her at 202 546-8706. Questions may also be referred to Jack Richards.

## Parish Life

**33) Third Ager Potluck "Picnic" Lunch MAY 6 RACE ISSUES IN THE ROBERTS COURT** Come, hear St. Mark's very own Supreme Court expert Penny Hansen. Penny has been teaching an 8 week course on the Supreme Court at American University each semester for the last four years. When: **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**. Where: **Baxter Hall**. Bring your favorite "**picnic**" dish to serve 8; dessert, tea and coffee set-ups will be provided. All are invited—not just those over sixty. Please RSVP to Don Gangloff at [dgangloff@aol.com](mailto:dgangloff@aol.com) Susan Sedgewick [jssedgewick@gmail.com](mailto:jssedgewick@gmail.com) Barbara Harvey at [bsh33@cornell.edu](mailto:bsh33@cornell.edu).

**34) St. Marks Reading Group** meets on the **second Wednesday of every month** in the Dozier library at **12:30 p.m.** For April 12 we will read *The Lovesong of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce. If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. Looking ahead, on May 10 we will discuss *The Long Way Home* by Louise Penny. **Contact:** Linda Ewald ([lherbe@yahoo.com](mailto:lherbe@yahoo.com)) or 301-541-5133.

**35) Looking for Help with Household Services?** Help David Durant, (former contractor at St. Mark's) help you. Except for odd jobs, and contributions from a few parishioners, David has received no other financial support; his present situation is urgent. In her letter of recommendation, Michele described David as efficient, very diligent and hardworking with a passion for caring for the people of St. Mark's. To help him obtain part-time employment or to perform odd jobs for you or your neighbors, please contact Penny Farley ([p3farley@verizon.net](mailto:p3farley@verizon.net)), Pete Eveleth ([peter.eveleth@gmail.com](mailto:peter.eveleth@gmail.com)) or Nat White ([whitenat1938@gmail.com](mailto:whitenat1938@gmail.com)).

**36) The Winged Lion Review May Issue - Call for Articles** We need your articles *now* for the May issue of the WL Review! We welcome articles that may state your views on community issues, parish-related activities, opinion pieces, reflections on your own life, or perhaps a showcase for your creative talents - short stories, poems, graphic arts and photography are welcome. Submissions can be of any length, but as a general rule should be no more than 750 words. Please submit submissions to: [harhath@gmail.com](mailto:harhath@gmail.com) and [karen@karenfalk.net](mailto:karen@karenfalk.net).

### Youth & Family Ministries

**37) April 15, Walking After Jesus** Looking for meaningful way to experience Holy Week with your family? Join us for this year's Walking After Jesus-- a creative storytelling of the events of Holy Week on Saturday, April 15 from 10am-11am. We will take a journey through Holy Week but will find ourselves a few steps behind Jesus at every turn. Along the way we will encounter a few people who help to tell the story and show us where to go next as we move closer and closer to Easter Sunday. Led by our wonderful clergy and some very animated parishioners, this will be a great way to experience the story of Holy Week as a family- while we all prepare for Easter Sunday. Join us!

**38) Save the Date: Wake Up the Earth!** Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, April 22 and join us for a special fundraising event called Wake Up the Earth! The High School youth are traveling to Nicaragua with the Fabretto Children's Foundation in June, and we need your help to make this happen! Wake Up the Earth is an event for the whole family with a silent auction, great food, and fun entertainment. It is an evening to celebrate our earth and our community- don't miss it!

**39) 4/16 Easter Egg Hunts** Be sure to make plans to join us on April 16 for an Easter Egg hunt after the 9am and 5pm service! To participate, please bring a dozen eggs (hard boiled or plastic) and drop them off on the marked table in Baxter Hall before the services. We will gather in Baxter Hall after each service to receive instructions for the hunt. Don't forget your basket!

### Save the Dates:

Spring Middle School Lock In: **May 6-7**

Spring High School Retreat: **May 13-14**

Parish Retreat: **June 17-18**

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## 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. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, office directory, and information about upcoming events and classes at St. Mark's.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

*Go in peace and return often!*

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I attended: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 am Holy Eucharist  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 am Sermon Seminar  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 am Holy Eucharist  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

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Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about:

\_\_\_\_\_ Baptism (child, adult)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Getting married at St. Mark's  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Music (choir, lessons)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Children/youth classes & programs  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Adult classes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Senior programs/activities  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach/community service  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental issues  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yoga classes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Dance classes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

**Join us! For Newcomer Sunday May 7 in Baxter Hall on the main level from 10:45 to 11:15.**