

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

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 12, 2017**

**11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Preacher**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**Presiders**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan  
The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

**Director of Music**

Mr. Jeff Kempeskie

**Cell Phones** – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.

**Hearing** – The T-Coil system can be accessed by using a hearing aid with a T-setting, or by using one of our headsets. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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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.



MARCH 5, 2017

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Pledge &amp; Plate collection:</b>	<b>\$33,589.83</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 Council.



## 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 WORD

**Prelude** Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott, BWV 721  
(Have mercy on me, O Lord God)

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

Opening Hymn 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

*St. Flavian*

## Opening Sentences

**Presider** Let us bless God who forgives all our sins.

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

Sh'ma Yisrael

Traditional Hebrew

*All Sing*

Sh'ma Yis-ra - el, A-do - nai El-o - hei - nu, A-do - nai e - chod. Ba-  
ruch shem ch' vod, ch' vod mal-chu - to \_\_\_ l' - o - lam va - ed.

Translation: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.*

*Praised be his name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.*

**Presider** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Presider** As we draw near to the place of at-one-ment:  
Give us tears to see the wonder of your presence;  
Give us tears to see the wasting of your people,  
Give us tears to see the wounding of your son.

**People** **We are the people who helped make the wood on which you were crucified, and still we misuse your creation; We are the people that helped make the nails that pierced your body, yet still we use work for gain at others' expense; We are the people that did nothing to stop your betrayers, yet still are ruled by comfort or cowardice.**

## Absolution

**Presider** O soul be joyful. The saving God stretches our God's hand to you, to announce a loving reconciliation. Washed and whole, let us open our hearts to God in worship.

**People** **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

**Holy God, whose wild Spirit's breath defies our frozen idols: take the night time of our fear and make it a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. Amen.**

## The Hebrew Scripture Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

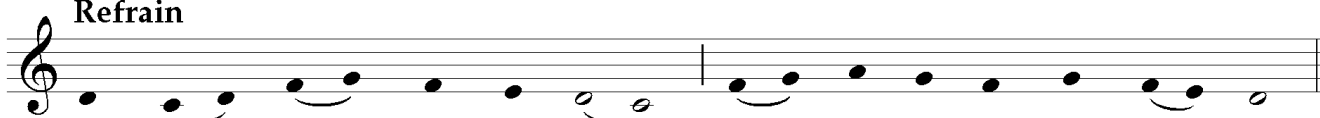
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121 *First time soloist only, then all repeat*

Mode 1

Refrain



My help comes from the Lord, the mak-er of heav'n and earth.

*from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated*

### Choir:

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth. **Refrain**  
He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep; **Refrain**

The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night. **Refrain**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. **Refrain**

*Please stand as able.*

## The Gospel John 3:1-17

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

**People**



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.\_\_\_\_

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**The People**



Praise to you, Lord Christ.\_\_\_\_

*Please stand as able.*

**An Affirmation**

Presider We believe in God

**People Who made the world, loves it and smiles on it;**

Voice 1 Who created human beings each to be different and asked them to get along with each other;

Voice 2 Who took the risk of leaving us alone, knowing that one day our differences might threaten the earth's safety;

**People Who trusts us in full knowledge of our frailty.**

Presider We believe in Jesus Christ

Voice 1 Who came among us insignificantly,  
Who grew among us uneventfully,  
Who walked among us incognito;

Voice 2 Who, to change the world, emptied himself and called others away from security;

Voice 3 Who befriended those whose company would discredit him;

Voice 4 Who pardoned those who deserved to be condemned;

Voice 5 Who healed those who were hopeless cases;

Voice 6 Who spoke the deepest truth in the language of the living room;

Presider Who contradicted common sense by accepting the cross and taking on the grave and being liberated to live on the third day

**People Who calls us, now as then, to a life which is absurd by the standards of the world.**

Presider We believe in the Holy Spirit

**People Through whom God Surprises, disappoints, cajoles and questions us;**

Voice 3 Who is the bringer of strength and source of humor;

Voice 4 Who is a paradox – ever present yet unpredictable.

**People And we believe that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world; and we rejoice that God has made it so.**

**Prayers of the People**

Leader Let us pray...

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'O', 'God,', 'hear', 'us;', 'hear', 'our', and a half note for 'prayer.' with a fermata over it.

For the universal Church and all who serve it...  
For our nation and all leaders... **Sung Response**  
For peace and healing in the world...  
For friends, family, and our community within and outside these walls...  
**Sung Response**  
For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit...  
For those who have gone before us...**Sung Response**

## The Peace

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

*All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.*

## Welcome

## Announcements

*Please limit announcements to one minute or less.*

## Clergy Greeting

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**Offertory Anthem** God so loved the world Words from John 3:16, Music by Bob Chilcott  
Chancel Choir; Katherine Buchanan, soloist

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,  
That whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*Please stand as able.*

**Presentation Hymn** 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, vv. 1-3 *Deo gracias*

## 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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** Let us say, "Thank you, God," for all things ordinary or special, which are significant at this time:

[prayers silently or aloud, ending with]

Generous and loving God,

**People** **Hear our prayers.**

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

[prayers silently or aloud, ending with]

Healing and merciful God

**People** **Hear our prayers.**



## 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 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

### Fraction Anthem

John Karl Hirten

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world. Have mer - cy on us. Have mer - cy on us.

*Final Time*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, grant us peace. Grant us peace.

## The Invitation to Communion

Presider We, St. Mark's, 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 one group at a time around the altar. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.*

## Music During Communion

Bless the Lord

Jacques Berthier

*All Sing*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Soloist verses:

*It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals ev'ry one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. As a Father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for God knows of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust.*

## The Sending Forth

Presider Peter and Jessie, we send you out to share Communion this week.

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Presider May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

**People** Jesus, You have put your life into our hands, now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us so we may go forth into the world, a people restored and enabled to do the work you have given us to do. In God's name we pray AMEN.

**Closing Hymn** 473 Lift high the cross

*Crucifer*

## Closing Responses

Voice 1 The cross

**People** We shall take it

Voice 1 The bread

**People** We shall break it

Voice 2 The pain

**People** We shall bear it

Voice 2 The joy

**People** We shall share it

Voice 3 The Gospel

**People** We shall live it

Voice 3 The love

**People** We shall give it

Voice 4 The light

**People** We shall cherish it

Voice 4 The darkness

**People** We shall perish it

## The Blessing

Presider On our hearts and our homes, the blessing of God  
In our coming and going, the peace of God  
In our life and believing, the love of God.  
At our end and new beginning,  
The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.

**People** Amen.

**Postlude** II. Adagio from Trio Sonata I, BWV 525

J.S. Bach

*All are invited to be seated and listen to the postlude or otherwise quietly exit the nave.*

## Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we frequently change the liturgy (the language we use during our worship service). Our goal is to use language that reflects our common effort to put into words our relationship with God. In order to keep the liturgy truly alive and life giving, we need your input. Please feel free to contact the clergy at any time to discuss the liturgy and how the words we say affect you.

## Liturgy Source

The Great Litany, BCP adapted; Collect, Prayers for an Inclusive Church; Affirmation, Eucharistic Prayer, Post Communion Prayer, Blessing, Wee Worship Book from the Iona Community. Lord's Prayer paraphrased, Parker Palmer

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## Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

<b>Vergers</b>	Margaret Wood
<b>Acolytes</b>	Liz Layton
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Steve and Joan Schindel
<b>Bread and Wine</b>	Bertha Martin, <i>in memory of her daughter Beryl, birthday March 10, and in memory of Suella Henn</i>
<b>Lay Servers</b>	Bertha Martin Linda Huntington Chuck Diviine Jane Miller
<b>Readers</b>	Liz Layton, scripture; Barbara Nelson, prayers

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# YOU ARE INVITED

APRIL 13 7PM



FELLOWSHIP  
DINNER

EVENING  
SERVICE

# THURSDAY

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ANNOUNCED IN CHURCH



## *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 • Celia Hahn • 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



### *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)



### *THOSE WHO HAVE DIED*

G. Clark Thompson, Susan Thompson's father • Catherine Andreycak, Jane Byrne's sister



### *CYCLE OF PRAYER*

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

St. Patrick's Church  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School

#### *IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:*

Maseno West - (Kenya) **The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga**

Maseno South - (Kenya) **The Rt Revd Francis Abiero**



# 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) FIRST SUNDAYS FOR NEWCOMERS** 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. FOR APRIL 2 -- Please join us in

**2) THE ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY MARCH 26** following a 10am-only morning service Every year at our annual meeting we elect new leadership that helps Clergy and Staff attend to the day to day business of St. Mark's. All church members are encouraged to attend to elect two wardens, three Vestry members, and two Diocesan delegates as well as consider an amendment to the bylaws changing the term of office for wardens from one to two years with an option to run for one additional year.

*The voter list for this year's annual meeting (Sunday, March 26) has been posted in the foyer. We have tried over the years to make it easier to become a member, but the record keeping is challenging and can be confusing. To be a voting member at St. Mark's you need to be 1) over 15 years old 2) have made a financial contribution since the last annual meeting, March 13, 2016; and 3) made some kind of statement of commitment to St. Mark's 2017 Pledge OR been baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church at St. Mark's OR requested that your membership be transferred from another Episcopal Church.*

*If you do not find your name on the list but feel like you're a member here (you show up on a regular basis, are involved in a ministry, etc.), please contact me at [202.543.0053 ext. 302](tel:202.543.0053) or [Justi@stmarks.net](mailto:Justi@stmarks.net). We can probably work it out!*

## From the Office

**3) Your 2016 Contribution Statement** should have arrived via e-mail and for a select few, a paper copy in your mailbox. If you have not yet received your statement, please e-mail Patricia at [patricia@stmarks.net](mailto:patricia@stmarks.net) or call the office at [202-543-0053 x305](tel:202-543-0053). All stock donations should appear on your 2016 Contribution Statement and you should also have received a stock specific acknowledgement in the mail.

**4) St. Mark's Photo Directory SIGNUP!** Schedule your session now for date and time most convenient for you. Photos are done at no charge and all who participate will receive a complementary 8x10 photo. Photo sessions will be held in the Elders Room.

You can signup online: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9qvcemse/>

**March 30 & March 31 and April 6 & 7--1:30 pm - 9 pm**

**April 8 from 9:30 am - 5 pm**

**April 9 from 9:30 am to 4 pm.**

Please contact the company, LifeTouch, if you are have trouble accessing their website to sign up. Their hours and contact information follow: phone-[866-756-0281](tel:866-756-0281); hours of operation 9 am to 5 pm Eastern Standard Time. When you call, please tell them that your are with "256440 St. Mark's Episcopal Church." If you have any further issue when you sign-up, please let Nancy Yanish know ([202-722-0605](tel:202-722-0605) or [nan-cy.yanish@gmail.com](mailto:nan-cy.yanish@gmail.com)). If you can volunteer to help host during the photo sessions, please contact Raiford Gaffney ([rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com)). The host job is to verify the spelling of the names of each participant in the photos, and a correct mailing address for the complementary photo. If you have any issues or concerns, please give John Yanish a call at [202-722-0605](tel:202-722-0605).

## Worship

**5) Prayer Volunteers for Lenten Prayer Tree** During the Lenten season (starting March 1), we will have a prayer tree on display where everyone can write prayer requests for anything on their heart or mind (requests can be anonymous). Each week, a group of parishioner volunteers will pray individually with 1-2 requests each throughout the week. If you're interested in helping with this effort, please contact Jessie Babcock for more details:[Jessie.babcock@gmail.com](mailto:Jessie.babcock@gmail.com)

**6) Bread Rota Sign-up** I have posted the dates for Sundays in April on the Signup Genius site. Please consider bringing Bread and Wine for a service in April. Remember you can remember a special occasion with your participation. Also, please note the single service on 4/30. You can either use the signup address or talk to me or to Bill after service Sunday. Or email [cecbill@mac.com](mailto:cecbill@mac.com). Thanks so much. Cecilie and Bill Jones . Sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949acac29a6fe3-bread>

**7) 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).

**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](mailto:@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) 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**

**11) Introduction to Life at St. Mark's** ...will be offered from 12:30-2:00 in Dozier Library, **Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, and May 7, 14, 21**. Leader: The Rev. Justi Schunior.

**12) 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 ([kristenjhumphrey@gmail.com](mailto:kristenjhumphrey@gmail.com)) or Nora Howell ([nora.howell.va@gmail.com](mailto:nora.howell.va@gmail.com)) for more information.

**13) 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)).

**14) 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

**15) Marching Through The Bible: The Gospel of Mark** meets weekly at **10 a.m. Sundays** in the Peniman 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.

**16) The Bible, The Birth of Christianity and Gender (Jesus Seminar On The Road): April 21-22** Celene 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/)

**17) 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**

**18) 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.

**19) 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**

**20) SOUP KITCHEN TODAY** Please pick up a casserole pan (which contains an easy recipe, a 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) located three blocks from St. Mark's Church. CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy and hungry neighbors on the hill throughout the week. Need more information? Please contact Jack Richards (703) 751-1456.

**21) REPAIRING THE BREACH** The Role of the Faith Community, a forum about police-community relations. Speakers include the Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart (guest preacher on Feb 19). Saturday, April 1, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, at 1607 Grace Church Rd, Silver Spring, MD. Information/Registration (by March 26) from Gayle, [gfisher143@verizon.net](mailto:gfisher143@verizon.net).

**22) Capitol Hill Group Ministry** is seeking compassionate and energetic volunteers to join our Homeless Assistance Response Team (HART). HART volunteers are made up of concerned community members, who are trained to offer basic outreach and emergency services to our unsheltered neighbors throughout the year. Our volunteers canvass the Eastern Market neighborhood and Union Station. In the past, we have had great success recruiting volunteers through our clergy support. The training will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at our new offices located at 415 2nd st NW from 6:30-8:00 PM. To sign up for the training you can <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/capitol-hill-group-ministry-hart-training-tickets-24514585786> HART is a wonderful program that gives concerned community members the ability to support our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness with meaningful engagement and supplies.



**23) SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS FROM THE INAUGURATION AND WOMEN'S MARCH** St. Mark's is collecting photos from our hospitality on Inauguration Day and from the Women's March. Please send yours to [hospitality@stmarks.net](mailto:hospitality@stmarks.net) and then look for them on the bulletin board! Questions? Ask Nora at [hospitality@stmarks.net](mailto:hospitality@stmarks.net).

**24) 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 resettlement support. **Signs are available after 9am, 11:15am and 5pm Sunday services at St. Mark's.**

**25) MATH TUTOR NEEDED FOR FORMERLY HOMELESS YOUNG MAN** 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. If you're at all interested, please email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com).

**26) 2017 Lenten Mite Box and Devotional - Supporting Planned Parenthood DC** Need a daily, meditative way to prepare for Easter during Lent? Want to focus on simple acts of empathy and compassion during this challenging time of the year? Consider picking-up a 2017 Lenten Mite Box and Devotional Booklet (on the table, near the organ) and using it as a daily guide during your Lenten journey. Mite box offerings collected will be distributed to Planned Parenthood DC. Contact Ruth Ann Hess at [rahess57@gmail.com](mailto:rahess57@gmail.com) or Liz Okeke-Von Batten at [elblazevich@gmail.com](mailto:elblazevich@gmail.com)

**27) Church of the Brethren Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed** The Washington City Church of the Brethren (COB), located at the corner of N. Carolina Avenue and 4th Street, SE, needs volunteers to assist with their soup kitchen operations on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 P.M. Volunteers provide assistance with food preparation, service, and clean up, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 P.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@washingtoncitycob.org](http://www.bnp@washingtoncitycob.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.

**28) Homelessness** in our city is widespread and touches both genders as well as families. Join St. Mark's Woman to Woman and the Outreach Committee as guest speaker Korrin Bishop leads a discussion on Women and Homelessness in DC and across the nation. We encourage attendees to bring donations of new feminine products and/or new ladies undergarments. **Date March 8th, 7-8:30pm in Baxter Hall.** Last name A-M Bring a small sweet or savory snack, N-Z Bring a beverage of your choosing.

**29) DONATE YOUR VAN** St Mark's Sunday Suppers ministry is in desperate need of a van in order to take tables and chairs to the sites where we serve food to the homeless. Our current van needs to be jump started in order to run and it has over 250,000 miles on it. If you are getting rid of your old van, please considering giving it to St. Mark's. For more information, email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com)

**30) Curious about the October 2017 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land?** All are invited to join us for overview of the itinerary, a look at maps as well as a film featuring some of the sights and people we will be visiting and highlights from previous travellers . There will be books and films available to borrow and specific date for deposit to confirm your space. **TODAY, March 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Adams Room.**

## Parish Life

**31) SPECIAL MARCH 17 FILM CLUB WITH MIKE CANNING "BORN YESTERDAY" (1950)** - Join us as local HILL RAG movie critic Mike Canning, author of "*Hollywood on the Potomac*," presents one of his favorite films set in Washington, D.C. "Born Yesterday" was directed by George Cukor and based on the hit Broadway comedy by Garson Canin. It stars the legendary Judy Holliday in her Oscar-winning role, with William Holden and Broderick Crawford. **FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 7:30 P.M., 1321 GERANIUM STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.** Please RSVP by March 16 (if possible) to Alicia Ruble if you plan to attend at [202-420-9256](tel:202-420-9256), or [blurbologist@hotmail.com](mailto:blurbologist@hotmail.com).

**32) The Winged Lion Review March Issue** - Call for Articles. We need your articles now for the March 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).

**33) Columbarium News** Anyone considering the purchase of one or more niches is encouraged to contact Penny Hansen ([pennyhansn@aol.com](mailto:pennyhansn@aol.com)), the Columbarium Coordinator. Purchase of niches is limited to members of St. Mark's Church and their immediate family.

**34) Caregivers Support Group** for those caring for a seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated family member or friend. The group now meets on the **second and fourth Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Dozier Library. If you think such a group might be helpful to you, please contact Pamela Blumgart (202-631-4936) ([pjblumgart@mail.com](mailto:pjblumgart@mail.com))

**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)).

## Youth & Family Ministries

**36) TODAY! Acolyte Training:** Are you interested in becoming an acolyte? Don't miss the March 12 acolyte training from 12:45pm-1:45pm! The role of youth acolyte is an important rite of passage in our community and is a ton of fun. All are welcome! Email David Deutsch for more information: [dsd@his.com](mailto:dsd@his.com).

**37) March 19, Middle + High School Youth at Sunday Suppers:** On Sunday, March 19 Middle and High School Youth have the opportunity to participate in our monthly Sunday Supper outreach initiative! We will gather at St. Mark's at 3:30pm to prepare dinner before heading to two spots in downtown DC from 6pm-8:30pm to serve and eat with our homeless neighbors! For more information or to sign up, please contact Caroline at [caroline@stmarks.net](mailto:caroline@stmarks.net).

**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!

### 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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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 April 2 in Baxter Hall on the main level from 10:45 to 11:15.**