

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

ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



**THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
September 1, 2019**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE
EUCCHARIST
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Rector

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Assistant Rector

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

Deacon

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

Cell Phones – Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices any time you are in the Nave.

Hearing Assist – Set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting or see an usher if you would like a headset.

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill



To view the parish calendar online, go to our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

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

Lost & Found is managed by our Parish Administrator. Please contact James (202-543-0053, ext. 306) to see if your item has been found or to turn in an item.

August 25, 2019

Attendance:	212
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$2,723.55

THE BUTTERFLY CROSS was created by the children of the Parish for Easter Season 2017. It is a representation of our donation of living plants to help pollinators have a more livable habitat.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (*Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months*)

9:00 am Children's Chapel (*not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am*)

10:00 am Sermon Seminar

11:15 am Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist

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

*From July 28 through September 1, our liturgy will call us to **Listen for the Spirit**, emphasizing times of silence to help us hear the still, small voice of God in our lives.*

OPENING SENTENCES & COLLECTING QUIET

God is here, among us.

The Spirit is stirring in our midst.

In the sound of sheer silence, God speaks.

Let us stop and listen for the still, small voice.

All are invited to a time of silence for quiet contemplation and centering.

In the silence, oh God, we seek You.

Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

The people stand as able.

THE AFFIRMATION

Knowing our world is a gift, we hear an echo of the One who gives us life.

Witnessing the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus, we hear the call to radical love.

Feeling the movement of the Spirit, we hear a voice quiet—yet speaking with power.

We believe that God creates us, loves us, and calls us to renewed life.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, give us the grace to hear your Holy Spirit.

A brief silence is observed as we center our attention on the Spirit's presence.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for our families, friends, and neighbors.

We hear your call to care for one another.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for all ministers, teachers, first responders, volunteers, and others who guide and care for us.

We hear your call to serve.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for the president, governors, mayors, the congress, general assemblies, city councils, judges, and all others to whom we have given governing responsibility.

We hear your call to justice.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for those who are sick, who are lonely, who are scared, who are oppressed, or who are in any other kind of trouble.

Let others hear your comforting voice through us.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

We hear your call to reunion with you.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we pray for ourselves: for peace, for clarity, for courage, and, most of all, for the power to love.

We hear your voice calling us to new life.

Each week we will pray for various facilities in the US where migrants may be detained:

Oh God, you have always been with the traveler, the migrant, and the refugee. Today, we pray for any detainees, and the guards and other staff, at:

Big Bend Sub-Station, Sanderson Station, Alpine Station, Houston Contract Detention Facility, and Joe Corley Detention Facility in the state of Texas.

Give those incarcerated courage and hope; give those who work in these places compassion and honor; and help us all to build a better world.

Amen.

Hear us, Holy Spirit, as we offer our personal prayers, silently or, if aloud, ending in "This is my prayer," to which all will respond "Amen."

Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers at this time.

Let us pray together:

Holy Spirit, help us to quiet ourselves, so that we may hear your voice, welcome you into our lives, and speak as prophets acting with power. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

God, you call us to act with love, mercy, understanding, and patience. And yet, too often, we ignore your voice to serve our own interests, without considering the cost to those around us—and, indeed, to ourselves.

Hear us now as we admit our failures and wrongdoings in the silence of your presence.

All are invited to silently reflect on where we have fallen short in the past week.

God forgives us as we forgive. Go in peace, knowing that God's love is held back by no boundaries, and hear the call of that still, small voice urging us to new life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

May the peace of the Holy One be always with you!

And also with you.

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTRONIC OFFERING



Text "stmarks20003" to 73256 to give to St. Mark's using text messaging.

There may be a slight delay and then you will receive a reply text which will guide you through the initial set up.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them into the silence of God's presence.

Let us give thanks to 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 loving 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, hearing your Spirit's voice, 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 forever. Amen.

We will pray with the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Oh Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Oh Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Oh Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Grant us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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,

All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

*If you would like someone to pray with you about anything that is on your mind or heart,
please go to the Chapel after receiving communion for laying on of hands.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

Loving God, we have received your grace in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Continue to speak your loving truth to us, that we may hear and proclaim your love to the world, and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, bless you for evermore.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please join us for light refreshments after the service.



Liturgical Leaders & Worship Participants

Verger

Martha Huizenga

Laying on of Hands

Stephanie Deutsch



Liturgy Request: At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like to join in one of our Community Liturgy Planning sessions, please contact our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb, at scott@stmarks.net

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Class of '22	Andrew Stafford, Shay Waye, & Kit Arrington	
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	Rosemary Harold, <i>Counsel</i>	

Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan Caitlin Frazier Peter Nye

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University,
Georgetown University, American University, and St. Mary's College

National Association of Episcopal Schools

Pray for all students and teachers

Labor Day (September 2) Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all
who must work for less than a living wage.

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal
Church of South Sudan

Parish Prayer List

Pamela Blumgart • Mickey Bolck • Joseph Boone

J. Richard Brown • Jon Coulter • Iris Cox • Joya Cox • Kristine Currie • Milan Das

Elizabeth Fowler • David Glaze • Susan Hadler • Grant Haver

Patricia Horrell • Gale Johnson • Gideon Johnson • Nat Marks

Taylor Emerson Marks • Rick Rutherford • Stephanie Sawaf

Toby Smith • Fred Taylor • Linda Wade

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Clint Billings • P. J. Boehm • Preston Brooks • Todd Daniels

Gregory DuBow • Stephen Dannenmaier • Jason Earnest

Benjamin Keltz • Kurt Hansen • Joshua Russo

Members of the U.S. Armed Services Who Have Died

Killed on Aug. 21 in combat in Afghanistan were:

Master Sgt. Luis F. DeLeon-Figueroa, 31, of Chicopee, MA;

Master Sgt. Jose J. Gonzalez, 35, of La Puente, CA



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, and office directory.

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!

After completing, please remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

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

On September 1, 2019

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

Zip Code _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Volunteering during Worship (Usher, Lay Server, Altar Guild, etc.)
- _____ 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)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson? _____ Yes _____ No

You can stay up to date on St. Mark's news by signing up online for the weekly Gospel e-newsletter at www.stmarks.net/contact-us/. If you'd like to join the St. Mark's Yahoo group, please contact Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com and ask to be added.