



**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 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
September 8, 2019**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**6:00 PM PARISH PICNIC**

**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 Kempeskie

*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



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.

To view the parish calendar online, go to our homepage [www.stmarks.net](http://www.stmarks.net) and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

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.

## September 8, 2019

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Pledge &amp; Plate collection:</b>	<b>\$26,200</b>

**THE HONDURAN CROSS** symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community. 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 September 8 through October 13, our liturgy will call us to **Welcome the Spirit**, emphasizing times of silence to help us hear the still, small voice of God in our lives.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

The Spirit is calling.

**Let us answer the invitation!**

Gathering together, we seek God in each other.

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

**Oh God, through Jesus you teach us that we welcome the divine when we welcome each other. Inspire us, Holy Spirit, to see your reflection in our neighbors' eyes. Give us the strength and courage to build your holy reign together. Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## THE HEBREW BIBLE Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## **THE GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33**

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of Jesus.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*The people stand as able.*

**THE AFFIRMATION**

**We believe that God has always been walking with us:**

**In the beginning, Holy Spirit, you welcomed the Cosmos into the life of God; churning up the waters of life, you brought us forth.**

**In days long past, Holy One, Abraham and Sarah welcomed you in the form of three strangers. Giving from what you had given them, they found true sustenance.**

**In dark and dangerous times, Word of God, you came into the world and found no welcome. Finding a world of strangers, you welcomed us to be family.**

**Together we welcome God: Creator, Sustainer, and Friend.**

**Amen.**

*A period of silence is observed.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us welcome the Spirit of God into our lives:

Let us pray for our families and friends.

Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for all teachers, ministers, and other leaders in our communities.

Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for the governments of all nations, that we may build a peaceful and just world for all.

Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for all who are sick, imprisoned, anxious, or alone.

Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for this parish, and all volunteers and leaders as we begin a new year of classes, discussions, and other chances to journey together.

Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

Let us pray for all who have died, that they may find peace in their Source and Sustainer.

Holy Spirit—

**Welcome us as we welcome You.**

*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:

**Sierra Blanca Station, Fort Stockton Station, Lubbock Station, Johnson County Detention Center, and Karnes County Residential Center 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.**

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

Let us pray together:

**God, you give to us and ask nothing in return. Help us to welcome you into our lives by welcoming each other with compassion and honesty. As we build our community, may we build your holy reign. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## INSTALLATION OF THE NEW VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

*Rector:* We present to our parish community, the Wardens, Vestry Members, Parish Officers, and Parish Delegates, both those newly elected and those continuing in office. Have the persons being presented for admission to office been properly elected by the voting members of the parish?

*Presenter:* The new members of the Vestry were elected at the annual meeting of the parish held March 24, 2019.

*The Rector addresses the Vestry Members*

*Rector:* Do you declare your assent to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Washington and the bylaws of this parish?

*Vestry Members:* We do.

*Rector:* Do you solemnly swear that you will duly and faithfully execute the duties of your office in the parish?

*Vestry Members:* We do.

*The People stand as able. The rector addresses the Congregation:*

*Rector:* Will you accept these people as your leaders, giving them your support and loyalty in the coming year?

***Congregation:* We will!**

*The rector addresses the Vestry Officers and Members.*

*Rector:* Ryan , in the name of St. Mark's, I admit you to the office of Senior Warden of the Parish. Jim in the name of St. Mark's, I admit you to the office of Junior Warden of the Parish. Andrew, Kit, and Shay in the name of St. Mark's, I admit you to the office of Vestry member in this parish. Caitlin, in the name of St. Mark's, I admit you to the office of Diocesan Delegate in this parish. In the name of this congregation, I commend you to this work and pledge to you our prayerful encouragement and support.

***Congregation:* May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and all things, you may do God's will and service. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

May the peace of God 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

Our God be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us welcome God into our hearts.

**We welcome the living God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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!**

Holy and gracious Mother: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Source of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Holy Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Mother, now and for ever.

**Amen!**

*From Sep. 8 through Oct. 13, we will pray with the contemporary translation of the Lord's Prayer:*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

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

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

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us!

**Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

### **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We recognize this as God's table set before us and 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**

*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**



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” May it be so! And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, this day and always.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us welcome the Spirit into our lives!

**Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Please join us for our Parish Picnic following the service. Hotdogs and burgers will be grilled outside, and we will eat together both out in the garden and here in the nave.*



## Liturgical Leaders & Worship Participants

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Jennifer Cate



**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](mailto:scott@stmarks.net)

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Class of '21	Christina Herman, Brandon Dunn Knight, & Amber Macdonald	
Class of '22	Andrew Stafford, Shay Waye, & Kit Arrington	
Officers	John Edwards, <i>Treasurer</i>	
	Michelle Strange, <i>Register</i>	
	Rosemary Harold, <i>Counsel</i>	

## Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan    Caitlin Frazier    Peter Nye

## **Cycle of Prayer**

### ***In the Diocese of Washington***

Church of Our Saviour, Brookland  
Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale and Nuestro Salvador

### ***Anglican Communion***

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan  
The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum

### ***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 • Grant Haver  
Patricia Horrell • Wilfred James • 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



## 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 8, 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/](http://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](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) and ask to be added.*