



**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 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
October 6, 2019**

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

**6:00 PM BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS &
CANVASS TOWN HALL MEETING**

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.

September 29, 2019

Attendance:	252
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$5,648.61

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.

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

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.

THE FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

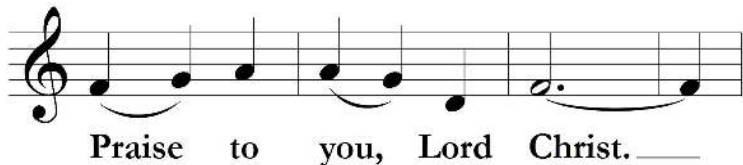
The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of Jesus.



The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele Morgan

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

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:

Eagle Pass Station, Eagle Pass South Station, Rocksprings Station, West Texas Detention Facility, & South Texas Family 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The priests will offer a communal blessing on all companion animals present with us.

If you would like your companion to be blessed individually,

Michele or Scott will be available after the service to do so in the 3rd St. courtyard.

The people sit.

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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 Creator: 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 One, 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 One, now and for ever.

Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

From Sep. 8 through Oct. 13, we will pray with the contemporary translation of 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

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

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!

Michele will offer individual blessings to companion animals in the A St. courtyard immediately after the service.



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 '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

Pray for church musicians and choirs

Pray for international human rights and all organizations
and individuals that promote peace and justice worldwide.

Remember and pray for all Jewish people during the holy days of Yom Kippur (October 8 - 9).

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Church in Wales

The Most Revd John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

Parish Prayer List

William Aycock • Pamela Blumgart • Mickey Bolck • Joseph Boone
J. Richard Brown • Jon Coulter • Iris Cox • Joya Cox • Kristine Currie
Milan Das • Carolyn DeMarco • Elizabeth Fowler • David Glaze
Grant Haver • Patricia Horrell • Karen King • Eric Leaman • Carol Lewis
Wilfred Morgan • Gale Johnson • Gideon Johnson • Nat Marks
Taylor Emerson Marks • Rick Rutherford • Stephanie Sawaf
Toby Smith • Ellen Spencer • Fred Taylor • Linda Wade • Nell Whitman

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 October 6, 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.