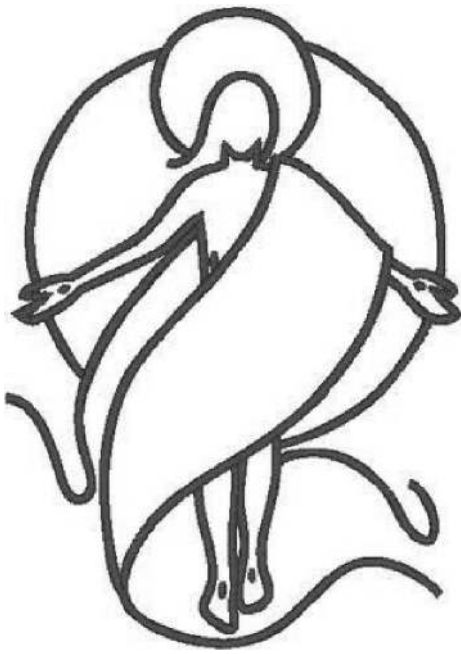


**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
✠
CAPITOL HILL**

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2020

5 PM GATHER

Evening Prayers & Reflection

Rector
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.



Gathering Music

EVENING PRAYER

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT PHOS HILARON

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

THE PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *

for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

for you have redeemed me,

O Lord, O God of truth. My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL John 14:1-14

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the

life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of Jesus.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray, saying, "God, have mercy."

For our Bishop Mariann, and all the clergy and people, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For those affected by Coronavirus, especially the sick, the suffering, and those with underlying conditions, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

In gratitude, we pray for the health care providers, first responders, grocery store workers, producers of food, those who make deliveries, and those who have to keep working, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

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 the safety and wellness of the detainees, guards and other staff, at:

Pembina Station, International Falls Station, in the state of Minnesota, Detroit Station, Monroe County Jail, St. Clair County Jail, in the state of Michigan.

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.

God, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to God.

God, have mercy.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others...

*The people may add their own prayers at this time either silently, aloud, or in the comments.
Once the prayers have been offered, the leader continues:*

God Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" **Amen.**

WELCOME & GREETING

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

To support the work of the church, make an [online gift](#) now or learn about the [other ways to give](#).

Pledges to support the church in the future and online gifts can also be made through the St. Mark's website stmarks.net by choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you feel a sense of connection as we share this time together online. There are many other opportunities to get involved with St. Mark's, even remotely.

If you are a newcomer and want us to get to know you better, please fill out [this form](#). If you have questions, you can also contact the staff listed on the last page.

We will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan



Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you have a suggestion for the liturgy please contact michele@stmarks.net.

Acknowledgements

The Collect, Dismissal, Prayers of the People, and the Eucharistic prayer: *The Book of Common Prayer* of the USA, adapted by Andrew Schmidt & Scott Lipscomb. The Creed: *New Patterns for Worship*, The Church of England. Post-Communion prayer Iona community. The Blessing: Scott Lipscomb, adapted.

Announcements

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

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Note that many regular St. Mark’s activities are currently on hold.

From the Rector

1. Please Join Michele for an hour long gathering on Wednesday May 6th, at 7 pm. We are gathering on Zoom and the link is here.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97036528360?pwd=bxjdUd3cEFEelFlK2JKM3o2UlpqQT09>

Meeting ID: 970 3652 8360

Password: 483669

Parish Life

2. **St. Mark’s Yoga Center Online** SMYC is offering free or by-donation classes online Sunday-Thursday. The links to join the classes by Zoom are available at stmarks.net/yoga

Music & Arts

3. **Virtual Music Lessons** are available through the St. Mark’s Music Studio: Diane Atherton (dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com) offers voice lessons, and Stephanie Ng (stephanien217@gmail.com) teaches piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at stmarks.net/music.

Youth and Family Ministries

4. [Check out this week’s Youth E-News](#) for activities to do this week,

5. **Bible storytime podcast.** Join Caleb and the St. Mark’s Sunday School team for a 5 minute daily podcast! We’ll have some music, read a bible story, and say a prayer. We’re starting soon - [sign up to receive the first episode!](#)

6. St. Mark's Family Pen Pals. At a time when we are practicing distance, many St. Mark's members are isolated, snail mail is a great way to stay in contact and bring joy to other people. If your family would be willing to draw pictures or write letters to another member of our community please email youthdirector@stmarks.net!

Christian Education

7. [Online] St. Mark's Mediation Center: Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00pm

Contact: Collie Agle, (202) 255-2687 or Charles.agle@gmail.com.

[Sign up for the weekly program email](#) to receive info on weekly online meetings

8. [Online] Centering Prayer. Everyday on Zoom at 8:00am. Centering Prayer is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. For more information or to join the group, contact The Rev. Patricia Catalano at adjunct@stmarks.net

9. [Online] Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30am – 12:45pm. If you would like to know how to connect please contact Elin Whitney Smith elin@netalyst.com

Class Leader: Peter Mosley; Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney (rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 202-460-5415). Focus is on the study of Paul's letter to the Romans using The Authentic Letters of Paul written by Westar Institute scholars Dewey/Hoover/McGauthy/Schmidt. The book or Kindle edition is available on Amazon.

10. We need Your Input and Help: We are beginning the planning process for the next Christian Education calendar year (September 2020 to June 2021) and seek your input or help for the following:

- Do you have ideas for Christian Ed classes you would like to see offered? Please let us know!
- Are you interested in teaching Sunday School or an adult class?

Please contact your Christian Ed co-directors (Susan Thompson or Greg Niblett) at susanlynnthompson@gmail.com or greg.niblett@mtctrains.com or at 703-329-9797 (Susan) or 202-297-8859 (Greg).

Outreach

11. Good Neighbors Capitol Hill: Our St. Mark's community has been an integral part of GNCH helping Afghan refugees in Maryland. Most of the 40 refugee families GNCH has connected with as tutors and employment mentors have been under employed, but now 89% are unemployed and joining the millions seeking government benefits.

GNCH has purchased \$4000 worth of gift cards for the families needs. **You can help to increase our ongoing “relief fund”** by sending a check to Lutheran Church of the Reformation with GNCH refugees on the notation line (LCOR manages our designated giving account). You can also visit the online donation portal at www.reformationdc.org and designate gifts for “Refugee resettlement.” All funds so designated go directly to support for refugees Please indicate you are a St. Marks parishioner as we want to thank you personally. Questions can be directed to karen.getman@gmail.com.

12. NOVA Friends of Refugees has organized a Refugee Mask Maker Circle to help struggling refugees make some extra money to replace lost income while helping fight the spread of COVID-19. Several refugee seamstresses signed up to make protective cloth face masks for a suggested price of \$5 each.

The response has been wonderful. We have received nearly 500 requests for masks, which are a basic design for use in public. 100% of funds raised go to the mask makers.

Call for donations of materials. We are requesting donations of fabric, 1/2” bias tape for cloth ties, 1/4” or 1/8” elastic ties, and pipe cleaners. We especially need materials for the ties. If you can donate materials, please contact Kenn Speicher speicherak@gmail.com and he will pick them up.

To place an order for the mask makers, please [fill out the form here](#). If you want to support the refugee mask makers and do not need masks, you can make a [donation here](#) (select “*Social Justice/refugees*” in the Pledges pulldown box). We will use the donations to give masks to a local hospital, such as *Walter Reed National Military Medical Center*, and to elderly refugees in need.

Do you know refugees or people with special immigrant visas who would be interested in doing this? Here’s where they can join the [Refugee Mask Maker Circle](#).

Please email [Kenn Speicher](#) if you have any questions. Thank you for helping, and stay safe everyone.

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Barnabas' Church of the Deaf

St. Barnabas' Church, Leeland

St. Barnabas' Church, Temple Hills

Pray for all mothers and those who have been as mothers to us.

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya

The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

Thasgivings

For this congregation, the people gathered virtually and for the continuation of the community.

Condolences

Andrew Stafford on the death of his husband Bao Nguyen

Don Ellison on the death of his father Lt. Col Donald Ellison Sr. (ret. USAF)

To the community on the death of Rick Warfield

Parish Prayer List

Louise Abbot • Ben Alquiros • William Aycock • Bernard

Pamela Blumgart • Joseph Boone • Joya Cox • Kitty Donnelly

Jean Eveleth • Taylor Emerson • Brian and Jessica Eiting

Elizabeth Fowler • Gale Johnson • Carol Lewis • John MacNeil and his family

Nat Marks • Rick Rutherford • Mary Welker • Nell Whitman

Parishioners and Family Members serving in the military

Chase Allen Ammon • Clint Billings • Preston Brooks • Jason Earnest

Please send any names you would like to add to bulletin@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>	
	Kim Bayliss, <i>Register</i>	
	Rosemary Harold, <i>Counsel</i>	

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