



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

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2017

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Co-Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Kate Heichler

Deacon

The Reverend Cynthia Dopp

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caroline McReynolds-Adams

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.

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.

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DECEMBER 17, 2017

Attendance:	269
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$21,086.15

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The Advent/Christmas Wreath, which was given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay, was hand-forged by Richard A. Martin, a metal sculptor in Alexandria, Virginia. This work is made of steel with solid-link chains and hammered drip pans, painted black and measuring three feet in diameter, with a cross hanging beneath the central candle

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months</i>)
9:00 am	Children's Chapel (<i>not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am</i>)
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

Please observe silence when the lights are dimmed.

Prelude Chorale Prelude on 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,' BWV 659

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Opening Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Opening Sentences

Presider Keep awake!

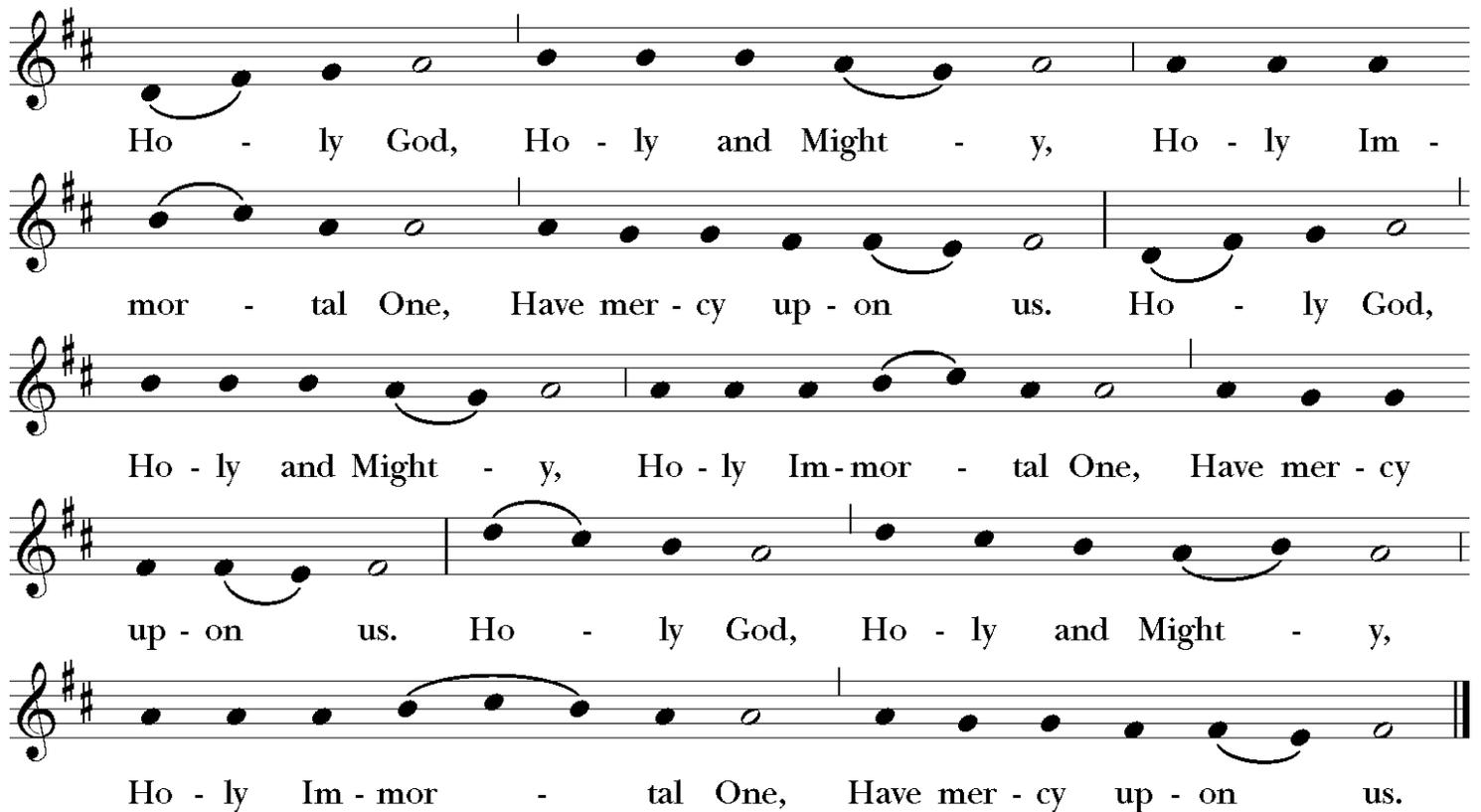
People You know not when God comes.

Presider Keep awake!

People God is coming.

Trisagion S 100

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
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The Collect

Presider Let us pray.

All God of impossible love, you needed Mary to give consent, to bear the scandal, to carry your word within herself: may her courage give hope to women and men who yearn to sing new songs of justice and find the world a dwelling place for God; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

Children wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the Crucifer to the Dance Studio (second floor) at this time.

The Epistle Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is observed.

The Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.____

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ.____

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us affirm our faith together:

People I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

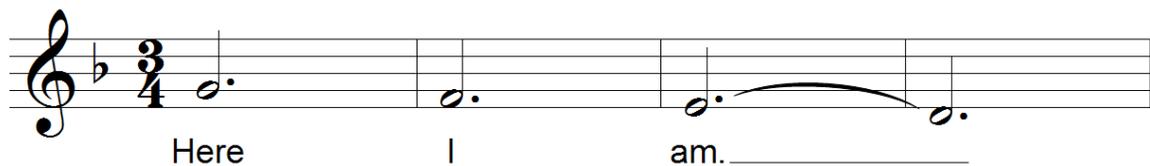
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A period of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray.

First time choir only, then all.



Leader Everlasting God, we pray for the Universal Church, for all its members and its mission. We pray for that in all its works there is an openness to your will. As you call, let us declare,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for those entrusted with authority over others, in our community, in our nation, and throughout the world, that they may use their positions to promote peace, justice, mercy, and to protect those most vulnerable. As you call, let us declare,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for the welfare of the world, that your coming light may shine in those places that are overshadowed by darkness and fear. As you call, let us declare,

All Sung Response

Leader We give thanks for the blessings of this community. We give thanks for the privilege and joy of being a community committed to stewarding your love in the world. Together may we continue to encourage and support one another as we await the coming of your light. As you call, let us declare,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for those burdened by suffering, grief, or lack of purpose. May we have the willingness to be of service where we can. As you call, let us declare,

All Sung Response

Leader We pray for the departed and those that mourn. May we be comforters to those in need. As you call, let us declare,

All Sung Response

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

*All may share prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving silently, or if aloud, ending by saying “**This is my prayer**” to which the community will respond with **the Sung Response**.*

A time for individual prayers is observed.

Leader Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

A period of silence is observed.

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess how we have missed the mark of God at the center of our lives and of our truest selves.

A period of silence is observed.

All **Holy and loving God,
we have dwelt in darkness
and preferred it to the light;
we have been proud of our accomplishments
and despaired over our shortcomings.
Smooth down the mountains of our pride,
and lift up the valleys of our doubts.
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives
that we might find our way to you again.**

Absolution

Presider God forgives you, forgive yourself and go in peace.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider God's judgement is not vengeance, an eye for an eye; God's peace is not false, a veil for injustice; God comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls. May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Vestry Welcome

Announcements

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler

Chancel Choir

Dixit Maria ad Angelum:
Ecce, ancilla Domini;
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

*Mary said to the Angel:
Behold, the handmaid of the Lord;
Be it done unto me according to your word.*

Presentation Hymn LEVAS 14 Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider O come, Emanuel, into our longing hearts.

People **We open ourselves to You.**

Presider As we gather around this table

People **In expectation and hope,**

Presider We embrace all that is holy as we sing:

Sanctus S 124

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

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

Presider In this season of waiting, of shorter, darker days, and of preparation for Christmas, we hear of the coming of Jesus. We hear from the prophets of God's dream for the world. From Isaiah, we hear of a time when peace will take the place of war. From Verna Dozier, in our own day, we hear of a world of justice, freedom and forgiveness, of God's dream for the way our world could be.

Co-Presider We hear from Jesus of the coming of the Son of Man, and we are warned to be ready for change, to be awake. We wonder what this can mean now as we grope in the tattered remains of our faltering hopes for a better world.

Presider And we light our Advent candles, as of old, savoring tradition even as we yearn for change. Our tradition reminds us of Jesus, and how, on the night before he died, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Co-President We remember how, after supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider In our hope for a new vision, we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, this bread and wine may be the body and blood of Christ for us and so strengthen us to be change agents. May Jesus come to us still as God's power in our humanity. May we in our own day, seek and be inspired by the prophets. Move in us to translate your dream into reality, to fire our hearts and minds and wills to love and serve you in the world.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Jesus taught us, we pray:

**People 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.**

Fraction Anthem S 161

From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider 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, wherever we have come from, and whatever we believe,

All 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

Christ Be Our Light

Words & Music by Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray together.

All God of all grace, may we live in expectation and hope, and may the gifts we have received at this table remind us not only of the gift of Christ, but of your steady presence among us, that we may act faithfully in response to your love.

Closing Hymn 56 O come, o come, Emmanuel, vv. 1-4

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The Blessing

Presider May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to serve God through loving in the world.

People We go in hope and faith and gratitude. Amen.

Postlude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. David Lanz (b. 1950)

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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 Sources

Opening Sentences and Confession: adapted from First Sunday of Advent Prayers and Litanies, ©2015. Prayers of the People (POP): Andrew Arakawa. Collect of the Holy Spirit and POP Collect: Book of Common Prayer. The Collect and The Peace: Prayers for an Inclusive Church. Eucharistic Prayer: written by Susan Flanders, adapted. Post-Communion Prayer: written by Susan & Bill Flanders. Blessing: Book of Occasional Services.

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger David Deutsch
Altar Guild Doris Burton & Susan Sedgewick
Lay Servers Karen Getman, Greg Gay, Marlane Liddel
Readers Mike Novy, Scripture; Walt Moody, Prayers of the People

Schedule of Christmas Services

Sunday, December 24	4 PM	Christmas Eve Pageant and Holy Eucharist
	10 PM	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist
Monday, December 25	10 AM	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 31	10 AM	Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist
	5 PM	Contemplative Eucharist

How to Be A Change Agent in Polarized Times

A Six-Week Sermon Series

January 7—Baptism of our Lord

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

Rooted in Belovedness

January 14— MLK Day Celebration

The Rev. Michele Morgan

Risking Non-Violence

January 21

Mr. Andrew Arakawa

The Power to Forgive the Unforgivable

January 28

Mr. David Deutsch

**Eating with Snakes—
Setting a Table for the Repugnant**

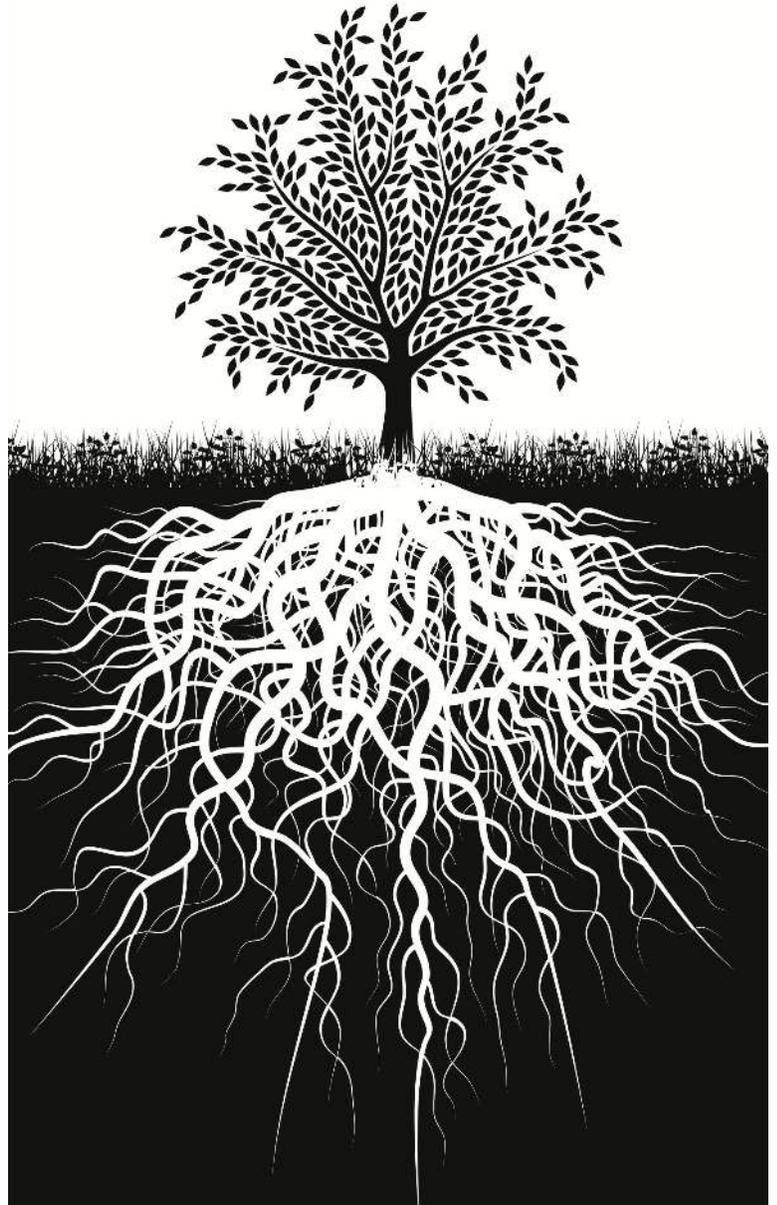
February 4

Where Are You Called to Resist?

February 11

The Rev. Michele Morgan

Where Are You Called to Make Peace?



CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

Christmas Day (December 25)
Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation and Misa Alegria, DC
St. John's Church, Zion Parish
St. John's Church, Broad Creek
St. John's Church, Mt. Rainier
St. John's Church, Georgetown
St. John's Church, Lafayette Square and Iglesia San Juan
St. John's Church, Norwood
St. John's Church, Olney
St. John's Episcopal School, Olney
St. John's Preschool, DC

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bill Babcock • Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter)
Jack Burton • Joya Cox • Alisa Earnest (Lynda Bugge's grandchild)
Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece) • Joyce Gutson Dave Haglund
Brock Hansen • Michael Henely • Olga Juarez Jose (Mary Ellison's partner)
Debbie Keysor • Alice Kistler (Kathryn Powers' sister) • Elizabeth Long
Lina Marks (Randy Marks' mother) • Lila Marks • Nat Marks
Barbara Nelson • Lilly March • Pamela Burton Moore (Jack Burton's daughter)
Ann-Mari Pierotti (Joan Pierotti's daughter) • Kristin Proctor (Student of Rosie Brooks)
Randell Prothro • Bill Rau • Carol Roman • Rosalie Ryan • Gardner Van Scoyoc
Andrew Stafford • Arnold Taylor • Chuck and Karen Wicker (friends of Dick Rumpf)

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THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Vincent Alcazar (Parishioner) • Burr Barton (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Clint Billings (son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner)
P. J. Boehm (brother of Rachel Boehm) • Preston Brooks (Parishioner)
Todd Daniels (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Stephen Dannenmaier (brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier)
Jason Earnest (grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge) • Benjamin Keltz (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Kurt Hansen (nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen)
Joshua Russo, husband of Claire Russo • Weston Zarek (son of Tom Zarek)

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Class of '19

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Class of '20

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Mary Anderson Cooper, *Register*

Michael Knipe, *Manciple*

Michael Knipe, *Counsel*

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Michael Knipe

Cecilia Monahan

Jim Steed

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St. Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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!

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.)

Name _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

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)

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

Newcomers! Join us the first Sunday of each month in Baxter Hall on the main level from 10:45 to 11:15.

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 George Meng at gem@menqlaw.com and ask to be added.