

WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

Presider & Homilist
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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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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 Parish Administrator. Please contact James (202-543-0053, ext. 306) to see if your item has been found or to turn in an item you've found.

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DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2017

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| Attendance: | 798 |
| Pledge & Plate collection: | \$86,305.51 |

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| 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 |

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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

Opening Sentences

Presider Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy: a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.

People Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect

Presider Let us pray.

All Hidden God, who made the face of Moses shine with the gift of your friendship: teach us the law of love, carried by breath of spirit and planted in hearts of flesh that we might be children again and the world restored to you; through Jesus Christ, the Glory of God. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

The Epistle Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed.

The Gospel John 1: 1-18

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Music for Meditation

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.

We pray for the Universal Church, for all its members and its mission. Let us rejoice in the work God has given us to bring about God's Holy vision for all creation. With all our being,

All We testify to the light.

Leader We pray for the leaders of this world. May they have the grace to lead and do so with a servant's heart. With all our being,

All We testify to the light.

Leader We pray for the welfare of the world. For those suffering, and for wherever fear seems to reign, we pray for the awareness of your ever-present love. With all our being,

All We testify to the light.

Leader We pray for the concerns of this community. We pray for the courage to be transformed, emboldened to do what needs to be done, say what needs to be said, and be who we need to be. With all our being,

All We testify to the light.

Leader We pray for compassion for those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially for those who face the ill-effects of poverty. With all our being,

All We testify to the light.

Leader We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. May the comfort of your everlasting peace be upon them. With all our being,

All We testify to the light.

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, "We testify to the light."*

A time for individual prayers is observed.

Leader Let us pray.

People Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

The Peace

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We thank you loving God, for you did not abandon us or stand far off but came in awful nearness with the urgency of love.

Now we praise you for the Word made flesh born of Mary's body, nurtured in her womb, cradled in her arms, greeted by her song.

The fullness of God dwells in his flesh, a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside, good news of bread for the hungry and poor, a shepherd to find those who are lost.

Now we are caught up, body and soul resound with the glory of music divine, echoing through the hallowed earth:

People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took

bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died.**
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

*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

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.

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.

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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 Leadership

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Katherine Anderson

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*Following the service please join us for Holy Happy Hour,
at which we share conversation, food, & drink.*

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

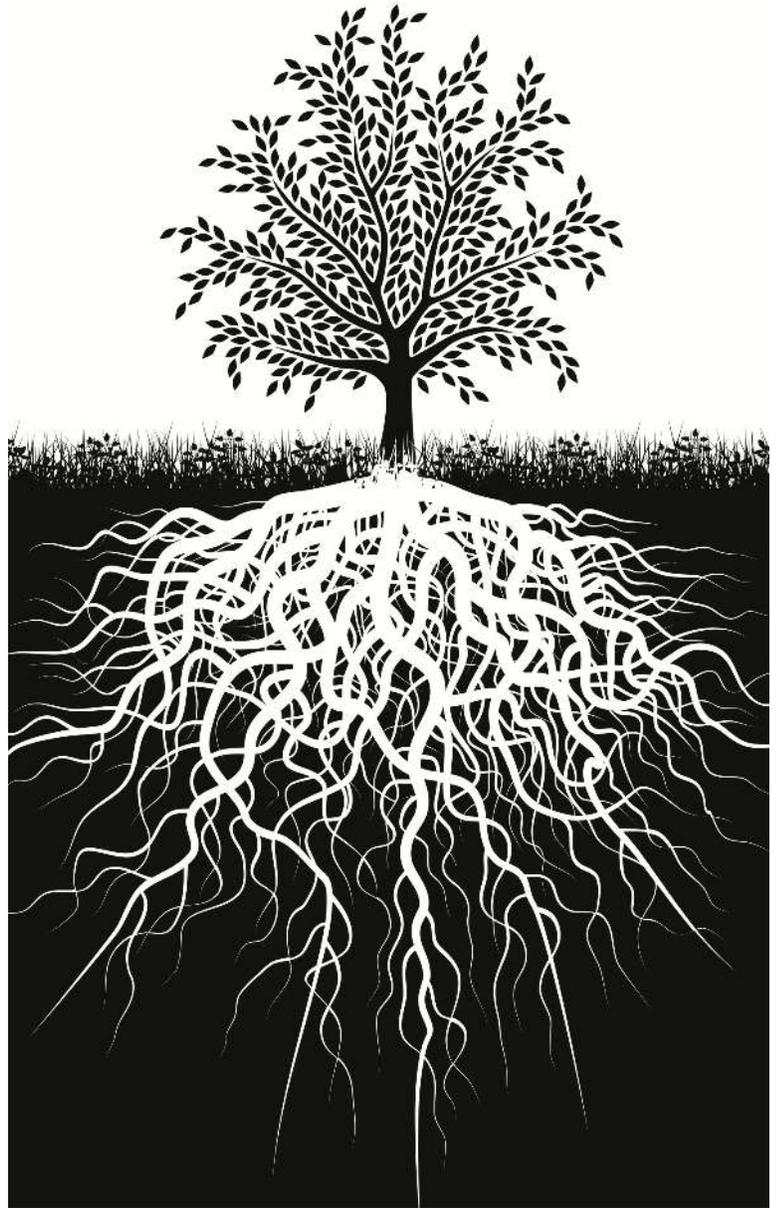
Mr. Rich Rubenstein

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

St. Thomas' Church, DC
St. Thomas' Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie

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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 • Rick Hayes • 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*

Diocesan Delegates

Michael Knipe

Cecilia Monahan

Jim Steed

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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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 clergy person? _____ 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.