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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
+
CAPITOL HILL

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

9:00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

Preacher & Co-President

The Reverend Dr. Kate Heichler

Co-President

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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 3, 2017

Attendance:	459
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$41,530.12

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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 Prepare the Royal Highway *Bereden väg för Herran*, arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

Opening Hymn 65 Prepare the way, O Zion *Bereden väg för Herran*

Opening Sentences

Presider Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

Presider When the Lord comes,

All **He will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness**

Presider A voice cries out in the wilderness,

All **'Make straight the way of the Lord.' Amen.**

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **God, give us your light, that we may see your goodness in all that we do, all that we share, and all that we love. Give us the ability to ask for what we need and help us to not be afraid to reach out and help those around us. Amen.**

The Gospel Mark 1: 1-8 (Adapted from *The Message*)

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you;

He'll make the road smooth for you.

Thunder in the desert!

Prepare for God's arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight!

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."

Leader Let us pray.

People Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

The Confession

Presider We have all made mistakes this week in what we have done and in what we haven't done. Let us confess these things to God:

People God, when we hurt others, we hurt you. Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do. We are sorry, God. Please forgive us. Help us to love one another. Amen.

The Absolution

Presider No matter what, God loves us and forgives us. Be at peace.

People Amen.

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

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem People, Look East Traditional French Carol, arr. John Leavitt

Boys & Girls Choir, Libbi Nixon, director
Conrad Chaffee, pianist

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.*

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.

Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to God.

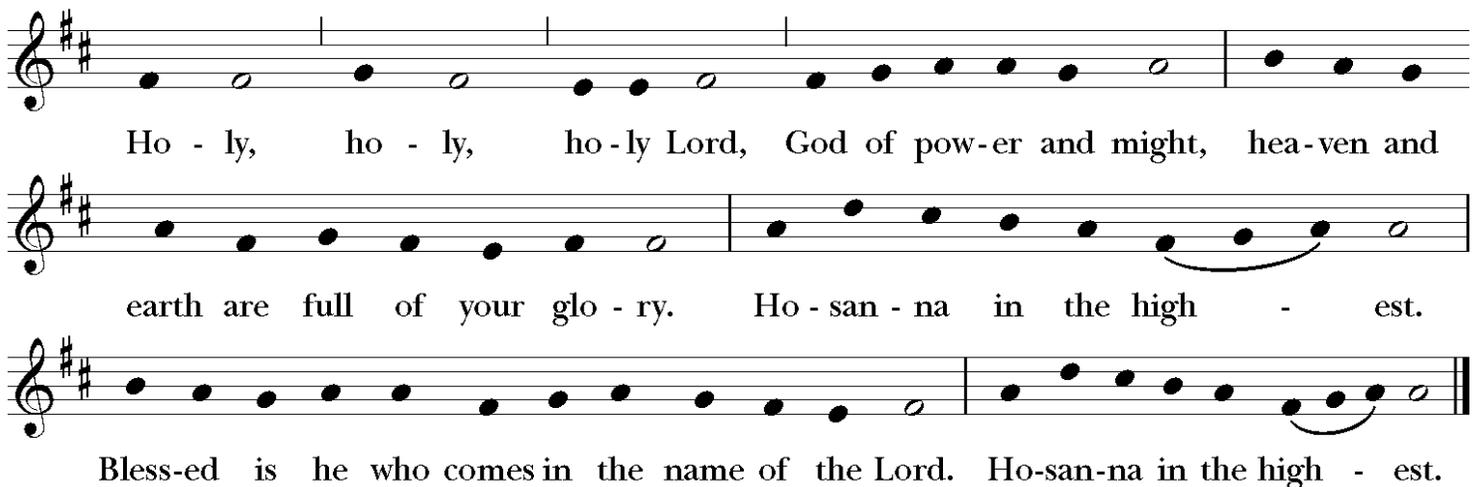
Presider Let us give thanks to God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and to inspire us to live like Jesus. And so we join the angels to celebrate and 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 God, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, shed for you as a new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Presider God, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider And now as Jesus taught us, we pray:

All **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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
for ever 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 This is God's table. Jesus is the host. We are the guests. Whoever we are, wherever we come from, and whatever we believe, God welcomes everyone.

All **Come, eat, and live! 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

Hymn 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

LEVAS 11 Prepare ye the way of the Lord

James E. Moore, Jr

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal, Loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May your love touch others through us. Amen.

Closing Hymn LEVAS 14 Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

The Blessing

Presider Life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go out in the name of Jesus!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude O Come, O come, Emmanuel *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, arr. Marilyn Biery (b. 1959)

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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, Confession Peace and dismissal: Book of Common Prayer adapted.
The Collect: Prayers for an Inclusive Church. Prayers of the People (POP): Andrew Arakawa. POP Collect: Book of Common Prayer. Affirmation, Absolution, Eucharistic Prayer: Church of Australia adapted by the Rev. Deon K. Johnson. Post-communion prayer: St. John Episcopal Minneapolis. Blessing: John Shelby Spong adapted by Susan Russell

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	David Deutsch
Acolytes	Maggie Humphrey, crucifer; Alden Humphrey & Tucker Trissell, torchbearers
Altar Guild	Karen Falk & Gretchen Wilson
Bread and Wine	Bill Lee & Mary Freed with Isabelle & Nanelle
Lay Servers	Kim Bayliss, Ed Kneedler, Lynn Kneedler, & Rick Rutherford
Readers	High School Youth

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SERMON SEMINAR 10:00 AM

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Kate Heichler

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
3. Can I make it short?
4. Will I later regret not having said it?
5. Has anyone else said it?

CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

Episcopal Church Women
Memorial Scholarship of the Episcopal Church Women
United Thank Offering
Bishop John Bryson Chane Scholarship for Social Justice

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin

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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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THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Susan Ash (Christina Herman's sister)
Ricky Hayes (parishioner)

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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.



St. Mark's
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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 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.