



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY**

MARCH 11, 2018

5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presiders

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Homilist

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Caroline McReynolds-Adams

Director of Music

Jeff Kempskie

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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MARCH 4, 2018

Attendance:	266
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$5,986.17

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THE BROKEN MIRROR CROSS, which hangs above the altar in Lent, an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives, was designed and made by Joya Cox.

THE WOODBLOCK PRINTS of The Stations of the Cross, which are hanging in the Nave throughout Lent, were created by and given to St. Mark's by Tracy Council.

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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

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed is the One who inhabits eternity.

People Whose Name we praise from generation to generation.

Presider Come to us this day, O God.

People Come to us.

Presider Speak to us this day.

People Speak to us your truth.

Presider Dwell with us this day.

People Dwell with us in love

Presider People of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast.

People Amen.

The Collect

Presider My companions in faith, God is with you.

People And also with you

Presider Let us pray.

People God, rich in mercy, whose light reveals the truth of things, the judgement we bring on ourselves: we thank you that you sent your Son to save and not condemn: in his self-giving love may life abundant reign; through Jesus Christ, who was lifted up for us. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

The Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed.

The Gospel John 3:14-21

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Music for Meditation

An Affirmation

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

People **I have the courage to enter this room and call it a cell.**

Folding myself and putting myself away.

**For my whole life, I will be an amateur,
but an amateur striving**

**I enter this room and call it vigilance,
making my ego the threadbare rug I walk on.**

**I hold the fane of my folded hands,
before my quiet face.**

I have the courage to enter this room and be alone with dialogue.

**I take the name of silence and let it speak,
coming from always, going away everywhere and nowhere.**

I take everything I have been.

I take everything I can become.

**I freely enter this room as the threshold of spirit,
staying vigilant through each midnight hour and learning
the language of the stars that are both absent and present.**

**Every person I meet will be God.
Every one of my exhalations will become the name of God.
I take the name of God and breathe it in,
until each dying breath breathes God.**

A period of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Leader O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Mayors of this region, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness.

People In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying,
Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it the unity which is your will.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Enlighten your bishops, priests, and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. Give us all boldness to live the gospel.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees and all who are in trouble.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

*All may now offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud, ending with
"This is my prayer" to which all will respond "Amen."*

The Presider adds a collect.

Confession of Sin

Presider As we draw near to the place of at-one-ment:
Give us tears to see the wonder of your presence;
Give us tears to see the wasting of your people,
Give us tears to see the wounding of your son.

A period of silence is observed.

All We are the people who helped make the wood on which you were crucified, and still we misuse your creation; We are the people that helped make the nails that pierced your body, yet still we use work for gain at others' expense; We are the people that did nothing to stop your betrayers, yet still are ruled by comfort or cowardice.

Absolution

Presider O soul be joyful. The saving God stretches God's blessing to you, to announce a loving reconciliation. Washed and whole, let us open our hearts to God.

People Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God is here ... to stay.

People Thanks be to God.

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

Welcome

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

Clergy Greeting

Electronic Offering

Text "stmarks20003" to 73256 to give to St. Mark's using text messaging. Your contribution will automatically go to the "Church General Fund" unless you choose a different category in the box below the dollar amount.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider This is the table, not of the Church but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So, come. You who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God should meet God here.

People **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.**

Presider Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began. On the night Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples. While they were eating, he took a piece of bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the words, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."
Later on he took a cup of wine, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Drink from it, all of you to remember me."

So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special.

Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you promised. What have we to offer?

People **Our hands are empty,
Our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.
But with you is mercy
And the power to change us.**

Presider So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

All **Amen!**

Presider And now, let us pray:

People **Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,
People **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.

Music During Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.
People **Jesus, You have put your life into our hands, now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us so we may go forth into the world, a people restored and enabled to do the work you have given us to do. In God's name we pray. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider On our hearts and our homes, the blessing of God.
In our coming and going, the peace of God.
In our life and believing, the love of God.
At our end and new beginning,
The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.
People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve God

People **Thanks be to the Holy one.**

Postlude "London" Trio Sonata III: Spiritoso

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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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 Source

Opening Acclamation: Nettleton (adapted). Collect: BCP. Affirmation: Inspired by *Instructions to the Monastic or the Pilgrim* by Nicholas Samaras, Adapted by Andrew Arakawa. Lord's Prayer: New Zealand Prayer Book. Eucharistic Prayer, Post Communion Prayer, Blessing, Wee Worship Book from the Iona Community.

Liturgical Leadership

Verger

Katherine Anderson

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

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March 18th, 10am, Switch Sunday!

Adults- ever wondered what children are doing during the 10am hour on Sunday mornings? Children - curious about what goes on behind the scenes during worship? All your questions will be answered during SWITCH SUNDAY!

In lieu of our traditional Sermon Seminar, adults - especially parents - will be encouraged to head downstairs to experience a day-in-the-life of youth Sunday School while the children stay in the Nave to learn more about how Eucharist is set up, how the organ works, and what the vesting sacristy is.

The traditional Sermon Seminar will still be offered in Baxter Hall, but we hope you will take this time to enter into a deeper understanding of all that goes on in this Parish on a Sunday morning. Mark your calendars!

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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.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

St. Patrick's Church, DC
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, DC

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of England

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bill Babcock • Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter)
J. Richard Brown • Jack Burton • Willie Clifford Jr.
Tony Cogswell (brother-in-law of Ruth Roman) • Joya Cox • Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece)
David & Michael Glaze • 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
Pamela Burton Moore (Jack Burton's daughter) • Ann-Mari Pierotti (Joan Pierotti's daughter)
Kristin Proctor (Student of Rosie Brooks) • Randell Prothro • Carol Roman
Rosalie Ryan • Gardner Van Scoyoc • Andrew Stafford • Arnold Taylor
Millie Dunn Veasey (Brandon Dunn Knight Great-Aunt) • Mary Welker

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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)



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:

- _____ Worship
- _____ 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.