



**WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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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 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 2, 2018**

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST
& LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Deacon

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.
Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ☒ Capitol Hill



The Parish Calendar is Online at www.stmarks.net/connect/calendar

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.

<u>August 26, 2018</u>	
Attendance:	225
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$2,877.25

The Honduras Cross, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly with our sister congregations in the San Marcos Cluster in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (*Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months*)

9:00 am Children's Chapel (*not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am*)

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 SENTENCES

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of unclean hands, touching those rejected by the world, despised by the religious: guide us from false purity which hides misshapen hearts; lead us to the joyful feast in which all are renewed; through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's face. Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

A SONG OF TRUE MOTHERHOOD

Julian of Norwich

God chose to be our mother in all things and so made the foundation of his work, most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.

God, the perfect wisdom of all, arrayed himself in this humble place.

Christ came in our poor flesh to share a mother's care.

Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.

Christ carried us within him in love and travail, until the full time of his passion.

And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.

All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, for the love of Christ works in us; Christ is the one whom we love.

A period of silence is observed.

THE EPISTLE James (1:17-27)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid

yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God!

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit,

licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

A CELTIC CREED

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of diverse humanity.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

The prayers of the people will be led by our lay reader during the Eucharistic prayer, within the Liturgy of the Table.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

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

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is always present.

God is here, among us!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the living God.

Let us give thanks to our sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name:

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!

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy Mother, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Mysterious Mother, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the love of your Anointed One. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

At this time, our lay lector will lead us in the Prayers of the People.

Remember all people, especially those who seek the truth, those who struggle with your challenge, and those who desire to draw closer to you.

Guide us with your Spirit of Love!

Remember all the ministers, lay and ordained, who serve in your Church.

Guide us with your Spirit of Love!

Remember those who face trouble, sickness, worry, and pain; remind them that you stand with them in all difficulty.

Guide us with your Spirit of Love!

Remember all who have died, and comfort all those who mourn. Bring those lost to us into the place of eternal joy and light.

Guide us with your Spirit of Love!

Remember the leaders of all nations, territories, and cities; may they be led by your Spirit to institute mercy and justice.

Guide us with your Spirit of Love!

Remember our whole world and all life within it; may we live in harmony with each other and our fellow creatures.

Guide us with your Spirit of Love!

Hear our prayers, oh Creator of all. May we who now offer any further prayers know your presence, follow your guidance, and be inspired by your love.

*The people are invited to offer prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings,
either silently or aloud, at this time.*

The Presider then continues.

Most merciful God, grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Mark and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Source of all, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia, Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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,

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.
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.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short. Grace to risk something big for something good. Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. The Blessing of a Gracious God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be with us now and remain with us this day and always.

Amen!

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Holy One!

Thanks be to God.

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Acknowledgements

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University and St. Mary's College
National Association of Episcopal Schools

Pray for all students and teachers

Labor Day (September 3) - Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage

Anglican Communion

The Most Revd Gregory James Venables Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina

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Parish Prayer List

Robin Blair • Jackie Boddie • Jay Bolton • Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter)
J. Richard Brown • Jack Burton • Tony Cogswell (brother-in-law of Ruth Roman) • Joya Cox
Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece) • David Glaze • Joyce Gutson • Dave Haglund
Michael Henely • James Hoxie (Nephew of Nora Howell) • Olga Juarez Jose (Mary Ellison's partner)
Alice Kistler (Kathryn Powers' sister) • Sandy Lilly (mother-in-law of Madeleine Findley)
Frank Lloyd • Elizabeth Long • Lina Marks (Randy Marks' mother)
Nat Marks (Randy Marks' son) • Taylor Emerson Marks (Randy Marks' niece) • 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 • Cheryl Smith (Dick's Sister) • Andrew Stafford • Arnold Taylor
Fred Taylor (Sherrill Taylor's husband) • Linda Wade (Martha Huizenga's mother-in-law)
Mary Welker • John Willson (David Willson's brother)

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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 & 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)

Those Serving in the Military Who Have Died

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Taylor J. Galvin, 34, from Spokane, WA



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, and office directory.

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.)

On September 2, 2018

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone No. _____

Zip Code _____

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 10:45 - 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@menglaw.com and ask to be added.