

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH A 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 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 2, 2018

5:00 PM Advent Lessons & Carols

Officiant
The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

Director of MusicJeff Kempskie

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.

November 25, 2018

Attendance: 241

Pledge & Plate collection: \$6,116.18

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 sculpture 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 (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.

Advent Lessons & Carols

During the service, the congregation is invited to remain seated for the readings and anthems, and to stand for the singing of hymns.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The people stand as able.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear Friends: In the stillness and quiet of this church we gather at the beginning of the Advent season; a season of waiting with great expectation for the coming of Christ, not only as a baby born to Mary, but as God's response to problems and troubles of the world, and, finally, as a holy presence in our hearts. Let us listen carefully to the readings which prophesy the first coming of Emmanuel, God with us; and may we find within ourselves a renewed sense of Christ's presence.

During this service, may we also pray and look for a new vision of God's relationship to our world. That through our ministries and works - our commitment to the poor and oppressed, the sick and the destitute, prisoners and hostages, the forgotten and outcast - the ancient prophecies may again be fulfilled in our time. May we have ears to hear, minds to perceive, and hearts ready to receive.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 74 Blest be the King whose coming Valet will ich dir geben

The people sit.

FIRST READING Genesis 3:1, 4-15

read by Mike Novy

"God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head"

The serpent said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' No, God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, So when the woman took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard

God walking in the garden and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Adam lay ybounden

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkès finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, Ne had never our Lady abeen heavené queen. Blessed be the time That apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen Deo gracias!

HYMN 60 Creator of the stars of night *Conditor alme siderum* vv. 1-2 all, v. 3 high voices, v. 4 low voices, vv. 5-6 all

SECOND READING Isaiah 11.1-10

read by Walton Moody

"The Prophet delivers God's vision of Righteousness"

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all

my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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HYMN 81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

THIRD READING Isaiah 40:1-11

read by Raiford Gaffney

"God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption."

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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ANTHEM Comfort, Comfort

Freu dich sehr, arr. John Ferguson

"Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!" so says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever! For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away!

Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,

And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

HYMN 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

A period of silence is kept.

FOURTH READING Baruch 4:36-5:9

read by David Deutsch

"The scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand."

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God.



FIFTH READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

read by Maureen Shea

"The Apostle exhorts the people to wait for God with patience and expectation"

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Drop Down Dew, O Heavens

Robert Twynham

Marjorie Coombs Wellman & Jim Prunty, soloists

Drop down dew, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the just one. Let the earth be opened and bud forth a savior. On that day the mountains shall drop down sweetness, and the hills shall flow with milk and honey. Alleluia. All you who thirst, come to the waters. Seek the Lord while he may be found. Alleluia. Behold the Lord shall come, and all his saints with him. And there shall be a great light on that day. Alleluia.

HYMN 66 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

SIXTH READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

read by Jim Steed

"St. Paul reminds us that in Christ we are being called out of darkness into the light"

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O Radiant Dawn

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.' Amen.

CLERGY GREETING

The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

If you appreciate this evening's special music, please consider making an offering to St. Mark's. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM A Child's Advent Prayer

Words by Lucia Welch Music by Randolph Currie

Boys & Girls Choir, Marcelo Martinez, director

Let us lift our voices as we wait the coming Lord; Let us lift our voices now and offer up a song. Come, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts. Come, Lord Jesus, for you our spirits long.

There will be a new Messiah, born a child and yet a king; He will bring us joy and gladness; He will give us grace to sing: Come, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts. Come, Lord Jesus, make the darkness light.

Hope will have a new beginning and a bright new day! Jesus, born of Mary, comes, as we prepare the way: Come, Lord Jesus, come into our hearts; Come, Lord Jesus, be born in us today! "The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary"

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And 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 called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM A Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten

Marjorie Coombs Wellman, Anjuli Das, Jim Prunty, David Perry, solo quartet

Of one who is so fair and bright *Velut maris stella*, [Like a star of the sea] Brighter than the day is light, *Parens et puella*: [Both mother and maiden] I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, *Tam pia*, [so pure] That I may come to thee. *Maria*! [Mary]

All this world was forlorn,

Eva peccatrice, [because of Eve, a sinner]

Till our Lord was yborn,

De te genetrice. [through you, his mother]

With ave it went away,

Darkest night, and comes the day

Salutis; [of salvation]

The well springeth out of thee.

Virtutis. [of virtue]

Lady, flower of everything,

Rosa sine spina, [Rose without thorn]
Thou bare Jesu, heaven's king,

Gratia divina: [by divine grace]
Of all thou bearest the prize,

Lady, queen of paradise

Electa: [chosen]

Maid mild, mother

es effecta. [you are made]

HYMN 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

A period of silence is kept.

The people stand as able.

COLLECT

O Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Dear God, may the presence of your Spirit lift up our hearts. And may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abide with us as we leave tonight. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel Veni, veni, Emmanuel v. 1 all, v. 2 high voices, v. 3 all, v. 4 low voices, vv. 5-6 all

POSTLUDE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. David Lanz (b. 1950)

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Thank you for your presence this evening.

Please stay and join us for a reception in Baxter Hall.

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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.

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Service Participants

Officiant The Reverend Scott Lipscomb

Verger David Deutsch Margaret Wood Crucifer

Readers Mike Novy, Walton Moody, Raiford Gaffney,

David Deutsch, Maureen Shea, Jim Steed

Boys & Girls Choir Director Marcelo Martinez Director of Music Jeff Kempskie

2018-2019 CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

Haley Brandt Caitlin Frazier Iennifer Rondeau Katherine Buchanan Cara Schumann Christina Herman **Doris Summey** Logan Clark Pam Lacey Martha Connor-Donnelly Jordan Meyer Carol Thornhill

Marjorie Coombs Wellman Tracy Councill Mary Neznek

Charmian Crawford

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Karen Wiedemann Ellen Frost Meg Platt

Sarah Headley

Marty De Nys*

Tenor

Tino Aceves Tom Getman Walton Moody Mark Allen* Michael Happ Jim Prunty Aaron Tucker Anthony Ballard* Jeff Kincheloe

Bass

Travis Lim Ryan Baugh Nick Rogers Lou Bayard Marcelo Martinez Dick Rumpf Dave Wellman Raphael Flores Steve McLaughlin Mitch Wood Clif Grandy David Perry

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	Rosemary Harold, Counsel

Diocesan Delegates

Cecilia Monahan Jim Steed Peter Nye

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown
Diocesan Latino Ministry
Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington
Pray for all Jewish people as they celebrate Chanukah (December 2-10)

Anglican Communion

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - (Spain) The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano

Parish Prayer List

Robin Blair • Joseph Boone • J. Richard Brown • Tony Cogswell • Mary Ellison • David Glaze Lina Marks • Nat Marks • Taylor Emerson Marks • Jim Meek • Carol Roman • Rick Rutherford Chryl Smith • Linda Wade

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) • Micheal Boone (son of Edna Boone)
Preston Brooks (Parishioner) • Todd Daniels (nephew of Jan Hamilton)
Gregory DuBow (husband of Kristi James DuBow)
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 Penny Hansen) • Joshua Russo, husband of Claire Russo

Those serving in the military who have died

Sgt. Leandro A.S. Jasso, 25, from Leavenworth, WA died 11/24/18, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan

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!*

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am interested in learni	ng 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)	

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