WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021

4:55 PM GATHER

5:00 PM
CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

Rector
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Deacon
The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music
Jeff Kempskie

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

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To view the **parish calendar online**, go to our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

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Easter Sermon Series
The Many Directions of Reconciliation

What it means to become God's reconciliation in the world.

Because God's reconciliation is born out of the risen Christ, through whom God "reconcile[s] to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven" (Col. 1:20), God's reconciliation has many directions: Creator-ward, Self-ward, Other-ward, Creation-ward. God's reconciliation also moves us beyond the four principal directions towards the powers and principalities of this world, calling us to become God's reconciliation Margins-ward and Center-ward. In this season of resurrection, what does it look like for us to become God's reconciliation within ourselves, between our neighbors, across creation, under the bridges and in the shadow of the Capitol? **Featuring The Rev. Mark Andrew Jefferson, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Homiletics (Preaching) and the Associate Director of the Deep Calls to Deep Preaching Program at Virginia Theological Seminary:***

April 11	Michele:	What does it mean to be God's reconciliation
April 18	Patricia:	Reconciliation Self-ward - the starting point
April 25	Cindy:	Reconciliation Otherward - bringing the flock together.
May 2	Joe:	Reconciliation Creation-ward, reconnecting the vines to the branches to bear the fruit of creation.
May 9	*Mark Jefferson:	Reconciliation Margin-ward: How do we become?
May 16	Michele:	What is the way we need to lean into to have Reconciliation?

The Butterfly Cross was created by the children of the Parish for Easter Season 2017. It is a representation of our donation of living plants to help pollinators have a more livable habitat.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A period of silence is observed.

THE COLLECT

The risen One be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

THE GOSPEL John 17:6-19

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

SERMON The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

AFFIRMATION

We believe in God the Father:
from whom everyone in heaven and on earth has life and being.

We believe in God the Son:
Who has been raised through transforming love and lives now in our hearts through faith, and calls us to this same loving transformation in our own lives.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

A period of silence is observed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us lift our voices and pray,

Risen Christ,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings:

For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this earth that God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Christ,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
For those gather here in worship and prayer.

Risen Christ,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for all who have come back to worship,

that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Christ,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world,

that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Christ,
Hear our Prayer.
Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died:

Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers

Let us pray together:

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.
Amen

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen God be with you!
And also with you.

WELCOME & GREETING

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

To support the work of the church, make an online gift now or learn about the other ways to give.

Pledges to support the church in the future and online gifts can also be made through the St. Mark's website stmarks.net by choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loves us.

We lift an offertory plate acknowledging the online giving
and checks that have been mailed into the office this week.
We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets your sons and daughters free.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the enslaved walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for his coming again. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Most merciful Creator, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed in our service to you.

Help us, who are one in the fellowship of Christ, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Throughout the season of Easter we are using the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.

And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to 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 is 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

If you have bread and wine in your home you are welcome to consume it now. If you would like us to deliver a blessed communion wafer to you, please contact Michele@stmarks.net

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. 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: the Creator, Redeemer and, and Sanctifier, be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ, the risen one.
Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you feel a sense of connection as we share this time together online.
There are many other opportunities to get involved with St. Mark's, even remotely.

If you are a newcomer and want us to get to know you better, please fill out this form. If you have questions, you can also contact the staff listed on the last page.
We will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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Presider & Preacher The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you would like to join in one of our Community Liturgy Planning sessions, please contact our Rector, Michele Morgan, at michele@stmarks.net.

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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

St. Dunstan's Church, Bethesda
Seabury Resources for Aging
Friendship Terrace
St. Mary's Court
Collington Episcopal Life Care Community
Pray for all Seniors and their Ministries in the Church
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall (May 17)

Anglican Communion

Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea

Parish Prayer List

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