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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 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

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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?

Cover Image: Journey with Jesus by He Qi

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

A period of silence is observed.

THE GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

SERMON The Reverend Mark Jefferson

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

ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

(Joe) On September 15, 2019 I began serving as the Seminarian at St. Mark's. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.
My time as a student has ended and I am graduating and I publicly state that my tenure as the Seminarian of St. Mark's ends this day.

(Michele) Do you, the people of St. Mark's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?
We do.

Joe will briefly address the congregation.

(Michele) Let us pray:
O God, you have bound us together for a time as a seminarian and people to work for the advancement of your Holy Reign in this place: we give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry we have shared in these years now past.

We thank you for your mercy and forgiveness; when we have failed each other, give us likewise merciful and forgiving hearts. Help us to know your presence in one another, and guide us to a deeper life with you.

We thank you also for all those who have joined this community, in baptism, confirmation, or in attending as our friends and guests.

Now, we pray for your protection and guidance to those who leave and to those who stay. As students of Jesus, God-with-us, may we serve you and the world through lives of radical love.
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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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

Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg and Iglesia La Ascención
Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring
Church of the Ascension, Lexington Park
Ascension Day (May 13)
Pray for all mothers and those who have been as mothers to us.

Anglican Communion

The Diocese of Bujumbura – The
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