

Ministry Directory

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SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



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A MESSAGE FROM DEAN THOMASON

Friends,

Wonder, awe and gratitude are said to be spiritual attributes that help us orient to the Creator, and I believe that. The Church exists to provide touchstones and guideposts that enable us to hone our practices of wonder, awe, and gratitude, not only as we praise our Maker, but as we move about life on this earth, finding ways that allow us to celebrate and see the goodness that is all around us. This cathedral community embodies such a vocation with grace and good will. The ministries described herein bear witness to that truth. I marvel at the ways so many ministries find expression in this place, and my heart is overflowing with gratitude for all who choose to engage in ministry here. As St. Paul says, we are one Body, many parts, each with an important role in our life together.



When I arrived in 2012, I introduced what has become something of a Saint Mark's motto: *"Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here."* I am glad it has become integral to the identity and ethos of this congregation, and I delight in the ways we strive to embody that statement as a commitment to one another and all whom we welcome in God's name here.

The purpose of this Ministry Directory is both to inform you about all that is happening in the cathedral community at this moment in time, as well as to spark new ideas for fresh and vital ways that we shape our common life, seeking and serving Christ in one another, striving for justice and peace, and respecting the dignity of every human being. I hope you will engage in ministries for which you have passion or interest. We are glad you are here.



The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason, DEAN & RECTOR

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VESTRY

The Vestry oversees and stewards the cathedral's finances, facilities and grounds. Membership is comprised of the Dean, the Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, elected lay parishioners, and Diocesan members who serve from other parishes. Together, they strive to model faithful leadership to prayerfully respond and connect to the ministries of the cathedral community. Elected lay members serve three-year terms. Wardens work alongside the Dean to provide leadership to the Vestry and parish.

Greg Hamm, Senior Warden
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to provide support, advice, and guidance that assists the Vestry in maintaining effective administration of the accounting and financial operations of the Cathedral. The committee monitors and maintains accounting systems to assure the Vestry and the Parish that the funds and designated gifts, collected and disbursed, are appropriate and in accordance with the policies of the Vestry, standard accounting practices, and gift restrictions. The Finance Committee is advisory only and does not exercise the authority of the Vestry in the management of the Cathedral or Cathedral funds.

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FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee works with Cathedral staff on matters of repair, restoration and preservation of the Cathedral, Cathedral House, Leffler House, the Carriage House, the Deanery and the Cathedral grounds. When necessary, it makes recommendations to the Vestry on project funding.

Julia Logan, Junior Warden for Facilities
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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

The Stewardship Ministry seeks to foster a countercultural view of giving—all we have been given comes from God, and we hold it lightly and with consideration of our neighbor. The committee plans and implements the annual fall stewardship campaign by adopting a supporting theme, developing written materials and visual displays expressive of that theme, and selecting speakers to share their ministries and gratitude with the parish. Gratitude is a central focus of the ministry and is celebrated through showcasing and displaying the many contributions of time, treasure, talent, and gifts of our generous and faithful stewards. Helpful skills include: knowledge of and interaction with fellow parishioners, ability to take minutes or write simple gratitude exercises, and an interest in coordinating with staff on our audio-visual displays and communications.

Peter Snyder, Junior Warden for Stewardship
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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & SYSTEMIC CHANGE COUNCIL

The work of the Restorative Justice & Systemic Change Council is formed out of a prayerful reflection of Saint Mark's *Statement of Lament and Commitment to Action*. The Council supports specific justice ministry programs but also seeks to nurture a culture in the Parish where all are encouraged and equipped to live out the call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God in their specific lives. Guided by a commitment to be in relationship with rather than simply supply needs for we seek to heal what is broken, restore what is lost, and foster the possibility of transformation for those we serve and ourselves as well.

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INTERGENERATIONAL COUNCIL

The Intergenerational Council consists of Saint Mark's community members ranging from youth to elders who gather to examine the cathedral's activities and policies from a range of generational perspectives, and to envision ways of being Church in today's world. Through intentionally intergenerational programming, small group gatherings, and innovative ways to incorporate those new to Saint Mark's, the council aims to foster spiritual growth and nourishing relationships among members of the cathedral, as we seek to become Beloved Community.

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CREATION CARE MINISTRY

The Creation Care Ministry at Saint Mark's Cathedral strives to faithfully address the crisis of climate change. As stewards of God's creation, we work with the Saint Mark's and broader world communities to educate ourselves and take action together to preserve our shared planet and sustain life for the generations to come. Our goal is for the cathedral building and collective congregation to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030. We recognize our commitment as a unique opportunity and responsibility in our time to address the many social justice issues tied to the climate crisis. And through engaging in collective action that makes an effective impact, we will grow into the joy of transcending our fears and sense of powerlessness around the issue of climate change. Our ministry usually meets on third Tuesdays in person and on zoom.

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MEAL SHARING MINISTRY

The Meal Sharing Ministry is committed to providing nutritious meals and warm hospitality to our fellow neighbors in Seattle who are homeless/hungry. We prepare and serve meals regularly for three ongoing programs: dinner monthly for men aged 50+ who are currently living at St. Martin de Porres shelter, breakfast monthly to those in need in our community through First Covenant Church's Community Breakfast, and dinner bi-monthly for homeless youth through Teen Feed. We also respond to other needs in the community, including weekly Sunday dinners for residents of Tent City when they stay with us on the Cathedral grounds. We welcome everyone's participation! No special cooking skills are required.

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HUNGER OFFERING

Once per month on the second Sunday, a group of Hunger Ministry workers person a table in the back of the sanctuary, collecting funds to support a number of entities that serve those suffering food insecurity in Seattle.

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LOWELL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

This ministry seeks to provide a range of support to our neighboring public school which serves a diverse population of students and families. This includes diversity of home languages, ethnicity, special needs and housing security. Support at community events, individual tutoring, Staff Appreciation Week, Alternative Gifts during the holiday season, as well as on-line giving, are some of the opportunities to enter into an on-going partnership.

Cherie Bradshaw

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photo by Liz Bartenstein

2017 Prayer & Procession for Families at the Border

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TEAM

Saint Mark's Volunteers have been working with the local Seattle/King County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity and participating in national and international building projects for over 25 years. Recently, the Saint Mark's Habitat crew has also been assisting in projects on the cathedral grounds.

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INDIGENOUS JUSTICE

As part of the cathedral's commitment to restorative justice and systemic change, the community of Saint Mark's offers education on issues of Indigenous justice, invites special guests, including prominent Indigenous voices within the Episcopal Church, and supports the Duwamish Tribe through their Real Rent program. All gatherings at Saint Mark's begin with a Land Acknowledgment, recognizing the Duwamish people as the first people of Seattle, and the Coast Salish tribes as the first people of this region.

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SANCTUARY/REFUGEE MINISTRY

For three years the cathedral housed Jaime Rubio and his family on its property in order to avoid an unjust deportation and family separation. This came about through participation in the regional Sanctuary Network, a coalition of faith communities working together to accompany immigrants in situations like his. In more recent years, Saint Mark's has housed several refugee families newly-arrived to Seattle from Afghanistan. This ministry is not currently active, but Saint Mark's remains ready to help when the need arises.

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FAITH FORMATION AT SAINT MARK'S

The Episcopal Church's Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation says that *"Christian formation is the lifelong process of growing in relationship with God, self, others and all creation. In this process, we are transformed into the people God wants us to be."*

At Saint Mark's, we recognize and celebrate that we are formed as Christians in a variety of ways both formal and informal, active and reflective, educational and experiential.

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SUNDAY FORUM

Sunday Forums foster relationships within the Saint Mark's community, provide an opportunity to meet distinguished guests, or draw us into a deeper consideration of an element of the Christian faith and life.

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CATHEDRAL COMMONS

Saint Mark's offers a variety of formation opportunities on Wednesday evenings. These offerings are known as *Cathedral Commons*, since they provide a space in which the cathedral community can come together to share, learn, and grow. The evening begins with a Community Dinner served in Bloedel Hall, 6–6:30 p.m. (Due to food safety requirements, food service must end at 6:30 p.m. sharp.) Cost: \$6/child; \$8/adult; \$25/max. family. A presentation or forum then frequently follows the Wednesday dinner, 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Many of these offerings are hybrid events, with a full experience available both to those gathered in person in Bloedel Hall, and to those joining from home online. Others are offered online via Zoom only, and some are offered only in person.

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SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP

Saint Mark's Book Group meets the second Sunday of odd-numbered months to share our enthusiasm for books we love and to get introduced to books we might not have chosen on our own. We read both fiction and non-fiction books that we hope will expand our worldview, our knowledge of our own history and culture and, perhaps, will even make us wiser about ourselves. Sometimes an expert in the subject joins the discussion. All are welcome to participate.

Pearl McElheran
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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study provides a weekly conversation around the scripture readings for the following Sunday. The group meets online via Zoom only, 12–1:15 p.m. for study and prayer over the lectionary. Join early at 11:30 a.m. for social time and chat.

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THE INQUIRERS' CLASS

This four-week series offered in fall and winter is facilitated by clergy and canons and explores the basics of the Christian faith through the lens of the Episcopal Church. Whether you are new to Saint Mark's or simply interested in sharing and learning, we welcome your participation. After completing the series, many people decide to receive the sacrament of baptism or are confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Attendees are strongly encouraged to attend all four sessions.

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THE RADIX PROJECT

Saint Mark's launched *The Radix Project: Small Groups/Deep Roots* in January 2020. It was conceived as an opportunity to gather in small groups of 8–12 participants with a threefold focus: reflecting together on Holy Scripture and sacred art, sharing personal stories, and praying for one another with intention. Every Radix series begins with an opening plenary presentation which introduces the theme. Each group is guided by a facilitator and meets for 90 minutes, once a week for six weeks. Some groups meet in person, while others meet only online. Radix group members are both local and far-flung, and do not need to be otherwise connected to Saint Mark's to participate.

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SACRED GROUND

Sacred Ground is an intense, small-group learning cohort which meets over 13 sessions, built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. It is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day.

Heather Millar
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EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

Do you want to go deeper into your faith in an intentional, ongoing way? Do you want to form lasting connections with others who also seek that deepening of their spiritual life? Consider registering for Education for Ministry (EfM), the Episcopal Church's most in-depth adult Christian education course. Study the Bible, history, and theology, as well as connect faith and life experiences through theological reflection. EfM is a program of The University of the South's School of Theology in Sewanee. Admission requires a solid commitment to attend the weekly seminars and to spend between two and four hours in study and preparation weekly during the academic year (September–June). It is a four-year program, but students commit to one year at a time. Each class is limited to 12 people. EfM is also available online for students who are not able to attend the weekly seminars. Two different classes meet weekly September to June at Saint Mark's: Mondays, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m., and Mondays, 6–8 p.m. Please inquire by contacting class mentors.

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Monday Evening:

Wayne Duncan & Peter Snyder

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CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY & ACTION

Our life in Christ is grounded in community and mutuality, and we need companions along the way as we seek to deepen our relationships with God, others, self and creation. Drawing on tried-and-true monastic rhythms of prayer and service, Saint Mark's is launching a new venture in Fall 2024 inviting individuals who seek to go deeper in their spiritual practices to form intentional community. Participants will form mutual commitments to daily prayer, regular gatherings for worship and spiritual formation, occasional retreats, and spiritual direction—all of which informs our service in the world, which in turn informs our prayer life. Leffler House on the Cathedral campus will serve as base camp for The Center for Spirituality and Action.

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THE WISDOM SCHOOL AT SAINT MARK'S

The mission of the Wisdom School is to offer a balanced path for spiritual transformation grounded in prayer and practice, drawing on the Christian contemplative tradition while respecting the diversity of experiences born from contemplative practices of other traditions. Since its launch in 2016 hundreds of people have participated in a variety of offerings including guided retreats, wisdom practice days, workshops and forums, and seasonal contemplative offerings. The space for reasoned discourse, lifelong learning, and spiritual renewal is held sacred for all seekers, whether they worship at the cathedral or not

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CHILDREN & YOUTH AT SAINT MARK'S

"Children and youth are not the future of the church, they are the church right now! Saint Mark's embraces the inclusion of children and youth into various ministries of the church, and offers engaging, enriching age-group specific opportunities.

—Canon Wendy Claire Barrie
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The Pageant of the Nativity

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel is offered each Sunday at the 9 a.m. service. Children in preschool through second grade are invited to join the Gospel procession around the Deacon as the Gospel is proclaimed. Then they process to Thomsen Chapel for the Gospel story in a developmentally appropriate telling, singing, and prayer. They return to their families at the Peace. Younger children may attend accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

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GODLY PLAY

Between services on Sunday mornings, we create space for children from preschool through elementary school (age 3 up to 5th grade) to deeply experience the texts and stories of the Bible that make us Christian people and form our faith, and also to grow in community with each other and caring adults. Using steadfastly non-digital modalities, we tell the stories and then make space for the children to make the stories their own for life

by using the materials or art to expand, retell, and experience the stories in their own ways. For example, it's magical to watch children self-organize to collectively create a "crucifixion and Easter-scape" by finding and arranging materials from the room to arrange in a box of sand to exemplify all of Holy Week! We use the Godly Play curriculum. Class sessions are held generally on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month during the school year.

Rebecca Engrav
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YOUTH GROUP

The Youth of Saint Mark's play, worship, learn, serve, and eat together. Guest speakers, service projects, outdoor activities, retreats, classes, liturgical leadership and inter-generational participation offer the youth many ways to connect with each other and the cathedral community. Deep thoughts, loving spirits and holy silliness are all present when the youth gather.

Rebekah Gilmore
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LITURGY AT SAINT MARK'S

"Christian worship is never a solitary undertaking. Both on its visible and invisible sides, it has a thoroughly social and organic character. The worshiper, however lonely in appearance, comes before God as a member of a great family; part of the Communion of Saints, living and dead. His own small effort of adoration is offered 'in and for all'."

—Evelyn Underhill

Every member of the assembly gathered for worship is a minister of the liturgy. Each Sunday some people are assigned to particular roles within the context of our worship. We welcome your exploration of any ministries listed here.

—Michael Seewer,

CATHEDRAL SACRISTAN & HEAD VERGER
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WORSHIP & PRAYER COMMITTEE

The Worship and Prayer Standing Committee of the Saint Mark's Vestry meets several times a year to discuss liturgy and prayer at the cathedral, as part of a strategy driven by the community's Mutual Ministry Goals. All are welcome to participate. There are frequently articles and resources distributed in advance to be discussed during the meeting. These meetings are held on Zoom.

Michael Seewer
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ALTAR GUILD

Altar guild members help prepare the community's Eucharistic meal by setting up bread, wine, vessels, linens and the altar table, assisting the presiding team during the service and caring for the vessels and linens afterwards. Altar guild is open to adults, and members serve approximately once every 3–4 weeks.

James Davidson
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GREETERS

The purpose of this ministry is to welcome all who attend the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday services. We do this by saying "hello" and "welcome" to all who enter the church. We also provide the service leaflet and answer questions that may arise. We want everyone to feel welcome.

John Selberg
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USHERS

Ushers are indispensable at cathedral liturgies, ensuring that all who join us for worship are welcomed and assisted with any questions. Ushers serve at most Sunday liturgies and special services. Ushers also assist with the collection, communion flow, and other tasks during the service. Sunday morning teams serve approximately once a month. This ministry is open to everyone, including adults and youth.

9 a.m.: Don Sutkus | 11 a.m.: Michael Seewer
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EVENSONG USHERS

The monthly service of Choral Evensong attracts many guests and first-time visitors, and ushers are needed to welcome and orient them. You do not need to be a Sunday morning usher to serve in this important role at Evensong.

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HOSPITALITY/NEWCOMER MINISTRY

The Newcomers Ministry offers hospitality to all who come to Saint Mark's on their spiritual journey. We practice welcoming and inclusion by responding to all inquiries both online and from visitors cards at Sunday services; personally greeting and welcoming visitors who come to worship; hosting a monthly newcomers coffee; and following up with attendees to answer questions and help them get involved in various ministries and activities.

The Rev. Earl Grout
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COMPLINE HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Compline Hospitality Ministers are present during the Sunday evening Compline services to greet people, answer questions, and help ensure all attending compline feel welcomed. This ministry is open to all and is scheduled approximately once a month.

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VERGERS

Vergers are ministers who escort the choir and liturgical participants in processions of all kinds, from guiding a lector to the ambo, to leading the entire congregation on Palm Sunday, and everything in between. They are also ministers of hospitality, identifying people in the congregation who need special assistance.

Michael Seewer
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ACOLYTES

Acolytes are ministers who assist with various liturgical processions by carrying the cross, torches, banners, incense, or other items. This ministry is open to everyone, is ideal for youth and young adults, and is scheduled approximately every 3–4 weeks.

Alexandra Thompson
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LECTORS

Lectors proclaim God's word at our various liturgies by reading lessons from scripture, and they lead the assembly's prayers and intercessions at Sunday morning and other services. Open to adults, teenagers, and younger children, all of whom receive training.

Carrie Kahler
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OBLATION BEARERS

During Sunday morning Eucharists, members of the community or an entire family assist the ushers by bringing forward the gifts of bread and wine that we offer to God at the Offertory. Even very young children can help with this important liturgical role.

Michael Perera
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CHALICE BEARERS

Chalice bearers are trained and licensed ministers who offer the hospitality of God's Table as they serve the wine during services of Holy Communion. Open to those 16 years or older.

Hannah Hochkeppel
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SUNDAY EVENING CHALICE BEARERS

Sunday evening sacristans, as trained chalice bearers, support the 7 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist service by setting up, hosting, and serving during the liturgy, and cleaning up afterwards.

Hannah Hochkeppel
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BREAD BAKER GUILD

The Eucharistic Bread Bakers provide bread for the Sunday morning Services as well as special feast days and memorials that take place in the Cathedral space. Bread is prepared in Bloedel kitchen once a month by a dedicated group of volunteers who are committed to this ministry.

René Marceau
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FLOWER MINISTRY

Members of the Flower Ministry create the nave and chapel arrangements, and in doing so, give back a gift of beauty to the One who created us. The ministry works in teams that serve monthly—all skill/experience levels are welcome.

Beatrix Roemheld-Hamm
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EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Consecrated bread and wine are entrusted to Eucharistic visitors are licensed ministers entrusted to bring the sacrament of Holy Communion to members of the community who are sick or otherwise unable to attend services in person. This ministry is open to adults, requires special licensing and training, and is scheduled periodically as Eucharistic visits are requested. If you would like Holy Communion brought to you, please call the cathedral at 206.323.0300.

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ALL SAINTS GUILD

We provide hospitality and direction for those participating in and attending funerals and celebrations of life at St Mark's. We function under the direction of Michael Seewer, recruiting the requested number of ushers dependent on expected attendance and activities in the service.

Kathy Sodergren
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PRAYER CHAIN

The Saint Mark's prayer chain holds the community and its concerns in consistent prayer. When anyone requests prayer by emailing one of the priests or prayers@saintmarks.org, their needs are communicated to over one hundred members who pray each in their own way for healing, comfort, or whatever is needed. The prayer chain is available to anyone who desires this support, whether they are members of Saint Mark's or not. Contact Canon Weyls to be added to the list.

The Rev. Canon Rich Weyls
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CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Most Tuesday evenings, we gather at Saint Mark's for an hour of centering prayer and discussion. This time is open to anyone who yearns for a richer spiritual life—whether you meditate regularly and want to practice with others or you're curious and looking for support. And especially if you think you can't meditate because your life is too hectic or your mind won't shut up or you tried it and it "didn't work." Come, sit. There's no such thing as not being able to meditate. Whatever happens happens. All are welcome. And over time, it will change you.

Phil Fox Rose
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DAILY OFFICE

Lay readers from Seattle-area congregations including the cathedral lead a spoken service of daily prayer following the form of the Book of Common Prayer 1979, online via Zoom only, every weekday evening at 6 p.m. St. Paul's Seattle offers online Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m., Monday–Friday, and members of the cathedral community are encouraged to attend. At 7 a.m. on Thursdays, There is an in-person service of Holy Eucharist (1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays) OR an online prayer service (2nd and 4th Thursdays). Fellowship and a community breakfast follow the in-person liturgy.

Michael Seewer
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TAIZÉ PRAYER

Taizé Prayer services occur seasonally at Saint Mark's. These contemplative prayer services are comprised of silence and song, candlelight and stillness, prayer and meditation. Volunteers contribute in a variety of roles: musician (vocalist, instrumentalist), reader, usher, livestream, and sound. Visit our Taizé webpage for more information about this ministry.

David Poortinga & Michael Seewer
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LABYRINTH MINISTRY

The outdoor labyrinth in front of the cathedral is available at any time, 24 hours a day, for a prayerful meditation walk, an a smaller labyrinth is available in Compline Corner when the cathedral is open. Each New Year's Eve since 1999, a giant labyrinth is laid in the nave—Seattle's most peaceful New Year's tradition. These are all opportunities to experience the peace, the quiet, and the balance that the labyrinth path can bring.

Judy Andrews
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SENIOR LIVING CENTER EUCHARISTS

Saint Mark's priests partner with clergy from Epiphany, St. Clement's, St. Paul's, and Trinity to offer monthly Eucharists at Skyline, Horizon House, and Mirabella. These services draw both Saint Mark's members who live in these senior living communities as well as other Episcopalians and spiritual seekers. This nurtures bonds of affection and community with members who find it difficult to attend church on Sunday morning.

The Rev. Canon Rich Weyls
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The Evensong Choir

MUSIC AT SAINT MARK'S

Sharing God's gift of music is an essential part of the worship life of Saint Mark's Cathedral. Building upon a long-standing tradition of excellence, the cathedral offers opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in this vital ministry.

Michael Kleinschmidt, CANON MUSICIAN
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THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

This choir of 40–50 skilled volunteers sings most Sunday mornings at the 11 a.m. service, in addition to a wide range of festival services, and rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings between September and early June. Its repertoire spans over eight centuries of the finest liturgical music, from Gregorian chant to world premiere compositions. Admission to this group is by audition.

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SAINT MARK'S SINGERS

This is a group of 20–30 dedicated singers who provide music for the 9 a.m. service on Sundays, September through mid-June. The choir rehearses on two consecutive Wednesday evenings per month, and on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. Their repertoire ranges from Mozart to more contemporary styles including gospel and folksong. All who love to sing and want to learn more about liturgical music are welcome to join the choir. While no formal audition is required, a brief meeting with the Canon for Cathedral Music is required for admission to this group.

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THE EVENSONG CHOIR

This ensemble consists of advanced Choristers and members of the Schola of the Choir School, plus 12–20 auditioned adult singers. They offer Choral Evensong in the English Cathedral tradition on the first Sunday of the month at 4:30 p.m. (October through June) and sing occasional special liturgies at Christmas and in Holy Week. In the summers of 2018 and 2022, this choir served as Choir in Residence for a week each in Saint Paul's Cathedral, London, and Chichester, Ely, and Bristol Cathedrals. Note: The adult singers of

the Evensong Choir are required to also be members of Saint Mark's Cathedral Choir or Compline Choir or be professionally engaged as singers or directors in other churches on Sunday mornings.

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CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

The choristers of the Saint Mark's Choir School (K-12) aspire to learn, to lead and to inspire through their work as liturgical ministers. The curriculum emphasizes well-rounded musicianship and lifelong growth in music and faith; music theory along with vocal and ear training; and ministry through liturgical leadership and community service. No audition is required for children, ages 5-13 to participate in the Choir School. Changed voice boys and high school singers new to the program are asked to attend a meet and greet with Ms. Gilmore prior to admission into the high school Schola.

Rebekah Gilmore
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THE COMPLINE CHOIR

Since 1956, The Compline Choir, has sought to express musically a concern for the nurture and care of the soul. The Compline Choir sings the office for which it is named every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. In addition, the Choir records sacred music for men's voices, promotes musical forms of worship, and ministers to the spiritual needs of the community. Membership is by audition.

Dr. Jason Anderson
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THE WOMEN'S COMPLINE CHOIR

The Women's Compline Choir, founded in 2019, gathers to chant the office of Compline several times each year, usually in the summer months. Membership is by audition.

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SAINT MARK'S MUSIC SERIES

Saint Mark's presents two music series each year, a main concert series of 6-7 concerts exploring sacred music for organ, chorus, and chamber music in St. Mark's nave and Thomsen chapel, and Organ by Night, featuring a short performance on the Flentrop organ each third Sunday of the month after Compline.

Laura Loge
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20s/30s GROUP

The 20s/30s group is a vibrant community and vital to the life of Saint Mark's. Young adults gather regularly to share in food, fellowship, prayer, and conversation. Events and activities integrate community, formation, justice, and play.

Julia Cooper & Hilary McLeland-Wieser
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40s/50s GROUP

This ministry group offers opportunities to gather in fellowship and community with adults in their 40s/50s.

Kristine Ekman
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THIRD ACTERS (RETIREES)

Third Actors is for anyone age 60 and over. Our goal is to build a community as we enter the "Third Act," of our life cycle. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 3pm on Zoom, and we also offer in-person potlucks on various Sundays after the 11 a.m. service. We support activities that build community such as walks, social activism, and just plain fun.

Elizabeth Clark-Stern
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CATHEDRAL YOGA

In the sacred space of Saint Mark's Cathedral, this spiritual practice is designed to improve health, release tension, and deepen spirituality. It is a gentle, restorative, and contemplative practice. The instructors guide the group in ways that welcome newcomers and experienced practitioners alike. Pay what you can. Bring your own mat, although if you do not have one, sanitized mats are available.

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QUEER IN CHRIST (QuiC)

Launched in the spring of 2023, QuiC seeks (1) to connect queer people, allies, and families at Saint Mark's with each other and with resources both inside and outside the church, (2) to increase the visibility of queer people in all areas of ministry at the cathedral, (3) to create opportunities to explore and learn together in ways that are intergenerational, intersectional, and theologically grounded, including special liturgical offerings, and (4) to honor the unity and diversity of the Body of Christ in the hope of continuing to heal its wounds.

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BEEKEEPING MINISTRY

For several years, Saint Mark's has kept hives of honeybees on the rooftop of the Cathedral House and elsewhere on the cathedral grounds. Leaders have obtained apprentice certification from the Washington State Master Beekeepers Association, and we are ready to educate any interested community members who wish to participate!

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GARDENING MINISTRY

The garden volunteers meet to work on the second Saturday of the month 9 a.m. – noon, from February through November, planting, weeding, composting and making our campus beautiful. Prior gardening experience is not required, only enthusiasm! Bring a water bottle and gloves if you have them.

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GREENBELT GROUP

Our Greenbelt Ministry aspires to encourage our congregation to become more deeply acquainted and involved with the Saint Mark's Greenbelt. It is managed under a Conservation Agreement, signed in 1996 by the City of Seattle and Saint Mark's. While Saint Mark's owns the land, the city is ultimately responsible for maintaining, enhancing and restoring the forest. Greenbelt stewards lead spring and fall work parties with members from our congregation and the community. Look for new ways to experience and learn about the trees, plants, and birds in this beautiful forest.

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QUILT MINISTRY

Saint Mark's Quilt Ministry grew out of a parish/diocesan project to make 90 quilts for rooms at Canaday House, a supportive housing facility named to honor a late parishioner. A small group continued to meet and became part of the Pastoral Care Network. We make quilts for parishioners in times of illness or transition, blessing quilts for staff or parish family departures, small blankets for parish newborns and their slightly older siblings, and other occasions as determined by clergy. We meet on the third Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. We gather in community to sew and finish quilts and other projects, share stories and enjoy a potluck lunch. We have sewing machines available. You are welcome if you don't sew or quilt. There are tasks you can easily learn to help with ministry projects.

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MINISTRY OF WORSTED WOOL

The Ministry of Worsted Wool is a ministry of faith enrichment as your knitting and crocheting talents contribute to our parish and the wider community. Our major needlecraft emphasis is on making prayer shawls, baby blankets for the Refugee Resettlement Office, and watch caps for the Seafarers. We meet on the first Friday of the month, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m., for a brown bag lunch while our needles and crochet hooks continue to work our yarn. All levels of skill are welcome!

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VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY

The Visual Arts Ministry seeks to create ongoing opportunities for members of our larger community to engage with the visual arts as a medium to explore our diverse relationships to the divine and to one another. Recent exhibits have included Peter Boome's paintings and lithographs, Virginia Maksymowicz's stunning *Stations of the Cross*, the landmark exhibition of work by 31 female artists from the Middle East titled *I AM*, and several shows in the intimate Hallway Gallery in Cathedral House.

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WRITERS' GROUP

Saint Mark's Writers' Group is for everyone interested in writing. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom. Our goal is to build a ministry of writers who support each other, share our work, share ideas, and offer salons and workshops for the congregation and our community.

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COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Ministry Team oversees the cathedral's website, social media presence, email communications, livestreamed liturgies and events, videos, print publications (such as informational brochures and *The Rubric*), signage, and overall visual identity and branding strategy. The committee is always seeking volunteers to help expand this important work.

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A/V MINISTRY

The Audio Visual Ministry supports and helps further the reach of other important ministries at Saint Marks, including Liturgies, Music, Wisdom School and others. A dedicated team oversees and operates cameras, computers and sound equipment in both the cathedral nave and Bloedel Hall. If you are interested in learning, or have experience with A/V technology, sound mixing, or operating cameras, we encourage you to get involved.

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OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Office volunteers spend a few hours each week at the reception desk of the cathedral offices. They are often the first welcome that visitors to the cathedral receive. Other responsibilities include answering the main phone line and directing calls, and other office tasks as needed.

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COUNTERS

The Counters meet weekly to verify the gifts from the offering plate and other donations to the cathedral. The group shares fellowship while providing an important service to the cathedral's functioning.

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Medical Equipment Resource Center has items such as wheelchairs, walkers (two- and four-wheeled), crutches, canes, etc., available for use at no cost. We welcome donations of clean equipment in good working order. The group also restocks first aid boxes located throughout the campus.

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PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Saint Mark's clergy are glad to offer individual pastoral appointments in person, by phone, or over Zoom, whatever life issues or questions are on your mind. Administration of sacraments including anointing and confession is also available. For **non-urgent** pastoral messages, please call the cathedral office (206.323.0300) or email one of the clergy directly.

The best way to contact a priest **after hours** for urgent concerns (e.g. emergency hospitalization, serious injury, etc.) is by calling or texting them on their personal cell phones. These numbers are readily available to all parishioners via the Parish Directory (accessible via a link in the upper right of the cathedral website) or the *ChurchLife* mobile app.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & AL-ANON

Weekly 12-step meetings at the cathedral occur Monday afternoon (Al-Anon) and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings (A.A.). Check the cathedral calendar to learn more: saintmarks.org/events

CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA

The Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia was established in September 1995 as an independent, tax-exempt organization, and became affiliated with the Bishop's Office of the Diocese of Olympia in 2011. Its mission is to raise and manage capital and endowment funds to preserve and enhance the buildings and grounds of Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. For more information about the Foundation, visit saintmarks.org/foundation

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THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREATER SEATTLE

Saint Mark's Cathedral is an active member of The Church Council of Greater Seattle, which convenes and catalyzes communities and people of faith to bring spiritual commitments of love and reconciliation, peace and justice into the public square. The Church Council is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. With an active and engaged board and a small professional staff, augmented by interns, they bring faith communities and individuals together for the common good of humanity in order to know and understand each other and to eradicate the barriers and boundaries that divide and marginalize. Learn more at: thechurchcouncil.org



EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT (ERD)

ERD is The Episcopal Church's organization that responds to human suffering around the world. We provide emergency assistance after disasters, rebuild communities, and help children and families move out of poverty. More information can be found at: episcopalrelief.org

EARTH MINISTRY/WASHINGTON INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT

For 30 years, Earth Ministry/WAIPL has been a national leader in engaging the faith community in environmental stewardship and advocacy. The organization was founded in the 1980s at Saint Mark's Cathedral. Earth Ministry/WAIPL transforms faith into action for the well-being of communities and the environment, organizing people of faith to advocate for strong environmental policies and provide strategic guidance to religious communities working toward environmental justice: earthministry.org

FAITH ACTION NETWORK (FAN)

Faith Action Network is a statewide, multifait partnership striving for just, compassionate, and sustainable communities through courageous advocacy and public action. St. Marks is one of over 160 faith communities in Washington State that partner for the common good.

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MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Seattle Seafarers Center (Mission to Seafarers) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and is an ecumenical partnership between the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle, and the Northwest Washington Synod (ELCA). Our mission is to welcome and care for international seafarers in Puget Sound. The Center offers that care primarily through chaplaincy, advocacy, transportation, communication resources, shopping services, and "ditty bag" care packages.

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OPERATION NIGHTWATCH

Operation Nightwatch provides meals 365 nights a year, shelter, supportive housing, and street ministry to individuals living unhoused in Seattle. It grew out of the work of a pastor in the late 1960s to engage with people living on the street as equals deserving of dignity, and over the course of 50 years developed in to an organization helping hundreds each year. Saint Mark's relationship with Operation Nightwatch is currently developing. There are opportunities for Saint Mark's members to join a street ministry team, or to help with meals at their dispatch center in the International District. Contact Molly Bosch to learn more.

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THE THRESHOLD FUND

The Saint Mark's Cathedral Threshold Fund began as an initiative to help individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity by providing financial assistance with rental deposits and move-in costs, thereby lowering the financial barrier to safe, permanent housing. Since its launch in 2018, more than two hundred individuals and families have benefitted from Saint Mark's Threshold Fund. Qualified recipients typically receive first and last month's rent and security deposit— half as an outright gift, half as a loan to be repaid when they are able. Saint Mark's partners with Catholic Community Services (CCS) to administer the program, which includes case management to ensure those in need obtain the support services from which they will benefit. To date, more than \$100,000 has been provided through the Threshold Fund, all made possible by donations.

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THE PETER R. HALLOCK INSTITUTE

The Peter R. Hallock Institute, a diocesan ministry, oversees an archive of the music, papers, and ephemera of Peter R. Hallock and manages the assets of the Institute. The Institute creates editions of Hallock's unpublished works; advocates, publicizes, and broadens the audience for Hallock's music; and presents workshops and educational symposia focused on Hallock's music and liturgical innovations, including The Compline Choir.

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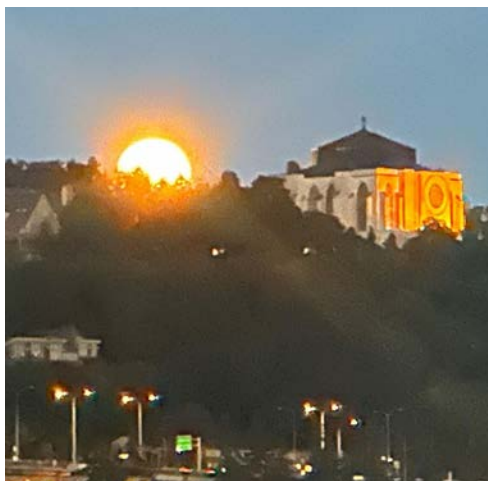


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BISHOP'S COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE & PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND OF THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA

The Episcopal Bishop's Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land (formerly the Episcopal Bishop's Committee for Israel/Palestine, or EBCIP) was established in 2000 to support the Episcopal parishes, hospitals, schools and other human service missions in the Diocese of Jerusalem. By means of education, advocacy and prayer, we are committed to supporting those living under military occupation in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, and to assisting them in their efforts to bring about a just and peaceful resolution of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. In 2023, Saint Mark's **Mideast Focus Ministry** made the decision to merge this ministry of the cathedral with the diocesan committee. Programs of education for peace and justice in the Middle East are now presented at the cathedral under the auspices of the Bishop's Committee.

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Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

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