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393 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Phone: 630-858-1020

8:30 & 10:30 AM

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Our Vision: Rooted in Baptism. Growing in Faith. Branching Out into the World.

This bulletin contains all the information you need to worship with us today. Learn more about St. Mark's Episcopal Church, our ministry and mission, the Diocese of Chicago, and the Episcopal Church in the United States by visiting our website at www.stmarksglenellyn.org.



PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER LIST

The parish prayer list is updated weekly, and names are always welcome to be added. If you or someone you know has a pastoral care need, St. Mark's is here to help.

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WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We'd like to get to know you!

We hope that you feel truly welcome and at home at St. Mark's.

Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew or scan the QR code to complete the "Visitors and Guests Form."



If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or ushers. You may also call the office at 630-858-1020, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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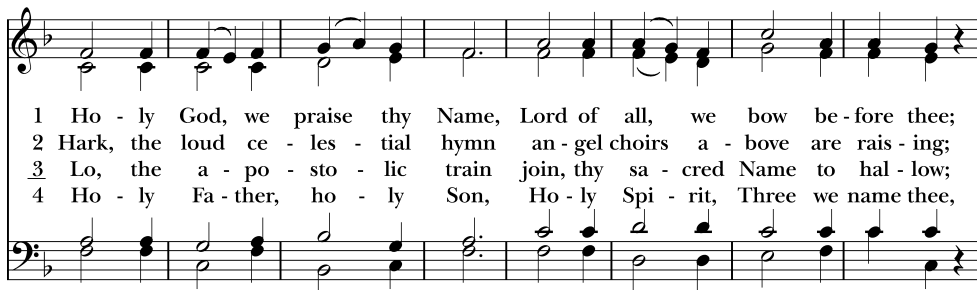
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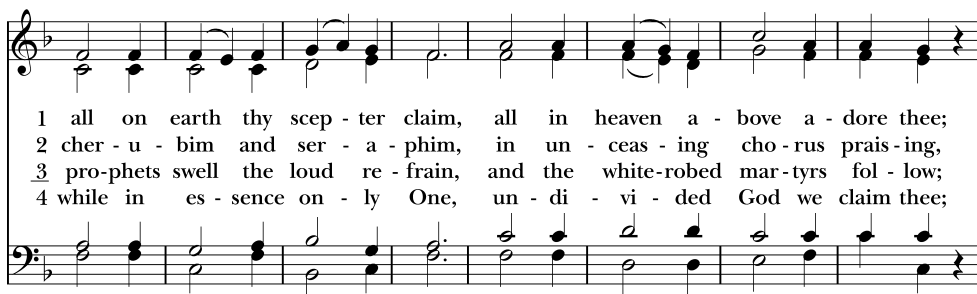
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ENTRANCE HYMN

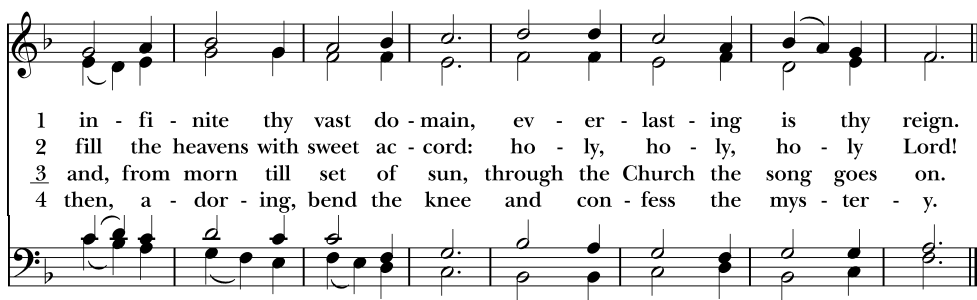
Hymnal 366



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT *for* PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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THE LITURGY *of* THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

8:30 AM SERVICE: proceed to page 6 for the Epistle and then to page 5 for the Psalm.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 119:129-136

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 129 Your decrees are /wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my /heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives /light; *
it gives understanding to the /simple.
131 I open my mouth and /pant; *
I long for your com/mandments.

132 Turn to me in /mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your /Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your /word; *
let no iniquity have dominion /over me.

134 Rescue me from those who op/press me, *
and I will keep your com/mandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your /servant *
and teach me your /statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of /tears, *
because people do not keep your /law.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Clergy
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Clergy
People

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

Seth Luna, *Director of Music Ministries*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Triune Love, Creator, Cherisher, and Sustainer of the Universe, you create all human beings in your image:

Bless us to reflect your love and your light to the whole world.

Grant that each of your children may recognize our interconnection and our need to serve and care for one another,

That through living in love, we may honor You as the Loving Source of all life.

We pray for all clergy and lay leaders within the Church;

That they may faithfully and humbly live into their callings to be instruments of your peace.

We pray for the nations of the world and all who govern and hold authority.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for awareness and appreciation of Indigenous peoples past and present, who for thousands of years lived, hunted, grew food, played, worshipped, and were buried on the land upon which we now worship and live;

That there may be wisdom, healing, and reconciliation.

Merciful and compassionate God, we repent of all the harm we have done to one another, and pray for the cessation of violence, war and genocide.

Grant that love may triumph over hate in our hearts and throughout the world.

Gracious and generous God, you have made a world that can sustain our need but not our greed.

Grant us the grace to take no more than we give and share with those in need, that poverty and excess may give way to full human flourishing.

Radiant and wondrous God, who lovingly made this beautiful, vulnerable world, we repent of all forms of materialism, exploitation, and pollution that poison our planet and cover the vibrancy of life with the dust of death.

Grant us the will and wisdom to nurture our planet to health and care for it with due reverence, that it may be home to countless generations to come.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, whom we name now silently or aloud.

Karen Nicholson, Matt, Azza and Yara, Joyce Hetzel, Chad Alcorn, Martha Sexauer, Jay Mueller, Terry Heschke, Elizabeth Mueller, Colin Valdivia, Pam Benning, Bella Cuttone, Daniel Ljubi, Avery, Brian Rogers, George Pliml, Ashley and Kevin, Gretchen Kenower, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Emily Resch, Tim Frawley, Jack Clinkman, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, John Mueller, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Donna Valkuchak, Michael Wagoner, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mark Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl García, Karol Pinzón, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Lucien Greesham, Cooper Stegen, Barbara Barajas, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grieff, Rachel Newlin, Danuta Wroblewska, Priscilla Meldrim, Tracy Smith, Mary Jane Malik, Sally Neuert, Alondra De Casas, Kaleb Tompkins, Estrella Pedroza, Gwen, Shirley Hoops, Pam Rojc, Aunt Diane, Joseph Strati, Zoila Via Gambini, Higinio Camarillo, Mallory Warman, Vicki

Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Shelley Hoffman, Mike McGrath, Shirley Shafer, Anne Shafer, Chris Kulawik, Jenn McFadden, Miguel Aguilar, Martha Torres, Tara Schoen, Carlos Ramirez, Anthony DeBorde, Nina Sol Del Angel, Frank Steele, Benjamin Burke, Karen Sahr, Nate Treleven and family, Mila Helene Eden, Zita Limeta Alejo, Yael Mijangos Limeta, Joanne East, George Powell, Ellen Mandel, Tony Kaye, Margaret Nolan, Katie Wood, Micah Yale, Kathleen Lootens, Ben Luna, Sue Peters, John Knepper, Katie Abernathy, Katie Valkuchak, Marilyn Stein, Mary Ann Mongolis, Tommy Kotsakis, John Goddard, Juan, Don and Jackie Jones, and Jake Smith.

The St. Mark's prayer list is continuously updated. Each person on the list is prayed for daily by members of the St. Mark's Prayer Provider Ministry. If you would like to add a name to this list, have an update for a person on the list or would like to know more about the Prayer Providers, please contact Carolyn Faivre at carolyn@drfaivre.com.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or be seated

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE OFFERING

Thank you for placing your offerings in the plate.
Offerings are also received with gratitude by QR code (on the left), by mail online
at www.stmarksglenellyn.org, or by texting STMCHURCH to 73256.

THE LITURGY *of* THE TABLE

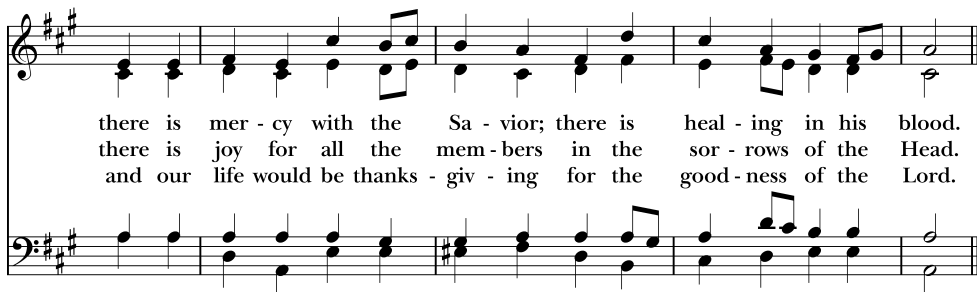
OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

Following the Offertory, the service continues with this blessing over the gifts

All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

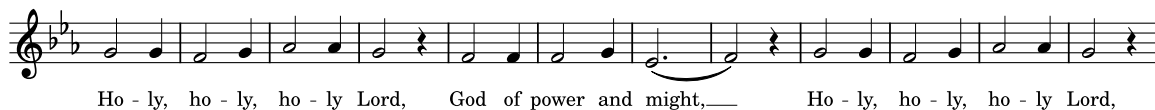
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S 130



God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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Please kneel or be seated.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

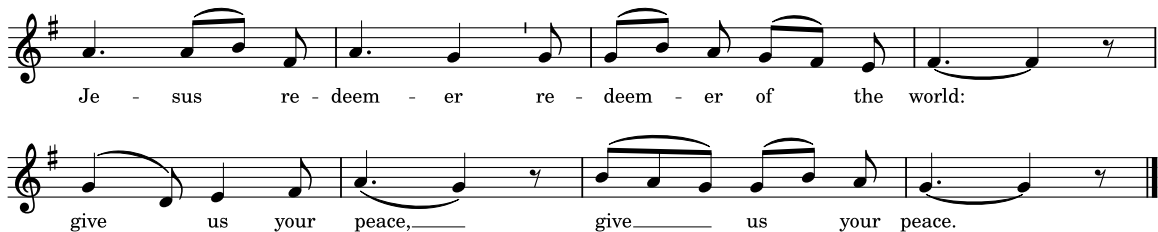
The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S 164





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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Join in one of the two lines to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available upon request.
Please dispose of the serving cup on the nearby tray.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this

Verses

one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew,	ser-vant or	
2. Man-y the gifts,	man-y the	
3. Grain for the fields,	scat-tered and	
	to Refrain	



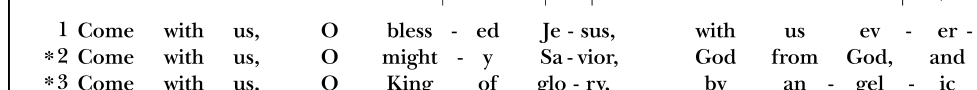
1. free, wom - an or man, no more.
 2. works, one in the Lord of all.
 3. grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.
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Hymnal 336



1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
 *2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
 *3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic



more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy



al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - them raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

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ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymnal 321: My God, thy table now is spread

Hymnal 315: Thou who at thy first Eucharist

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your servant(s), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 473

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Following the 8:30 service,
All are welcome to the narthex for coffee and to
the library for the St. Mark's Sunday Forum.

Following the 10:30 service,
All are welcome to Mahon Hall for coffee hour.

*The Altar flowers are given in celebration of Sue Mylander's
birthday by her husband Dick Mylander.*



The Sunday Altar Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one and for other special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries. The suggested donation is \$50. Please complete the "Altar Flowers" sign-up in the narthex or email the front desk at frontdesk@stmarksglenellyn.org and make your donation by check payable to St. Mark's or electronically using this QR code (select "Altar Flowers"):



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LOOKING AHEAD

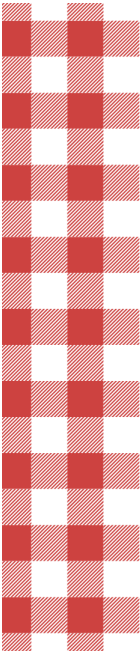
July

31	Fri	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Kane County Cougars Game/Youth Night
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August

1	Sat	12:00 – 1 pm	Meals to Go
5	Wed	Noon	Last Day Drop-off for School Supply Drive for Holy Family
5	Wed	12:00 – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
14	Fri	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Men's BBQ
15	Sat	9:30 am – 11 am	Car Wash Fundraiser
23	Sun	9:30 am – 3 pm	Kermés (A Fundraiser for St. Mark's)
25	Tues	7:30 – 9 pm	Sacred Ground Meeting
30	Sun	All Services	Kick Off Sunday & Backpack Blessing

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS




IT'S BBQ TIME!

Annual St. Mark's Men's BBQ
 Friday, August 14, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Father George's Home

Bring chips, salad, or dessert



Grow and Renew Narthex Project Update

We are all eagerly anticipating the new design and accessibility retrofitting of St. Mark's narthex. Many of you have asked: When will the construction get underway? We hope this answers some questions.

The architects, bailey edward, have completed their drawing and structural reviews. The permit application has been

submitted to and approved by the Village of Glen Ellyn. However, we're awaiting approval of the lift design, which has been sent to a third-party firm for review.

We have identified two general contractor candidates who are interested in our project: Core-Built Construction www.core-built.com and Sollitt Construction www.sollitt.com. bailey edward has worked extensively with both firms and will soon send them the bidding requirements. We should have their bids back at the end of July, allowing us to select the general contractor the first week of August.

Mobilization and site prep will start mid-August and will take about 3.5 months to complete. One of St. Mark's requirements for the general contractor is that we will have access to our sanctuary on Sundays through the front door. The tentative schedule for substantial completion is the week of November 16th. The picture is an artist's rendering from two years ago. We will be keeping our existing front door and the divider between the narthex and the sanctuary.

For any questions, concerns, etc., please contact David Dornblaser at (630) 215-7999 (text and voice) or at dornblaser@me.com.

The Lion of St. Mark

The sculpture currently located at the front of the altar was designed by Richard B. Rush and created with modeling material in 1966. Dick Rush (1916-2001) was a longtime parishioner of St. Mark's and the founder of Richard Rush Studio, a Chicago-based model company where he created permanent displays for the Shedd Aquarium, Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, and most notably, the dies from which the Presidential Seal is cast. Other work at St. Mark's by Dick Rush includes the wall mural outside the choir room, and the Stations of the Cross which are displayed in the church during Lent.



A winged lion is a traditional image for The Gospel of Mark from which St. Mark's is named. Based on the text of the Book of Revelation 4:7, each of the four Gospels is associated with one of the four living creatures around the heavenly throne: a lion (Mark); an ox (Luke), a human face (Matthew) and an eagle (John).

The history of the winged lion may be traced to the city of Venice and Mark the Evangelist, the city's patron saint. Venetian tradition states that when Mark was traveling through Europe, he arrived at a lagoon in Venice, where an angel appeared to him and said "Pax tibi Marce, evangelista meus. Hic requiescet corpus tuum." (May peace be with you, Mark, my evangelist. Here your body will rest.) This tradition was used as justification by Rustico da Torcello and Bon da Malamocco in 828 for stealing the remains of Mark from his grave in Alexandria and moving them to Venice, where they were eventually interred in the Basilica of St. Mark.

In his sculpture of the winged lion, Dick Rush has incorporated crosses and other religious motifs along with significant dates in the founding and building of St. Mark's Church in Glen Ellyn. It also includes an engraved panel added in 1996 listing rectors of St. Mark's from the first, Herbert. W. Prince in 1909, through the eighth, Raymond E. Cole.

MUSIC NOTES

Hymn Requests

Do you have a favorite hymn that you miss singing in church? For hymns not in our hymnal, we have permission to use music from many other hymnals. Some exclusions may apply. Send your hymn requests to Seth Luna at music@stmarksglenellyn.org.

Children's Choir returns in September

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:15 pm. The choir will sing about once a month in the 10:30 am service. We welcome all young literate children up through 6th grade. We are also looking for adult volunteers who have a love of children's music ministry. Contact Seth if you are interested at music@stmarksglenellyn.org.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Ground - St. Mark's Social Justice Group

Sacred Ground explores issues of Race, Justice, and Faith. All are welcome!

St. Mark's Sacred Ground Group is a continuation of a program developed by the National Episcopal Church to explore the intersection of race and faith. All are encouraged to join the journey this year as we increase our awareness and work to become agents of change in our church, our communities, and the world.

Tuesday, August 25 Monthly Meeting

Library

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Showing of *A Time for Burning*, an award winning 1966 documentary about the attempts of a white Lutheran pastor to partner with a black Lutheran church in racially divided Omaha.

Monday, Sept 14

Feature Documentary

Mahon Hall

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

My Omaha, a 2025 documentary by filmmaker Nick Beaulieu who explores the racial conflict in his hometown of Omaha while also attempting to reconcile with his terminally ill father.

Sunday, Sept 20

Nick Beaulieu Interview

Library

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join a Zoom interview with Nick Beaulieu, the filmmaker of *My Omaha*.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

The St. Mark's Sunday Forum
9:30 am – 10:20 am, Library
In person & on Zoom (483-170-780)



Today and August 9 - August 23
Summer Forum

Each week during the summer, St. Mark's Forum will gather in the St. Mark's Library or via Zoom to read the Gospel reading for that Sunday and explore the themes and meanings. Discussions will be led by Father George and others. No commitment or RSVP is required. Come when you are able or interested. Join us in community learning and sharing.

Next Sunday, August 2!! HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Learn more about the great work being done at Holy Family School. Dr. Natalie Johnson, Director of Teaching & Learning and Deanna Spencer, Head of Schools will offer a look inside the school and its faith-based education that is transforming the lives of many young people in Chicago. Each year, St. Markers have donated school supplies to Holy Family School. This is a great way to learn more about how those supplies are put to use!

For more information about the St. Mark's Forum, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

YOUTH NEWS

Coming in the Fall....

This fall we will partner with the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn (FCCGE) for weekly Wednesday night meetings of Voyage. Together we will...



Look Inward. Reach Outward. Journey Forward.

Confirmation 2026-2027

If you have a young person in your household entering 8th grade you should have received a letter and email inviting them to participate in Confirmation. Please let Joyce Fletcher know if your student wishes to participate or if you haven't received the correspondence.

Tuesday evening Teen Bible Study

Come to St. Mark's on Tuesdays from 5 – 6 p.m. for a teen-led Bible Study, meeting in the Teen Room (also known as Lehman Parlor). We're going to look at how to spread God's love as a teen. Bring your Bible if you have one. We'll have plenty on hand. Hope to see you there!

Summer Youth Events

Car Wash in St. Mark's Parking Lot — August 15, 9:30 am to 11 am

Bring your towels, sponge, and enthusiasm! We will raise money for the Glen Ellyn Walk-in Ministry while having fun washing cars.

For more information, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study! We are beginning Romans.

St. Mark's offers a Bible study led by Fr. George on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 am. We are at the beginning of Paul's Letter to the Romans.

The Zoom ID is: 483-170-780. This Bible study begins with people logging in between 9 am and 9:30 am. After check-in and conversation, we pray at 9:30 am and then read and discuss a chapter of the text. Questions? Please contact Fr. George at 630-858-1020, ext. 222 or by email at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org.

OUTREACH, OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

St. Mark's Meals to Go

Saturday, August 1, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

St. Mark's hosts a Meals to Go on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm to help those who are food insecure. Meals are made from scratch and will be available to pick up at St. Mark's at the Hillside entrance. Everyone is Welcome!

Meals to Go is a St. Mark's ministry relying on volunteers and food donors. We use SignUp Genius for people to volunteer. To sign up to be a volunteer or food donor, please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com or (630) 215-7999 (voice or text).



Support the Glen House Food Pantry

You may drop off your donations to Glen House Food Pantry at 55 N. Park Blvd., or you may bring them to St. Mark's. Put them in the shopping cart inside the library hallway, and we will make sure your donations get to the Food Pantry. Please mark "St. Mark's" on bags dropped off at St. Mark's and at the Pantry. If the bags are not marked, please tell people at the Pantry that it is from St. Mark's so they can weigh it. This helps us track our donations. Thank you!

Top Needs: Barbecue Sauce, Relish, Black Olives, Ketchup and Mustard, Mayonnaise, Chips and Pretzels, Coffee and Tea, Salt and Pepper.

Any questions, please contact Joyce Frawley, St. Mark's representative to the Food Pantry, at (630) 476-5655.



For more information on the many outreach efforts undertaken by St. Mark's, please contact Hester Bury at hesterbury@gmail.com

Memorial Reception Committee Needs Volunteers

Memorial Reception Committee volunteers bake/donate treats and provide service help during memorial receptions held at St. Mark's. **We are currently in need of volunteers for the August 8th memorial service of Charles Snider.**

- **Bakers:** Please bring 3 dozen treats. These can be dropped off in Room 204 anytime on Friday or Saturday before the 11 am service. Please label your containers if you want them returned. They will be washed and placed back in Room 204 for pickup after Sunday's services.
- **Servers:** We need to fill 2 time slots: 10 am to 1 pm and 12:30 pm to 3 pm

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming part of the committee, please contact Beth Quoss at bethquoss@hotmail.com or (630) 319-7812.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summer Sundays in the Anna's Garden @ 10:30 am

All children pre-K to 5th grade are welcome for a time of music and stories in the Anna Garden (On rain or heat days, meet in room 123).

Blessing of the Backpacks on August 30

All children are welcome to bring their school backpacks to St. Mark's for a blessing on kick off Sunday, August 30. The blessing will take place during all services, 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm.



Holy Family School Supply Drive:

4 Ways to Give



1. Bring supplies to St. Mark's.

Drop off in bins in Narthex.

2. Click [here](#) or on QR code at right to purchase supplies via Amazon and drop ship them directly to St. Mark's.



3. Donate via cash or check:
Mark on envelope or check that the donation is for Holy Family School.

4. Make a monetary donation via Realm online or use QR code here (pull down to Holy Family School):



Help Us Fill Backpacks/Needed Supplies

Backpacks

Crayons, Markers, Coloring Pencils

#2 Pencils and Medium-point Pens

Notebooks, Lined Paper, Folder

Gluesticks and Erasers

Child-Friendly Scissors

Wipes, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels



Why St. Mark's Supports the Holy Family School Supply Drive



Since 1985, Holy Family Ministries (“Holy Family” or “HFM”) has provided educational and spiritual nourishment to the under resourced neighborhoods on Chicago’s West Side. Motivated by a love for God and the children and families in some of the most systemically disinvested neighborhoods, we work to empower children’s greatest promise and potential through rigorous, Christ-centered education that equips them to excel academically, grow spiritually, expand life experiences, and become exceptional leaders through a faith-based approach.

Holy Family School is a fully-accredited private school that provides education grounded in Christian principles to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Each year, approximately 250 students are enrolled and are served by a dedicated team of teachers, administrators, and support staff.

Holy Family School has strong academics, a warm and welcoming environment, and a spiritual emphasis that goes beyond a rigorous curriculum.

- **Invested Families:** Families have “skin in the game,” paying a portion of tuition, attending seminars, and working toward the school’s “Parent Honor Roll.”
- **Faith-based School Culture:** Holy Family seeks to nurture students and help them embrace an understanding of God’s love and values that are foundational to all of life.
- **Enhanced STEM:** Holy Family places extra emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through a hands-on learning philosophy.
- **Social Emotional Learning and Counseling:** Beginning in preschool, students are equipped with skills and resources to help them process and overcome the hardships and traumas they often experience on Chicago’s West Side.
- **High School Placement:** Each year, nearly 100% of 8th graders are placed into competitive high schools in Chicagoland and beyond, putting them on a strong path to a college degree.