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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Out 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.

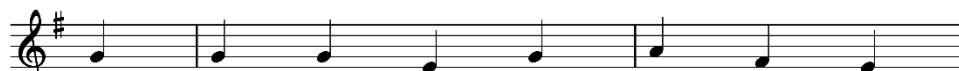
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OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the bell is rung

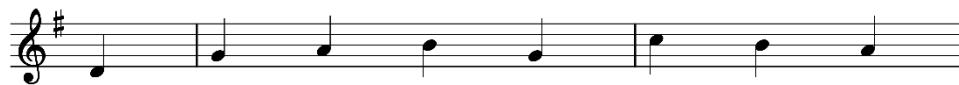
OPENING HYMN



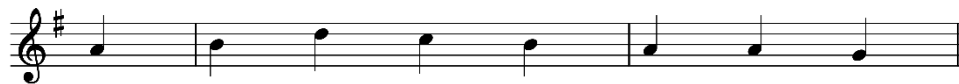
1. The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2. Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
3. A - bove him see the hea - venly Dove,
4. How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
5. O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,



and in the ri - ver shared our stain;
the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
to heal and save a race un - done!
go forth with you a world to win:



God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
that Christ, the Son of God, had come
now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power



and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.

The sinless one to Jordan came, #120 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: G. B. Timms (b. 1910), alt. From English Praise. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Breslau*, melody from Lochamer Gesangbuch, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

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

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

COLLECT *for* PURITY

The Officiant says

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Mass of St. Thomas | David Thorne

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks we_

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the

high - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, On - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take_ a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High,



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Clergy Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Clergy Continues
There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Clergy One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Verses in **bold** are sung by the congregation*

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the song, and the second system contains the next two lines. Each line is written for a vocal part (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment. The piano part is written in treble and bass clefs. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and catchy, with a clear refrain. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you /gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and /strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his /Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of /holiness.

**3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory /thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty /waters.**

**4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful /voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of /splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the /cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of /Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a /calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild /ox.

**7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the
/wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Ka/desh.**

**8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees /writhe *
and strips the forests /bare.**

9 And in the temple of the /Lord *
all are crying, /"Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the /flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for /evermore.

†11 The Lord shall give strength to his /people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of /peace.

THE EPISTLE

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as

judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Festival Alleluia | *Cheppnois*



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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Clergy
People

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Clergy
People

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

The Rev. George D. Smith, *Rector*

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand as able

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says

Let us now pray for Thomas Hodges who has received the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader As we pray for the world, particularly this week for the Mexican state of Monterrey, send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

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.

The Officiant says

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

Officiant
People

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



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 ANTHEM

Arise, Shine | *Sir George Elvey*

Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but
the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee, And the
gentiles shall come to thy light And kings to the brightness of thy rising.
[Isaiah 60: 1-3]

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.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of po - wer and might.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he the comes in the name of the

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

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Please be seated or kneel as you prefer

Then the Officiant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

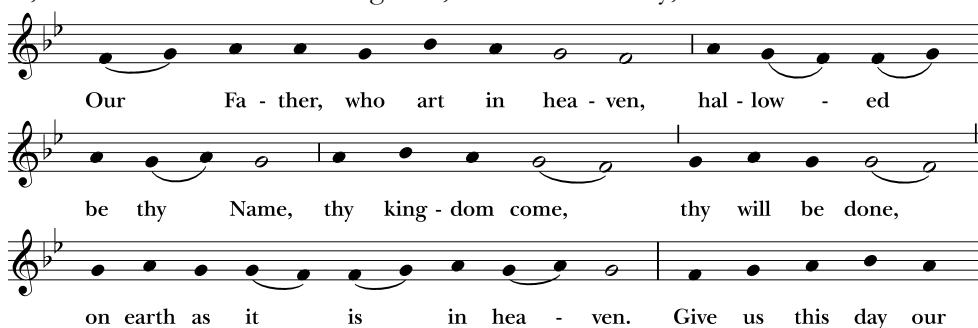
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,



dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread

Officiant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God; you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God; you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the
world: Grant us peace.

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Officiant

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

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 137, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
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THE PEOPLE WHO IN DARKNESS WALKED

Hymnal 126

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven-ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joy-ous as when the reap-ers bear their har-vest trea-sures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o-bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won-der-ful, the Coun-sel-lor, the might-y God and Lord.
 5 jus-tice shall guard his throne a-bove, and peace a-bound be-low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: *Dundee*, melody *The CL Psalmes of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

HOW BRIGHT APPEARS THE MORNING STAR

Hymnal 496

1 How bright ap-pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer-cy beam-
 2 Though cir-cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast
 3 Re-joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re- ply; with praise, ye sin-
 ing from a-far; the host of heaven re-joic-es;
 a pit-ying eye up-on his help-less crea- ture;
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In-car-na-tion.
 O right-eous Branch, O Jes-se's Rod! Thou Son of Man
 the whole cre-a-tion's Head and Lord, by high-est ser-
 In-car-nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,
 and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic-es:
 a-phim a-dored, as-sumed our ve-ry na-ture;
 great Con-quer-or, till all know thy sal-va-tion.
 Je-sus, Je-sus! Ho-ly, ho-ly, yet most low-ly,
 Je-sus, grant us, through thy mer-it, to in-her-it
 A-men, a-men! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630).

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 333 “Now the Silence”

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.

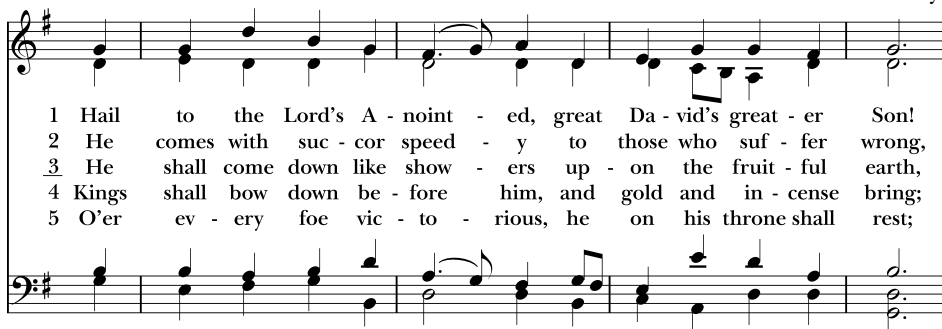
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

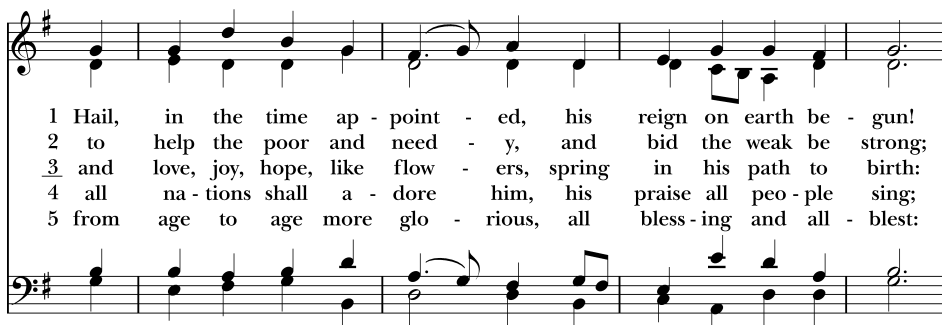
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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



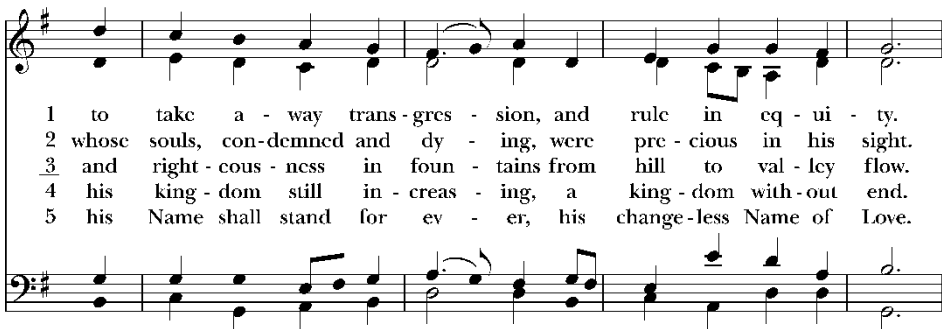
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - cou - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All are welcome to Mahon Hall for coffee hour.

*This week's altar flowers are given by Jean True
In memory of
Ellen Callahn*



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:



Congratulations to Thomas Hodges
our baptismal candidate at today's 8:30 am service, pictured with his sister,
Annie.



LOOKING AHEAD

January

14	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night
17	Saturday	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	St. Mark's Singers January Retreat
17	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
17	Saturday	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Coffee and Conversation
19	Monday	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	MLK, Jr. Day of Service
20	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
21	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
22	Thursday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	St. Mark's Community Dinner
25	Sunday	11:15 – 1:00 pm	Annual Meeting & Cake Auction
27	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Sacred Ground Meeting
28	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night

February

1	Sunday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Blood Drive
1	Simday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Evensong
7	Saturday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Jazz Night
8	Sunday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Super Bowl Chili Cook-off
17	Tuesday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
18	Wednesday	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday – Ashes To Go
		12:00 pm & 7:00 pm	Eucharist

UPCOMING EVENTS

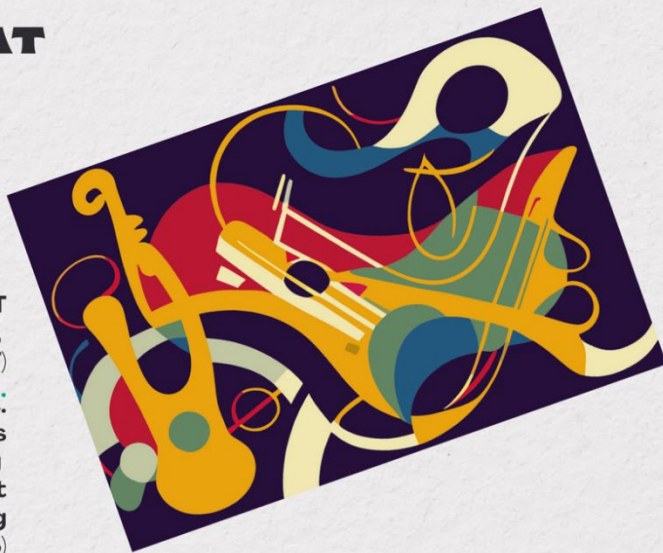
JAZZ NIGHT AT ST. MARK'S

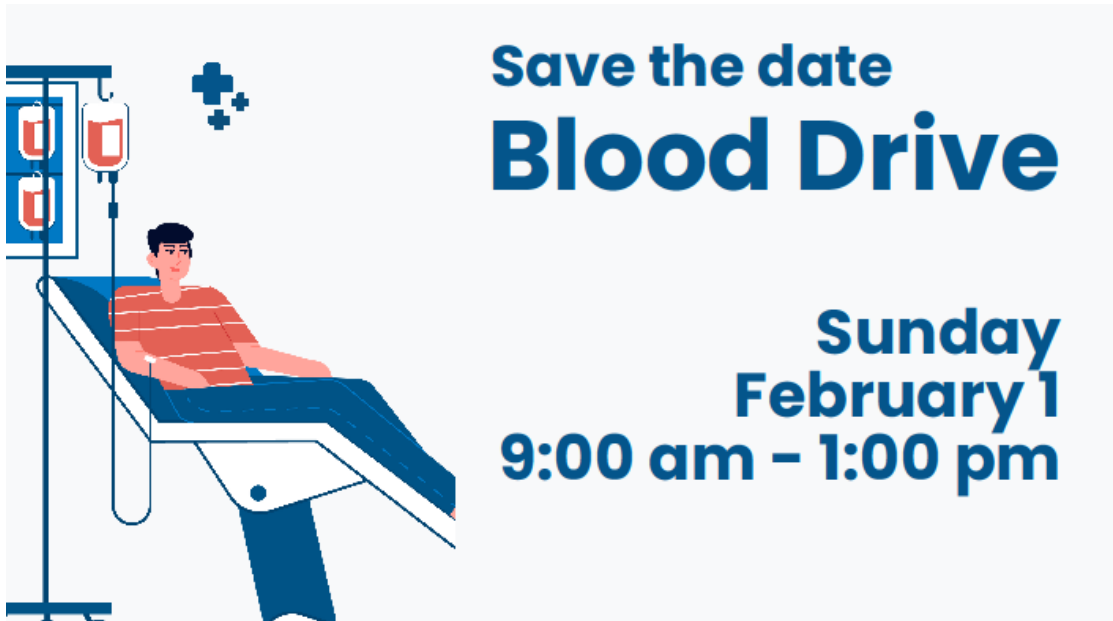
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7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**MUSIC BY GENEVA BAND
ENSEMBLE**

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Glen Ellyn Youth & Family Counseling
Service (GEYFCS)**



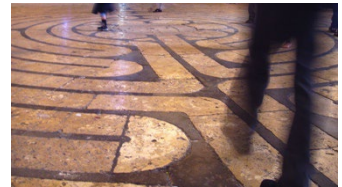


LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Ground Group

Exploring Issues of Race 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.



Posadas – Attend one or more of the posadas (see separate announcement) to learn more about a tradition practiced by many of our Spanish speaking friends.

MLK, JR. DAY OF SERVICE – Monday, January 19 - In the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr., St. Mark's Sacred Ground will be hosting a Day of Service on MLK day. We will have a variety of activities for all ages to participate. From 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in Mahon Hall. Nursery will be available.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

The St. Mark's Forum

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 am – Library

Fellowship and lifelong learning for adults and youth are the hallmarks of the St. Mark's Forum. Connect with your friends and make new friends, as we explore a variety of topics relating to the St. Mark's Vision—*Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Reaching Out into the World*.

No commitment or rsvp is required. Come when you are able or interested in the topic. Join in the community learning and sharing.

Jan 11 The Year of Matthe—An Overview

Vicki Fink

This year, Matthew is the primary source for the Gospel Readings in worship. Its themes and what is unique to Matthew will be highlighted in this session, led by the Rev. Vicki Fink. Matthew's emphasis on Jesus' Authority, The Way of Righteousness, and the Church will be discussed.

Jan 18 The Subversive Sermon on the Mount

Lindsey Paris-Lopez

The Sermon on the Mount is the heart of Matthew's Gospel and arguably the heart of Jesus' teaching. While the Beatitudes are so familiar that they may have lost their flavor, they are actually radical upendings of the status quo. Lindsey Paris-Lopez will facilitate an exploration of this subversive sermon, and we'll contemplate ways of applying it to our lives.

Jan 25 A Christian Response to I.C.E.

Miguel Briones and Kim Reed

The Rev. Miguel Briones, St. Mark's Deacon, and parishioner Kim Reed will discuss how the Episcopal Church, the Chicago Diocese, and St. Mark's have responded to increased immigration enforcement in our country and in Illinois, especially the Chicagoland area.

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

Start Your Day in Prayer

If you are looking for a simple and meaningful way to begin your mornings, join St. Mark's **Morning Prayer on Zoom** every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8:30 am. Morning Prayer is a brief, 20-minute service of prayers and scripture that is available to you from the comfort of your own home. All are welcome!

- **When:** Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays at 8:30 am
- **Where:** Zoom (Meeting ID: **483 170 780**)
- **Questions:** Contact George Smith at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org | 630-858-1020, ext 222

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!

The 2025 – 2026 Sunday School Program Includes:

Nursery For infants through 3 years of age during all services (8:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm).

8:30 a.m. Godly Play Sunday School for ages 4 and older.

10:15 a.m. Sunday School is offered for ages 4 and older.

- 10:15 - Gather in Mahon Hall for a greeting, song and music.
- 10:30 - Classrooms for Pre K, K – 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th and 5th.
- 2nd half of Church service --Worship with parents with participation at the altar.



Volunteering:

Please sign-up to be a classroom volunteers (adults over 18) or a youth assistants (junior high/high school students). This is a fun, easy opportunity for EVERYONE to help the St. Mark's children grow in their faith! Volunteer to sign-up for ONE hour 4 times per year (though you are welcome to teach MORE than 4 times if you like!). Everything you need to lead the class will be clear and provided to you. Sign up using the QR code to the right.



Registering Your Children:



Registration is ongoing for children who will be attending Sunday School. Use this link, <https://tinyurl.com/3h7tm8h5> or the QR code to the left to register.

BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study! A New Study Begins January 13th – 1st Corinthians.

St. Mark's offers a Bible study led by Fr. George on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 am. We will be starting 1st Corinthians on Tuesday, January 13.

The Zoom ID is: 483-170-780. This Bible study begins with people logging in between 9 am and 9:30 am. After check-ins 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.

ST. MARK'S PRAYERS FOR THE STATES OF MEXICO

Branching Out Into The World

At St. Mark's our Vision statement is, *"Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Branching Out into the World."* Today in the prayers of the people, we are praying for the Mexican state of **Nuevo León**.

- Capital: Monterrey
- Information: A major industrial and economic powerhouse in northeastern Mexico, Nuevo León is home to the modern and dynamic city of Monterrey.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Night

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Kick off the New Year with Youth Night, where we will be setting intentions for the year to come, choosing a word to represent that intention, and crafting a reminder bracelet. As always, we'll have pizza and fun! Hope to see you there!!



All youth in 6th - 12th grades are invited to attend Youth Nights. Bring your friends!

Spring 2026 Youth Night Dates

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| • January 14 | • January 28 | • February 11 |
| • February 25 | • March 11 | • March 25 |
| • April 8 | • April 22 | • May 6 |

Join us for:

Sun, Jan 25. Glow in the Dark Floor Hockey 5 - 7 pm
First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, 535 Forest Ave.

Wed, Feb 11. Valentine's Day Party 6:30 - 8 pm
St. Mark's, Mahon Hall



Fri, March 13. Feed My Starving Children

4 - 8 pm

First United Methodist Church trip to Aurora location

Leave Glen Ellyn to arrive at the packing site in Aurora, share dinner at a nearby restaurant and return to Glen Ellyn.

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

OUTREACH

St. Mark's Meals to Go

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

The Winter / Spring 2026 Saturday dates for Meals to Go are:

January 3 & 17	February 7 & 21	March 7 & 21
April 4 & 18	May 2 & 16	June 6 & 20

St. Mark's Community Dinner

The St. Mark's Monthly Community Dinner is held on the 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in Mahon Hall. Everyone is Welcome!

January 22	February 26	March 26
April 23	May 28	

Questions? Please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com.

St. Mark's Welcomes Applicants for Outreach Grants.

Do you know or volunteer with a local non-profit organization? St. Mark's Outreach Committee is inviting local non-profits serving low-income or underserved populations in Glen Ellyn and DuPage County addressing basic needs of food and shelter, mental health, education, access to the arts or environmental issues to apply for a 2026 grant. Deadline to apply is January 15th, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Hester Bury at hesterbury@gmail.com.

Need a Helping Hand with Meals?

If you or someone you know could use a few home-cooked meals—whether due to illness, recovery, a new baby, or another life event—St. Mark's is here to help.

Through the *Meal Train* platform, our caring volunteers provide lovingly prepared meals delivered right to your door.

To request meals or learn more, please contact Kristina Roth and Jessie Commo at kroth1280@gmail.com or 773-383-1884.

Would you like to join our team of meal volunteers? We'd be blessed to have you share in this meaningful ministry.



Canned Chili & Sloppy Joe



Salsa & Chips



Canned Refried Beans



Barbecue Sauce



Spices:
Cumin/Chili Powder/Paprika



Crackers
(Low Sodium)

Please pick up a grocery bag from the shopping cart outside the St. Mark's library. 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 and put them in the shopping cart inside the front door and we will make sure your donations get to the Food Pantry.

Call the Pantry at (630) 469-6988 if you need to arrange another drop off time. Any questions, please contact St. Mark's representative to the Food Pantry, Joyce Frawley, at (630) 476-5655.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Christmas Music & Flowers.
(We have updated the list to include all donations received.)

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