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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 altar party enters

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

KYRIE ELEISON

Hymnal S 96

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

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

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

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Celebrant
People

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 | *Qui regis Israel*

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



1 [Hear, O Shepherd] of Israel, leading Joseph /like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh, *
stir up your strength and /come to help us.

3 Restore us, O /God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, /and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord /God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the /prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the /bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls /of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our /neighbors, *
and our enemies /laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O /God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, /and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of /your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so /strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn a/way from you; *
give us life, that we may call /upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord /God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, /and we shall be saved.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 1:1-7

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith

among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Acclamation will be sung once in unison and then as a round.

Canon

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. —

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Clergy
People

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Clergy
People

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

The Rev. Barbara A. T. Wilson

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as able

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 LITANY OF HEALING

The Leader and People pray responsively

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured. We pray for those on our parish prayer list. You are invited to say aloud names from the list below or other names of those in need of prayer.

Karen Nicholson, Matt, Azza and Yar, Joyce Hetzel, Charles Snider, Ann Cardwell, Chad Alcorn, Martha Sexauer, Jay Mueller, Terry Heschke, Elizabeth Mueller, Colin Valdivia, Pam Benning, Bella Cuttone, Craig Farrow, Daniel Ljubi, Avery, Brian Rogers, George Pliml, Ashley and Kevin, Gretchen Kenower, Lynn Wollstadt, Kris Baier, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Mark Zelman, Rita Sullivan, Emily Resch, Virginia Vagt, Tim Frawley, Jack Clinkman, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, John Mueller, Mary Treleven, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Rose Schnell, Donna Valkuchak, Michael Wagoner, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Alison Aguilar, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Jeanne McCauley, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mike Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, McGilvray Family, Karol Pinzón, Sandy Shellenhamer, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Tina Ulrich, Juan Aguilar, Lucien Greesham, Cooper Stegen, Brenda Laws, Barbara Barajas, Cassandra Echeverria, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Griefff, Rachel Newlin, Franca Muliere, Hannah Strait, Silvino Covarrubias, Danuta Wroblewska, Priscilla Meldrim, Tracy Smith, Mary Jane Malik, Jean True, Sally Neuert, John Cahill, Alondra De Casas, Kaleb Tompkins, Estrella Pedroza, Gwen, Shirley Hoops, Pam Rojc, Aunt Diane, Joseph Strati, June Judd, Jim Drew, Sergio Mazariegos, Zoila Via Gambini, Diane Arpino, Regina Casey, Alice Vanest, Barry Nelson, Victor Nieves, Higinio Camarillo, Elizabeth Dresser, Jane Moore, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Ofelia Bustamante, Martha Lakin, Jennifer Dorn, and Shelley Hoffman.

May they be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

We pray for those who have died and those we remember now silently or aloud. *(People may add their own petitions.)* Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; this week we pray for the Mexican state of Morelos;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders;

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life;

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

Silence

Following the litany of healing, all are welcome to come to the altar rail for prayers, anointing with holy oil and the laying on of hands.

MUSIC DURING HEALING

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Spanish: Con - tem - pla - ré, tu vi - da en mí.

Polish: Pan blis - ko jest, o - cze - kuj Go.

Italian: Cri - sto Ge - sù io spe - ro in Te.

Vietnamese: Hãy biết đợi Chúa Đây ngày gần rồi

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Con - tem - pla - ré, Se - ñor, tu a - mor.

Pan blis - ko jest, w Nim ser - ca moc!

Sei tu Si - gnor la pa - ce del cuor.

Chờ mong Thiên Chúa: tâm trí kiên cường.

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984
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WHILE WE ARE WAITING

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
 with power and glo - ry, come.
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

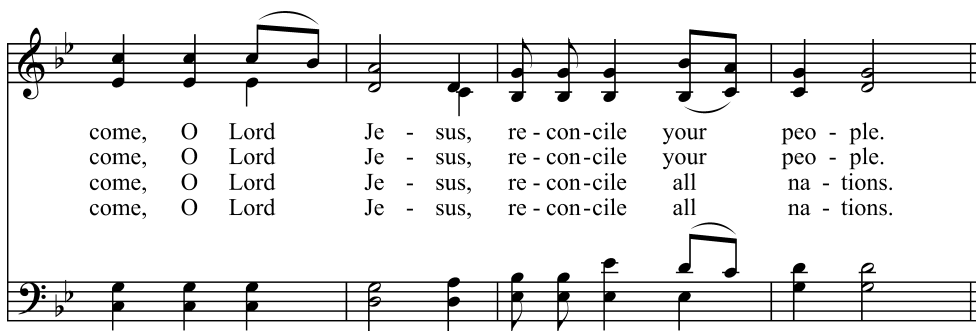
while we are wait - ing, come.

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WAITING (Cason)
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COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE

1 Come now O Prince of Peace, make us one bo - dy,
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bo - dy,
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sa - viour,
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bo - dy,



come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile all na - tions.

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ADDITIONAL HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 499 “Lord God, you now have set your servant free”

THE PEACE

Officiant
People

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



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THE LITURGY *of* THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord | *Michael Wise (17th century)*

Solos by Kristen Balisi, Nancy Purcell, Kyle McCordic, & Andy Labis

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

Eucharistic Prayer C

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

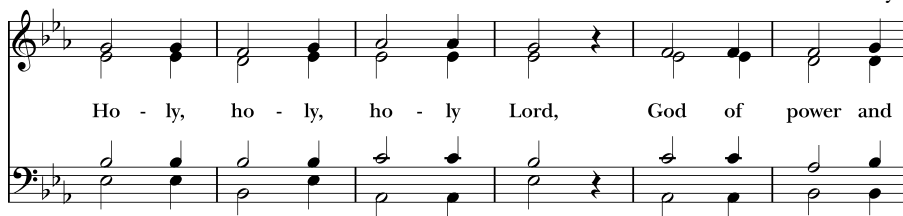
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S 130



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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. Bless - ed is he who comes

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



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Please kneel or be seated

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebecca; and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

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 líbranos del

thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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, silence is kept

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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

Con - fi - té - mi - ni Dó - mi - no quó - ni - am
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are
 Spanish: Ll é - na - nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz. Por - que só - lo e - res
 Lithuanian: A š pa - si - ti - kiu Vie š - pa - čiu, nes Jis mums

bo - nus. Con - fi - té - mi - ni Dó - mi - no, Al - le - lú - ia!
 ho - ly. *Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!*
 san - to. Ll é - na - nos, Se - ñor, de tu paz, ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 ge - ras. A š pa - si - ti - kiu Vie š - pa - čiu, A - le - liu - ja!

Text: Psalm 136, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
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HYMNAL 270

1 Ga - briel's mes - sage does a - way Sa - tan's curse and
 2 He that comes de - spised shall reign; he that can - not
 3 Weak - ness shall the strong con - found; by the hands, in
 4 Art by art shall be as - sailed; to the cross shall

Sa - tan's sway, out of dark - ness brings our Day:
 die, be slain; death by death its death shall gain:
 grave clothes wound, Ad - am's chains shall be un - bound:
 Life be nailed; from the grave shall hope be hailed:

Refrain

so, be - hold, all the gates of heaven un - fold.

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HYMNAL 324

1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

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.**

Introduction/Interlude




1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
 3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my

won - ders that were done when the love of God the
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

Conclusion



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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.



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:



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

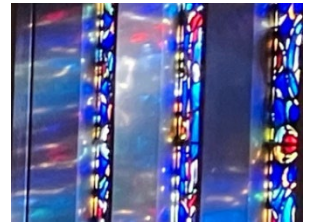
Please Welcome Barbara A. T. Wilson, today’s preacher!

Ordained priest in the Diocese of Michigan 40 years ago, my ministry has been more or less divided between parish ministry and hospital chaplaincy. From 2001 to 2018, I served as the manager of Spiritual Care Services, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend before retiring and moving to Illinois to be nearer to grandkids. I feel honored for this opportunity to preach at St. Mark’s and the opportunity to celebrate God’s love with you as a member most Sunday’s—most often from home as we live in St. Charles and it’s a bit of a “hike” from there to Glen Ellyn!



Advent Watch for 2025: Use Realm to Post Photos and Images during Advent

The season of Advent began on Sunday, November 30. A time of preparing for Christmas, Advent calls us to slow down, look for signs of light and hope and to practice calm. You are invited to watch for signs of Advent, take pictures and post them to our community App called "Realm." Realm includes a church directory, calendars, a way to make donations and is a communications platform for groups and the whole church community.



For a guide to using Realm, see below. If you are familiar with Realm, when you open the App, click on the "News" icon at the bottom left of the screen. Then click on the "Photo" icon; choose "St. Mark's Episcopal Church", select your photo and then "Add." Write a comment and click on "Post" on the upper righthand corner of the screen. That's it! You will be sharing your Advent image with the St. Mark's community.

If you are not familiar with Realm, there are several steps to get going:

- download "Realm Connect" from the App Store
- set up your profile with the email address that St. Mark's has on file for you. If you're not sure that you have a profile or what email St. Mark's has, contact the office at 630-858-1020.

- if you need more help, contact Wes Clay-Anderson at communications@stmarksglenellyn.org.

WHAT IS LAS POSADAS? ALL ARE WELCOME!

Las Posadas (“the Inns”) is a nine-night Mexican Christmas celebration from December 16–24 that reenacts Mary and Joseph's search for an inn. Las Posadas involves a nightly procession where participants sing songs asking for shelter, only to be turned away until the final house welcomes them inside for a party with food, drinks, music, and piñatas. Las Posadas is a blend of Spanish and indigenous traditions. Las Posadas symbolize the birth of Jesus, emphasizes community, hospitality, and faith.

Sunday, December 21 – 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, December 22 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, December 22 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, December 23 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, December 24 – 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm (in Mahon Hal following the 8:00 pm Service)

BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study!

St. Mark's offers a Bible study led by Fr. George on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 am. Galatians is one of the earliest of the Christian scriptures, written approximately 35 years after Jesus was crucified. It was also written before the Gospels and serves as a window into the life of the early Christian movement and its struggles and questions. What is the true Gospel? Do you need to be Jewish to be a follower of Jesus? What is the law of Christ? Explore how Paul addresses these issues and more.

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 **Morelos**.

- Capital: Cuernavaca
- Information: Known as the "City of Eternal Spring" due to its pleasant climate, Morelos is a small state south of Mexico City, popular for its beautiful gardens and historic haciendas.



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.

OUTREACH

Volunteer at Northern Illinois Food Bank

The December 20th volunteer shift is full. Future dates are Saturday January 31st and Saturday February 28th, 2026.

Please sign up here if interested: <https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9>. Questions? Contact Hester at hesterbury@gmail.com.



Oil & Vinegar



Salad Dressing & Mayonnaise



Ketchup & Mustard



Cookies & Crackers



Sugar & Spices



Kleenex & Hand Soap

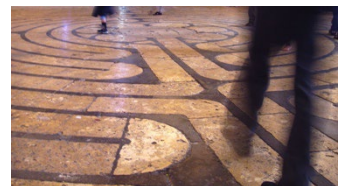


LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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 people to participate in. Look for more information coming soon.

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.

Dec 21 Spiritually Directed

Tammy Minuti, Vicki Fink & Jamie Hommowun

Learn more about Spiritual Direction from Tammy Minuti, Spiritual Director at St. Mark's, and from two parishioners who have experienced Spiritual Direction. They will share their experiences & answer questions about the practice.

Dec 28

No St. Mark's Forum this week

Jan 4. Paging Dr. Sbaitso: AI as Counselors?

Jamie Hommowun

In the 1990s, Creative Labs released Dr. Sbaitso, the "Sound Blaster Acting Intelligent Text-to-Speech Operator," an interactive "therapist." This early precursor predicted the rise of Large Language Model ("AI") "counselors" that people – especially youth – are turning to online to address relationship, emotional and even spiritual concerns. Join Dr. Jamie Hommowun, PsyD, as we explore how these tools are shaping people, and how we can respond in love.

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

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Night

All youth in 6th - 12th grades are invited to attend Youth Nights. At our next meeting, we will continue to talk about Jesus' life and teachings, and we'll have pizza and fun! Hope to see you there!! Bring your friends!



Spring 2026 Youth Night Dates

- January 14
- February 25
- April 8
- January 28
- March 11
- April 22
- February 11
- March 25
- 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

ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL

**The St. Mark's Preschool staff and board wish our
St. Mark's Church community a very Merry Christmas!**

The preschool is enjoying a joyful holiday season exploring winter holidays and the light within each of us that we can share with our families and community.

Registration for the 2026/27 school year is right around the corner! Priority registration for current students and alumni begins Tuesday, January 20th, priority registration for members of St. Mark's and current PDO families begins Monday, January 26th; and open registration begins Monday, February 2nd.

Applications are available in January in the church and preschool offices as well as on our website: <https://stmarkspreschoolge.org/>

St. Mark's Preschool is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy of education. Our school is a place where children can develop a love for school and an appreciation for the world around them. In the Episcopal tradition, we welcome and embrace children of all faiths and socio-economic backgrounds. St. Mark's Preschool is a supportive community that integrates the arts and developmentally appropriate education with social and emotional learning. Classes are offered mornings or afternoons, September through May, and morning summer camp sessions are offered weekly in the month of June.

For more information about the Preschool or to schedule a tour, please contact Kristine at 630-858-1020 ext. 234.

2026 GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank You To Those Who Have Made A Pledge to St. Mark's for 2026!

We have received 209 pledges totaling \$553,000. We celebrate this abundance of generosity and hope that every household will make a pledge for 2026.

If you have yet to make your pledge for 2026....

- Fill out a pledge form in the bulletin.
- Complete and return the pledge form that was mailed to you.
- Visit the St. Mark's website at www.stmarksglenellyn.org then choose the "2026 Annual Pledge Form" option.
- Scan this QR code



The following households have made a pledge to St. Mark's for 2026 as of December 18th. We will publish an updated list in the annual report. The current list may not be 100% accurate or complete. Please contact our bookkeeper, Elise Brinich, treasurer@stmarksglenellyn.org or (630) 858-1020 ext. 224 if you know of any errors or omissions

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David & Suzanne Arch
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Brett Baker
Kristen Balisi
Santiago Bautista & Leticia Cruz Reyes
Greg & Amy Becker

Michael & Tricia Benich
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Patty Bergh
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Ginnie Judd
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Tim & Leslie Kocher
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Berny & Andy Labis
Martha Lakin
Steve & Jan Langford
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Leo & Elizabeth Lanzillo
Dave & Amber Lemar
Terry Lin
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Mark Lukas
Seth & Hannah Luna
Bob Lundin
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Paul & Annie Mahon
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Kyle & Rebecca McCordic
Jenn & Eric McFadden
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George & Dorothy McGuire
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Joe & Melody Mordini
John & Jan Mueller
Dick & Sue Mylander
Barry & Erica Nelson
Sally Neuert
Karen Nicholson
David & LB Norton
Greg & Marylu Olsen
Karen Olsen
Joshua & Aubrey O'Shea
Anna Panor
Linda Parduhn
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Sheila & John Plecha
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Opening the Doors of St. Mark's

2026 Giving Campaign



<p>As of December 10: 209 Pledges Made Pledged \$553,000</p>	<p>Campaign Goal: 270 Pledges \$700,000 Total</p>
<p>St. Mark's Church</p>	



St. Mark's Annual Giving Campaign 2026

Opening the doors to St. Mark's

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

My total pledge for 2026 is \$ _____ / year

My pledge payments will be (circle one) **weekly** quarterly monthly one-time various

- ☐ I have enclosed a check payable to St. Mark's
- ☐ I will set-up automatic payments on Realm
- ☐ Please have St. Mark's bookkeeper contact me to set-up automatic payments

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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