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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 any time at 630-858-1020, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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The Service begins outdoors in the lower east parking lot, or, in the event of inclement weather, in Mabon Hall.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The people raise their Palms as the Officiant says

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands and join in singing the following

Refrain

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

On repeat

Verses

1. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he; Ho -
 2. Chil - dren of Je - ru - sa - lem; Ho -
 3. Sing your praise, sing your praise: Ho -

All: *Cantor:*

san - na! Ho - san - na! He who comes in the
 san - na! Ho - san - na! Chil - dren, wel - come
 san - na! Ho - san - na! Hail the dawn of e -

All: **D.C.**

name of the Lord: Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!
 Christ your King; Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!
 ter - nal life; Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

Text: Scott Soper, b.1961
 Tune: Scott Soper, b.1961
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After entering the Church, the People continue singing and remain standing for the prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

TEXT: Theodolph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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Officiant
People.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 118 *Confitemini Domino*

Verses in bold are sung by the congregation



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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
 Look, your king is coming to you,
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,
 and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

People **"Hosanna to the Son of David!
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, (pulpit-side) **"Who is this?"** The crowds were saying, (non-pulpit side) **"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."**

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you are making it a den of robbers." The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, (everyone) **"Hosanna to the Son of David,"** they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**
The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

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 PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE*In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Paula and our Presiding Bishop Sean; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. Today we pray for the Mexican state of Veracruz.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, whom we name now silently or aloud.

Karen Nicholson, Matt, Azza and Yara, Joyce Hetzel, Ann Cardwell, 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 Wiene, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Mark Zelman, Emily Resch, 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, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Jeanne McCauley, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mark Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, Karol Pinzón, Sandy Shellenhamer, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Tina Ulrich, 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 StratiSergio Mazariegos, Zoila Via Gambini, Alice Vanest, Barry Nelson, Victor Nieves, Higinio Camarillo, Jane Moore, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Martha Lakin, Shelley Hoffman, Mike McGrath, Shirley Schafer, Anne Schafer, Chris Kulawik, Jenn McFadden, Jennifer Sousa, Miguel Aguilar, Martha Torres, Tara Schoen, Carlos Ramirez, Anthony DeBorde, Nina Sol Del Angel, Frank Steele, Benjamin Burke, Karen Sahr, and Philippa Mylander.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Patrick Anderson, father of Jane and Judy Anderson. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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 HYMN

Led by the Children's Ministry

Refrain:



Ho - san - na, bless - ed is he! Bless - ed is Je - sus who comes! Ho -
san - na, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

1. Wave your palm branches high! Hosanna, blessed is he!
Jesus comes riding a donkey. Hosanna, blessed is he! *Refrain*
2. Make a path for the King! Hosanna, blessed is he!
Welcome our Savior, Messiah! Hosanna, blessed is he! *Refrain*

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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

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glorify 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 AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S 114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of



Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



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

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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. 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 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 líbranos 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, silence is kept.

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

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy 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

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The first system includes lyrics in French, Vietnamese, and English. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

System 1:

Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul:
 Hồn tôi chỉ được nghỉ yên trong Ngài Đấng Cứu Độ.
 In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace,

System 2:

de lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
 Trong Chúa, Đấng Cứu Độ tôi. Ôi Thiên Chúa tôi chính
 in God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

System 3:

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.
 nguồn ơn cứu độ, Chúa chính nơi nghỉ ngơi.
 soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

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HYMNAL 458



1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2. He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3. Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
 4. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
 6. In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might
 7. Here might I stay and sing No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow; But peo - ple scorned him; none The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of
 have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a
 vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was



love - ly be. Oh, who am I, That for my sake
 Christ would know. But, O my friend, My friend in - deed,
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 blind their sight. Sweet in - jur - ies! Yet they at these
 life they slay. Yet cheer-ful he To suf - f'ring goes
 stran - ger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
 grief like thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for his death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
 That he his foes From thence might free.
 But mine the tomb Where - in he lay.
 I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c.1624–1683, alt.
 Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, 6 6 6 6 4 4 4; John Ireland, 1879–1962, © John Ireland Trust

HYMNAL 474

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 313 "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

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.



He died e - ter - nal life to bring.
That wa - ter clean - ses to this hour.
Mes - si - ah reign - ing from a tree.
The ran - som of a world set free.
That all may share the vic - to - ry.

The flaming banners of our King, #161 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?);
tr. John Webster Grant (b. 1919). Copyright © 1971, John Webster Grant.

Vexilla Regis Prodeunt is one of two important hymns by sixth century bishop, Venantius Fortunatus. The other hymn, *Pange lingua gloriosi proelium*, will be sung on Good Friday. Both hymns give us insight into the early church's theology of the cross. Central to that understanding is "Messiah reigning from a tree," a great and perhaps unnerving paradox of the Christian faith.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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All are welcome to Mahon Hall for coffee hour.

It is a custom during Lent to forgo altar flowers. You are invited to sign up for flowers for the Easter season.



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:



LOOKING AHEAD

March

29	Sun	All Day	Palm Sunday with Outdoor Procession
30	Mon	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Holy Monday Eucharist
31	Tues	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Holy Tuesday Eucharist

April

1	Wed	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Holy Wednesday Eucharist
2	Thurs	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner and Eucharist
2	Thurs – Fri	8:30 pm – 8:30 am	Overnight Watch in the Chapel
3	Fri	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Children’s Walk through Holy Week
3	Fri	1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Music & Meditation
	Fri	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Good Friday Passion
4	Sat	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Easter Vigil and Reception
5	Sun	9:00 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm	Easter Sunday Services
11	Sat	11:00 am	Funeral for Kris Baier
26	Sun	11:00 am	Bishop visit, confirmations and celebration

ST. MARK'S 2026 | GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 29

Worship & Procession:
8:30, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm.
(Processions begin in
East Parking Lot)



MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

Holy Mon, Mar 30 (7 PM)
Holy Tue, Mar 31 (7 PM)
Holy Wed, Apr 1 (12 PM)

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 2

6:00 pm Agape Dinner (Mahon Hall).
Dried fruit, nuts, olives, bread, wine/juice.

Service continues in Nave: Holy
Communion and Stripping of the Altar.



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3

10:00 am Children's Journey
through Holy Week

1:00 pm Meditation & Music
(Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Passion Narrative
& Veneration of the Cross
(Communion offered)



EASTER VIGIL | APRIL 4

7:30 pm Lighting of the New Fire
(front of church). Scripture, baptisms,
and the first Eucharist of Easter.



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5

Worship at 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm.

Children's Worship in Mahon Hall (9:00, 11:15, 1:00).
Easter Egg Hunts after each service.



JOIN US AT ST. MARK'S



Dear friends and members of St. Mark's,

I invite you to participate as fully as possible in our upcoming **Holy Week and Easter** services. The schedule for these gatherings is on the adjacent page of the bulletin. Through the prayers, music, messages, and mystery of this sacred week, we open our hearts and minds once again to the profound love of God revealed in Jesus.

This is a love that meets us—and the world—exactly where we are. It offers hope and healing whether we are navigating seasons of suffering, confusion, or joy.

Throughout Lent, many of us have been contemplating the parables of Jesus. We began this season reflecting on the wise and foolish builders:

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and put them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

The work we do together during Holy Week and Easter is the work of building that house on the rock—a house made of God's people. In this community, everyone is welcome, everyone is called to help, and everyone can find a home.

Our celebration is also a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for our blessings and to remember those who have died or who hold a special place in your heart.

Your Easter offering directly supports:

- **Brass musicians** and **Easter lilies** that beautify our worship.
- The continued **ministries of St. Mark's** throughout the year.

To ensure your memorial or thanksgiving is listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins, please submit your contribution by **Tuesday, March 31**.

The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!
George+

The Rev. George Smith, Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
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ST. MARK'S PRESENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE FEAST

A night of visual and sensory meaning as we reenact the events before Jesus's crucifixion

The Agape Experience

On the Thursday before Easter, we gather to share a simple meal, wash each other's feet (or hands), and pray in a garden. It is a profound way to connect with the Last Supper

WHEN?

6 p.m. Thursday, April 2,
2026

WHERE?

St. Mark's Mahon Hall

WHO?

YOU & Your Family
All ages welcome

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Simply attend with your family, or **VOLUNTEER** to prepare a shared platter for your table! Use your creativity and your family's favorite foods.

Build Your Platter

- ✓ **Center:** A loaf of Challah or rustic bread
- ✓ **Sides:** Cheese cubes or slices
- ✓ **Produce:** Fresh and dried fruits (grapes, dried apricots, dates, figs, and prunes)
- ✓ **Crunch:** Assorted nuts & pita bread/crackers

*Note: These are suggestions only. Feel free to use what is already in your refrigerator and pantry!

Ready to Help?

Please let Joyce know if you're bringing a platter.

RSVP by March 29

Joyce Fletcher
630-205-3175 (call/text)
joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org



Rooted

Growing

Reaching Out

Trans Day of Visibility

Sunday, March 29, 5:00 PM

Join with us to raise awareness and
celebrate the Trans community with
faith communities in DuPage County.

With more visibility comes more understanding.
Join us to pray, to sing, and to celebrate God's
love in this festive interfaith worship service.

Congregation Etz Chaim
1710 S. Highland Ave.
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Route “Flute” 66



A Musical Cross Country Concert

Saturday, April 18, 2026 3pm

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

393 N Main, Glen Ellyn IL 60137

Presented by

the

Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble

under the direction of Sue Gillio

~ AND ~

the

Bloomington Normal Flute Club

under the direction of Rachel Bailey



FREE WILL OFFERING
ACCEPTED WITH GRATITUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Appalachia Service Project Trip June 6 – June 13

Come join us on the St. Mark's Appalachia Service Project trip this summer! Open to youth (finishing 8th grade and older) and adults.



ASP helps residents of Appalachia live in warmer, safer, and drier homes.

All you need is a willingness to serve others. No special construction skills are needed. It's a fun trip where you serve others, learn about Appalachia's stunning beauty and unique culture, and learn something about yourself.

The cost for the last couple of years has been zero because we have raised enough funds with the flower sale, and we anticipate that it will be the same this year. We don't have our exact location yet, but we have expressed a preference for Eastern Kentucky.

Contact John Zelman if you are interested or have questions: jzelman86@gmail.com or 630-854-0301.

Feeling Called to be Received into the Episcopal Church?

The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Paula Clark will be visiting St. Mark's on **Sunday, April 26** and presiding at a special 11 am, bilingual service. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those who wish to be formally received into the Episcopal Church or confirmed.



If you have been wanting to claim the Episcopal Church as part of your spiritual identity, please contact **Fr. George** for more details at rector@stmarkslgenellyn.org / 630-858-1020, ext 222.

St. Mark's Book Club

Meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

The St. Mark's Book Club announces its selections for the year. If you love to read or simply want to take part in a conversation about books, please join us. Read just one book or read as many as you like. You are welcome at our monthly Zoom meetings. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm. For questions or to get the Zoom address, contact Diane Hunter dlhunter866@outlook.com, or John Zelman jzelman86@gmail.com.

March:	<u>Heartwood</u> by Amity Gage
April:	<u>The Argument Culture</u> by Deborah Tannen
May:	<u>The Book Woman's Daughter</u> by Kim Michele Richardson
June:	<u>On Freedom</u> by Timothy Snyder
July:	<u>Old Filth</u> by Jane Graham
August:	<u>The Women of Platform Two</u> by Laura Anthony
September:	<u>Washington at the Plow</u> by Bruce Ragsdale
October:	<u>The Eagle of the Ninth</u> by Rosemary Sutcliff
November:	<u>The Alchemist</u> by Paulo Coelho

Healing Through Art — Spring Workshops from The Awakenings Project

What if creating something — a simple painting, a splash of color, a shape that surprises you — could help you feel more like yourself again? You don't need to know how to draw. You don't need to have ever picked up a paintbrush. Healing Through Art is simply an invitation to make something, in a quiet room, with a small group of people who are there for the same reason you are.



What would it mean to spend a few hours creating — not for any audience, not to prove anything, but simply to see what emerges? That's the spirit behind Healing Through Art, a small-group workshop series offered by The Awakenings Project with art therapist Dianne Samp, MA, LCPC, for adults seeking personal growth, connection, and a renewed sense of balance.

This spring, the program meets on four consecutive Saturdays — April 18 and 25, and May 2 and 9 — from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Clarus Center, 28379 Davis Parkway, Warrenville. Through gentle, guided exercises in painting and visual expression, participants find new ways to relax, spark creativity, and explore thoughts and feelings that can be hard to put into words. There is no expectation of skill or technique — the focus is simply on the act of making, and on the quiet sense of connection that can grow within a group of people doing that together.

Past participants have described leaving these sessions feeling calmer, more present, and newly inspired. There is a small fee, but scholarships are available so that cost is never a reason to stay away. You can register by visiting awakeningsproject.org or obtain further information by calling Bob at 630-436-0282. If you've been looking for something that feeds your spirit as well as your well-being, we hope you'll consider joining us this spring.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Ground - St. Mark's Social Justice Group

Sacred Ground explores 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.

Saturday, April 18 Field Trip from St. Mark's

42nd Chicago Latino Film Festival is scheduled for April 16-27, 2026. Films have not yet been selected or scheduled. Save the date—Saturday, April 18, 2026, as we travel into Chicago for one or more films. More info soon.

Tuesday, April 28 Monthly Meeting Library 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

Start Your Day in Prayer – on Zoom

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

The St. Mark's Forum

9:30 am – 10:20 am, Library
In person & on Zoom

Fellowship and lifelong learning for adults and youth are the hallmarks of 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 at the St. Mark's Forum.

March 29 **A Walk Through Holy Week** **Father George Smith**
In our U.S. culture, it seems that Easter arrives in February with stores stocking bunnies, Easter candy and pastel-colored merchandise. Many Christians, however, focus on Lent for 40 days and then act out the amazing drama that is Holy Week and culminates in Easter. Father George will lead us through an explanation of Holy Week observance at St. Mark's.

April 5 Easter – No St. Mark's Forum

April 12 **Making Peace with the Bible: Jacob and Esau** **Lindsey Paris-Lopez**
Continuing last year's series on making peace with stories from scripture that have sometimes been subjected to violent interpretations, Lindsey Paris-Lopez will facilitate a discussion on Jacob and Esau. Stories of Abraham's descendants have historically been misappropriated to imply continual enmity between Arabs and Jews, or Judaism and Christianity on the one hand and Islam on the other. But the story of these long-estranged brothers actually ends in reconciliation. A particularly timely tale for a world in the throes of conflict yearning for mercy and peace!

April 19 **Making Peace with the Bible: Joseph's Story** **Lindsey Paris-Lopez**
There's much more to Joseph than his Technicolor Dreamcoat. This final section of Genesis is among the most dramatic in scripture, taking us on a journey from jealousy and betrayal to forgiveness and reconciliation. Lindsey Paris-Lopez will facilitate a conversation about Joseph's story as a prefiguration of the story of the Prodigal Son and, ultimately, of a wayward humanity's reconciliation with God.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!



The 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.



UTO Boxes:

UTO Boxes are in the Narthex! The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that encourages people to practice daily gratitude by noticing blessings and making a monetary offering for each one, using the UTO boxes provided. 100% of these contributions are distributed via grants to support mission and ministry projects. Boxes will be collected at the beginning of Easter.

BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study! We are studying 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 are at the beginning of 1st Corinthians.

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 **Veracruz**.

· Capital: Xalapa-Enríquez

· Information: A long, coastal state on the Gulf of Mexico, Veracruz is known for its bustling port city of the same name, its rich Afro-Caribbean cultural influence, and its coffee and vanilla production.



YOUTH NEWS

Next Youth Night, Wednesday April 8, 2026 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Lehman Parlor and the Game Room

Come to Youth Night on Wednesday, April 8! St. Mark's Youth Night continues to meet two Wednesday evenings each month. We will be eating pizza, playing games, and talking about how Jesus' life and teaching apply to our lives. Meet in Lehman Parlor.

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



Remaining Youth Nights: April 8, April 22, and May 6

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.

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:

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!

April 23	May 28
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Questions? Please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com.

From Generation to Generation – The St. Mark's Planned Giving Program



The *St. Mark's 1897 Society* is being renamed to *From Generation to Generation - the St. Mark's Planned Giving Program*.

Setting up a gift to the *From Generation to Generation – the St. Mark's Planned Giving Program* is more than a contribution—it's an act of faith in the future. It's the decision to ensure that long after we are gone, the doors of St. Mark's remain open, it's light still shining for those Seeking comfort, belonging, and purpose. Planned giving

allows you to turn a lifetime of values into a lasting legacy, weaving your story into the very foundation of a community that nurtures generations. It's not about the size of the gift, but the depth of the intention: a promise that the compassion, outreach, and spiritual guidance you cherish today will continue to transform lives tomorrow.

When you include St. Mark's in your will, trust or other legacy plans, you become part of something enduring. Your legacy becomes the hymn that continues to be sung, the helping hand extended to someone in need, the space where families gather, heal, and grow. It's a powerful way to say, "This mattered. This still matters." In a world that changes so quickly, your planned gift creates something steady and sacred—a future rooted in hope, sustained by generosity, and inspired by the belief that what we build together today can bless countless lives for years to come.

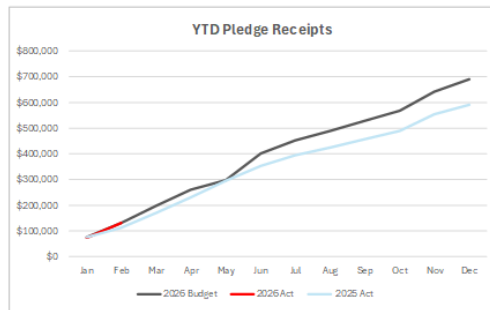
Please reach out to Chip Bennett (Vestry) at (630) 649-0010 or George Smith, Rector at (630) 858-1020 for questions or more information.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Summary Financial Report Feb-26

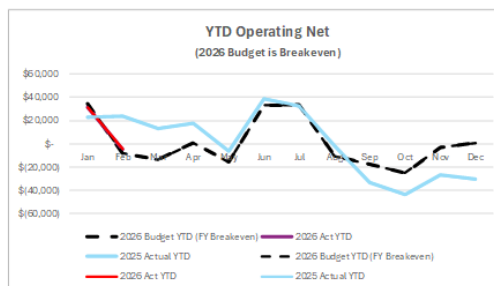
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<u>Receipts</u>	<u>YTD Act</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>% of FY Budget</u>
Pledges	131,351	691,000	19%
Unpledged & Other Donations, Open Plat	14,459	110,750	13%
Usage Income	20,828	130,000	16%
Other Income	16,937	31,500	54%
St. Mark's Total Revenue	183,575	963,250	19%

<u>Expenses</u>			
Salary & Hourly Compensation	92,333	596,130	15%
Ministry Costs	6,575	25,925	25%
Music Programs	1,631	13,400	12%
Administrative Costs	49,695	151,729	33%
Buildings & Grounds	26,723	145,365	18%
Children & Youth	1,174	8,700	13%
Mission & Outreach	10,200	21,200	48%
St. Mark's Total Expenses	188,330	962,448	20%
Net St. Mark's Revenue/(Exp)	(4,755)	802	



<u>Cash</u>	<u>Mth-End</u>
Treasurer's Checking - operating	171,815
Schwab Account - operating	184,088
Less Treasurer's Checking - restricted	<u>(171,099)</u>
Net Cash Available for Church Operati	184,804
Other Cash (Preschool, PDO, Other)	175,519



<u>Debt Liability</u>	<u>Mth-End</u>
Debt Reduction Loan - Diocese	469,419

<u>Capital Campaign</u>	
Capital Campaign Receipts	506,926
Capital Campaign Spending	<u>(376,506)</u>
Net Capital Campaign Funds	130,420

For YTD Feb 2026, St. Mark's operating net was a deficit of \$4,755 which was above budget by \$3,497. Actual pledges received YTD of \$131,351 were above budget by \$650. Unpledged, open plate and other donations were below budget by \$11,689. St. Mark's cash available for current operations is \$184,804. St. Mark's paid off the Wintrust Mortgage in January and has a repayment plan with the Bishops and Trustees to pay off the \$469k loan by the end of 2030. If there are any comments or questions, contact Cam Gowans, cameronbgowans@gmail.com. Finance Committee meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7:30pm (online) and are open to all of St. Mark's.

- Join over 260 St. Mark's households by making a pledge for 2026 at <https://www.stmarksglenellyn.org/giving>
- Set-up automatic weekly or monthly pledge payments using Realm or contact our bookkeeper, Elise Brinich, at 630-858-1020 ext 224



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The deadline for announcements is Tuesday at 9:00 am. Please submit to communications@stmarksglenellyn.org. Thank you!

HOW TO FOLD A PALM LEAF CROSS

1 GET YOUR PALM



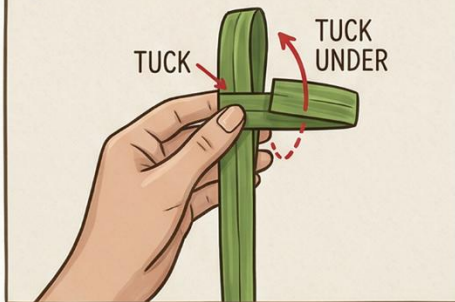
2 MAKE A T-SHAPE



3 SECURE THE CENTER



4 FOLD RIGHT ARM



5 FOLD LEFT ARM



6 TUCK TOP ARM



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