



# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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](http://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.

### CONTACTS

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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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## OPENING VOLUNTARY

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

*Stand as able when the bell is rung*

### OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT *for* PURITY

*The Officiant says*

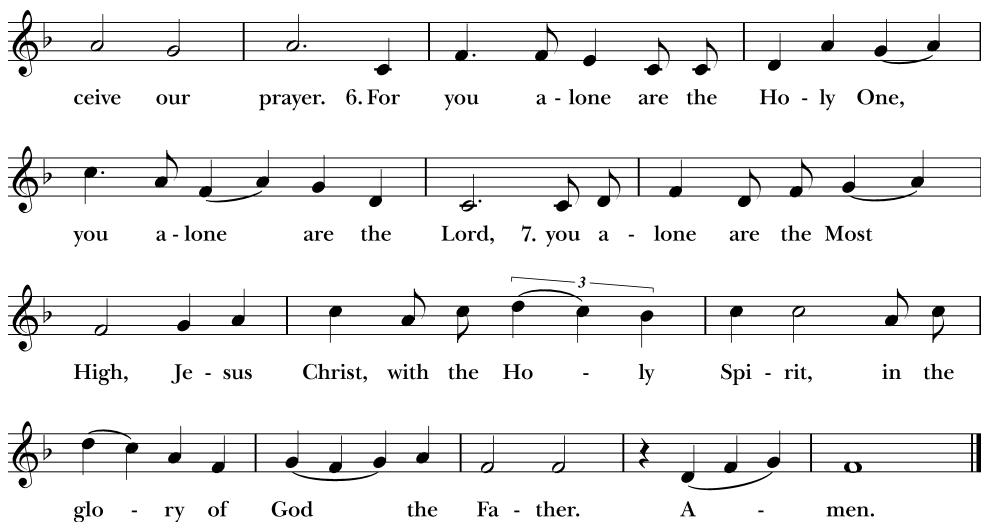
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Hymnal S 280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 58:1-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,  
 and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
 and make your bones strong;  
 and you shall be like a watered garden,  
 like a spring of water,  
 whose waters never fail.  
 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
 the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### THE RESPONSE

Psalm 112:1-10 *Beatus vir*

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



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the /Lord \*  
 and have great delight in his com/mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the /land; \*  
 the generation of the upright will be /blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their /house, \***  
**and their righteousness will last for /ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the /upright; \***  
**the righteous are merciful and full of com/passion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in /lending \*  
 and to manage their affairs with /justice.
- 6 For they will never be /shaken; \*  
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting re/membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil /rumors; \***  
**their heart is right; they put their trust in the /Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not /shrink, \***  
**until they see their desire upon their /enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the /poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with /honor.  
10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine a/way; \*  
the desires of the wicked will /perish.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

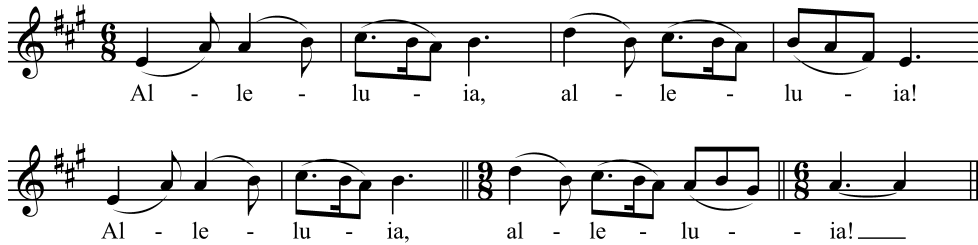
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able for the Gospel*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

*Clergy*  
*People*

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Clergy*  
*People*

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

*The Gospel Acclamation is repeated*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. George Smith, *Rector*

*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.**

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THE PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE

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*Modified from the Anglican Church in Canada*

God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

**We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy, and all people.**

We pray for all who look to you for hope, for all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith. Help us to reflect your light in our words and actions, that your love may speak through us.

**Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

Light of all creation, guide us to care for all of your children, our human family, with humility and compassion.

**We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of your healing touch.**

We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby. We pray for those struggling to survive in the midst of war or genocide. We pray for those in and on the verge of poverty. We pray for those seeking asylum or refuge, and all who feel or are treated as if they don't belong. Today we pray for the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. Bless us to be a

blessing to all peoples and guide us to peaceful and harmonious living in your beloved community.

**Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us. We pray for indigenous peoples past and present and acknowledge that we are situated on the unceded land of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Ottawa, and Potawatomi nations, among many others before them. Grant us the grace and humility to do our part in repairing the harms done to your beloved children and creation, that all may heal and be restored to wholeness in your grace.

**Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Friend of all, drawing each of us to your side with the warmth of your compassion, we pray especially for those on our parish prayer list in need of your tender care, 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, Kris Baier, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Mark Zelman, 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, 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, Juan Aguilar, Lucien Greesham, Cooper Stegen, Barbara Barajas, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grieff, Rachel Newlin, Danuta Wroblewska, Priscilla Meldrim, Tracy Smith, Mary Jane Malik, Sally Neuert, Alondra De Casas, Kaleb Tompkins, Estrella Pedroza, Gwen, Shirley Hoops, Pam Rojc, Aunt Diane, Joseph Strati, June Judd, Jim Drew, Sergio Mazariegos, Zoila Via Gambini, Alice Vanest, Barry Nelson, Victor Nieves, Higinio Camarillo, Elizabeth Dresser, Jane Moore, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Ofelia Bustamante, Martha Lakin, Shelley Hoffman, Mike McGrath, Shirley Schafer, Anne Schafer, Chris Kulawik, Jenn McFadden, Jennifer Sousa, Miguel Aguilar, Martha Torres, and Tara Schoen.

Glow of everlasting life, we pray for those who have died.

**Grant to the departed eternal rest as you hold the living and the dead in the warmth of your embrace which melts the barriers between us.**

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please be seated or kneel*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

#### THE PEACE

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*Officiant*  
*People*

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



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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE OFFERING

Thank you for placing your offerings in the plate.

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# THE LITURGY of THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Bone Jesu | *Carson P. Cooman*

*Translation*

O good Jesus, have mercy on us,  
Because you created us, you have redeemed us  
With your most precious blood.

*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*

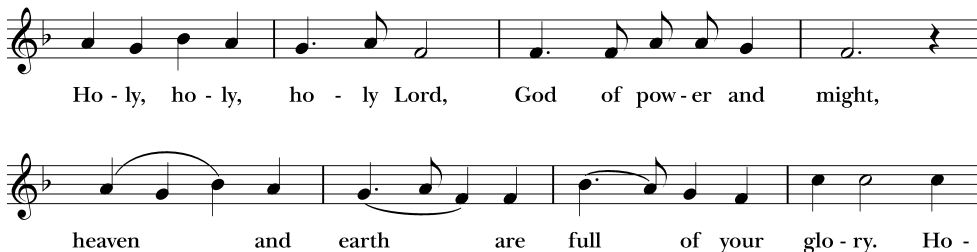
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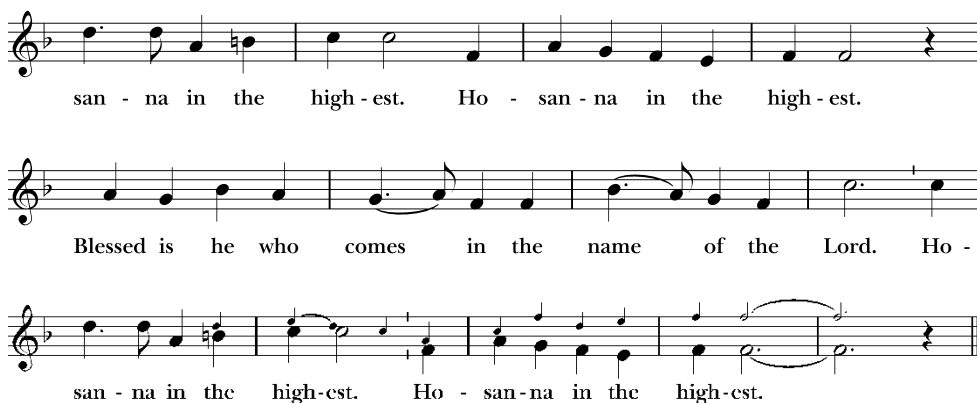
<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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

Hymnal S 125





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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,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread*

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

#### FRACTION ANTHEM



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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.

quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni  
You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts

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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## HYMNAL 635

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;



and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

## HYMNAL 339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franek (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

#### ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 304 “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

#### 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 665



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 \* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -  
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
 Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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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 rose on the altar is in thanksgiving for the arrival of a new baby to Stefany Heredia – name TBD*



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](mailto:frontdesk@stmarksglenellyn.org) and make your donation by check payable to St. Mark’s or electronically using this QR code:



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# Shrove Tuesday - February 17

## Burning of the Palms, Pancake Dinner and Bible Bingo!

- 6:00 pm Burning of the Palms from last year's Palm Sunday:  
gather on the front steps of the church.
- 6:15 pm Pancake Supper in Mahon Hall served by the  
St. Mark's men's group.
- 6:45 pm Bingo for everyone! There will be lots of prizes!





# **Ash Wednesday**

## **February 18**

**Ashes to Go**

St. Mark's Library – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Traditional Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist**

12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
393 N Main Street, Glen Ellyn IL 60137  
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## LOOKING AHEAD

### February

8	Sun	11:15 am – 1:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off
11	Wed	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Youth Night
17	Tue	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
17	Tue	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
18	Wed	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday – Ashes to Go
		12:00 pm & 7:00 pm	Eucharists
21	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Coffee & Conversation
21	Sat	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
26	Thur	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Community Dinner

## UPCOMING EVENTS

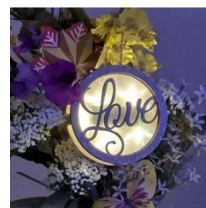


## **Holding the Light: A Support Group for Dementia Caregivers**

### **Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

### **Room 204 (across from Mahon Hall)**

Holding the Light offers a safe and sacred space for dementia caregivers: a time set apart for prayer, sharing stories, and spiritual respite. This monthly gathering is facilitated by Dr. Anne Windholz, a board-certified chaplain. Beginning in March, our meetings will be on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Anyone who is caring for – or has ever cared for— someone with dementia is welcome. For more information, please contact Anne at [windholzam@gmail.com](mailto:windholzam@gmail.com).



## **Support Anima Singers and enter to win a European Getaway!**

A group of Anima's Concert and Touring Choristers are headed to Spain in June, and they are raffling off a trip for 2 to either Paris or London - your pick! The trip includes round trip airfare for 2 and hotel accommodations for 3 nights. Travel dates are either November 7-11, 2026, or January 14-18, 2027. Departure airport can be anywhere in the US, and if you win but prefer not to travel, you may gift the trip to a family member or friend. Raffle tickets are \$100 each, and only 100 will be sold! Secure your ticket today by visiting <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/anima-singers-raffle>

Contact Kate Curran with questions at [Kate@animasingers.org](mailto:Kate@animasingers.org)

## **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Sacred Ground 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.

### **Lenten Series – Soup, Film & Discussion**

**Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 pm**

**St. Mark's Library**

**February 25, March 4, 11, & 18**



Come for soup and bread and stay for the film and discussion! We'll watch the documentary "Separated" on February 25 and March 4. "Separated" shows the impact of Trump's family separation policy on migrant children.



On March 11 and 18, we will watch two of the six episodes of “Living Undocumented,” which shows the stress put on families living in the US without documentation. Discussion will follow each film.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at [joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org](mailto:joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org)

## **The St. Mark’s Forum**

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 rsvp is required. Come when you are able or interested in the topic. Join in the learning and sharing of our community.

### **Feb 8 *Organizing for Our Community***

**Kim Reed and Alice Plutko**

Community organizing and participation in socially responsive groups can be key to implementing change and improving one's mental health. Kim Reed and Alice Plutko will briefly share how they got involved and will give a quick outline on how to get started.

### **Feb 15 *ChatGPT as a Spiritual Companion***

**Bob Lundin**

Parishioner Bob Lundin will discuss how conversations with ChatGPT and other AI platforms have deepened his spiritual life and supported his personal growth. He will reflect on AI’s surprising spiritual fluency across traditions and offer brief demonstrations of its remarkable ability to engage in spiritual dialogue and to create thoughtful, meaningful prayers.

### **Feb 22 – March 8. *Paul Re-Viewed: A Fresh Look at the Apostle’s Message of Inclusion, Justification and Faith***

**Father George Smith**

*A 3-part series challenging common assumptions about St. Paul and his letters*

Often seen as an historical figure, Paul’s radical call to faith and freedom is profoundly relevant for the challenges of today. Over three Sundays, we’ll unpack his core message, exploring themes of faith, identity, and community that still speak directly to our lives as followers of Jesus.

- **Feb 22** Beyond the Law: Understanding Paul’s emphasis on radical grace.
- **March 1** Identity in Christ: What Paul teaches us about who we are and who we are called to be.
- **March 8** Community and Conflict: Applying Paul’s vision for unity in a divided world.

For more information about the St. Mark’s Forum, contact Joyce Fletcher at [joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org](mailto: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](mailto:rector@stmarksglenellyn.org) | 630-858-1020, ext. 222

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

## **Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!**

The February Newsletter is in your email in-box and copies are available in the narthex.



### **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, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



### **Save The Date:**

St Mark's celebrates Mardi Gras with pancakes and Bible Bingo – a great event for the whole family! Tuesday, February 17 from 6pm to 7:30 pm. No RSVP needed.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study! We are studying 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:rector@stmarksglenellyn.org).

## ST. MARK'S ART EXHIBIT

### St. Mark's Art Exhibit During Epiphany

During the season of Epiphany, a selection of icons and icon-inspired works from the St. Mark's permanent collection are on display in the sanctuary. Many of these pieces have been gifted to the church through the years and each is a spiritual and visual treasure. A guide to the exhibit is listed below and is also available in the narthex. For more information about the St. Mark's Art Committee, please contact Beth Treleven at [beth@tre2creative.com](mailto:beth@tre2creative.com).



### St. Mark's Icon and Icon-Inspired Works:

- 1) Title: **Most Holy Theotokos Eleusa**; Depiction of the Virgin Mary with the Infant Jesus.
- 2) Title: **Altar of Duke Ratchis**; relief carving representing the Ascension of Christ; example of Lombardic sculpture, 737-744 CE.
- 3) Title: **Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus**; painting by Polish artist Zofia Stryjenska; gifted to St. Mark's by Marylu and Greg Osen.
- 4) Title: **Synaxis of the Holy Angels**; gifted to St. Mark's by the choir honoring Charles Snider 25 years as Choir Director.
- 5) Title: **Saint Mark, Evangelist**; hand gilded reproduction of an icon by Joseph Malham; a gift to St. Mark's by the Wes Hookham Memorial Fund.
- 6) Title: **Virgin and Child Hodegetria**; egg tempera, clay bole, gold leaf on wood panel; given to St. Mark's in memory of Bettie Martina Snider by her son Charles Snider. A Hodegetria (in Greek literally: "She who shows the Way), or Virgin Hodegetria, is an iconographic depiction of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary) holding the Child Jesus at her side while pointing to Him as the source of salvation for mankind.

- 7) Title: **Door To Paradise**; paint, textural paste, gold on wood panel, 2013 by artist Ludmila Pawlowska. A gift to St. Mark's from Gerald and Tanya Carey in memory of Tanya's sister, Nadia Lesinsky Goodman.
- 8) Title: **St. Mark the Evangelist**; original icon of St. Mark written in 2013 by Joseph Malham; commissioned by the Wes Hookham Memorial Fund.
- 9) Title: **The Flight into Egypt**; studio of the Coptic Icons, Cairo, Egypt; a gift to St. Mark's by Lynn and David Dornblaser.
- 10) Title: **Madonna of Humility**; written by Magdy William.
- 11) Title: **Our Lady of the Sign**; hand-carved wooden relief; gift to St. Mark's from The Rev. JoAnn Lagman.
- 12) Title: **Virgin Mary and the Christ Child**; painting by Polish artist Zofia Stryjenska; characteristic of the Polish Art Deco movement; gifted to St. Mark's by Marylu and Greg Osen.
- 13) Title: **The Light-Giver**; traditional Eastern Orthodox icon of Jesus Christ given in memory of Bertie Martin Snider by her son, Charles Snider.
- 14) Title: **Virgin Mary with Baby Jesus**; icon written by Mother Magdalena.
- 15) Title: **Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child**; hand-painted in Jerusalem; gift to St. Mark's from Thomas Smith, brother of George Smith.
- 16) Title: **Holy Family**; hand-painted in Bethlehem

## 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 **Quintana Roo**.

- Capital: Chetumal
- Information: Located on the eastern part of the Yucatán Peninsula, Quintana Roo is home to the world-famous tourist destinations of Cancún, Playa del Carmen, and Tulum, known for their stunning Caribbean beaches and Mayan ruins.



## YOUTH NEWS

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**Next Youth Night, Wednesday February 11, 2026**

**6 – 8:30 p. m. in Mahon Hall**



Palentine's

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Join in the **“Palentine’s”** fun with games, fun, and food. We’ll talk about the importance of friendship and God’s love for us.

***Bring your friends!!!***

### Remaining Spring 2026 Youth Night Dates

February 25	March 25	April 22
March 11	April 8	May 6



**Fri, March 13 Feed My Starving Children 4 - 8 pm**

First United Methodist Church trip to Aurora location – Leave St. Mark’s at 4 p.m. to arrive at the packing site in Aurora, share dinner at a nearby restaurant and return to Glen Ellyn by 8 p.m. RSVP to Joyce no later than March 4.

For more information, contact Joyce Fletcher at [joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org](mailto:joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org)

## OUTREACH

### Northern Illinois Food Bank

#### Volunteer Opportunity

**Saturday, February 28, 9 am – 12:00 pm**

Thank you to the volunteers who packed 8,675 pounds of potatoes at Northern Illinois Food Bank on Saturday. Next volunteer shift Saturday February 28th 9 - 12 - sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9>

Questions? Contact Hester at [hesterbury@gmail.com](mailto:hesterbury@gmail.com).



# Need a Helping Hand with Dinner?

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](mailto:kroth1280@gmail.com) or 773-383-1884.

## 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:

February 21	Marcy 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!

February 26	March 26
April 23	May 28

Questions? Please contact David Dornblaser at [dornblaser@me.com](mailto:dornblaser@me.com).

## How to Support the Glen House Food Pantry

Please pick up a grocery bag from the shopping cart outside the St. Mark’s library.





Jarred Pasta Sauce



Canned Diced Tomatoes



Ketchup



Canned Sloppy Joes



Salsa



Tomato Sauce (Low-Sodium)

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.

## Putting "The Mind of Christ" to Work

From Kate Bowler, author of "Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved:

The "Things Not to Say" to someone in a crisis or suffering loss:

1. **"Well, at least..."** Comparison often minimizes the person's current pain. As Bowler notes, saying "at least it's not Stage V cancer" doesn't help the person who is struggling with their actual reality.
2. **"In my long life, I've learned that..."** Offering unsolicited life lessons can feel patronizing. It reminds the sufferer that they may not have the privilege of a long life to learn those same lessons.
3. **"It's going to get better. I promise."** While well-intentioned, this is a "fairy godmother" promise that no one can actually keep, making it difficult to trust when things go poorly.
4. **"God needed an angel."** Bowler finds this confusing and potentially harmful, as it can imply a "sadistic" view of God and ignores the reality of the person's absence.
5. **"Everything happens for a reason."** This is perhaps the most famous entry. Bowler explains that "handing someone a reason" when they are "drowning" is often a way for the speaker to make sense of the tragedy for themselves, rather than comforting the sufferer.
6. **"I've done some research and..."** Giving unsolicited medical or lifestyle advice (like special diets or "secrets" found online) can undermine the professionals and specialists the person is already working with.
7. **"When my aunt had cancer..."** While intended to build a connection, it often forces the sufferer to listen to someone else's "journey down memory lane" rather than focusing on their own current needs.
8. **"So how are the treatments going? How are you *really*?"** This is the "toughest one," because it comes from a place of care. However, Bowler explains that being asked to summarize your worst nightmare 50 times a day is exhausting. Sometimes, she'd rather just talk about *American Ninja Warrior*.

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## What to Do Instead

Instead of trying to "fix" the pain or offer a reason, Bowler suggests:

- **Show up and shut up:** Being present without needing to fill the silence with platitudes.
- **Offer specific help:** Instead of "let me know if you need anything," say "I'm bringing dinner on Thursday."
- **Narrate your brain:** If you're stuck, it's okay to say, "I'm shocked by this news, I care about you, and I don't know what to say."



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**The deadline for announcements is Tuesday at 9:00 am. Please submit to [communications@stmarksglenellyn.org](mailto:communications@stmarksglenellyn.org). Thank you!**