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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

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.

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

Cover Art: Healing 10 Lepers by Jesus Mafa

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the bell is rung

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 404

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

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

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

COLLECT *for* PURITY

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Mass of St Cedd | *Peter Nardone*

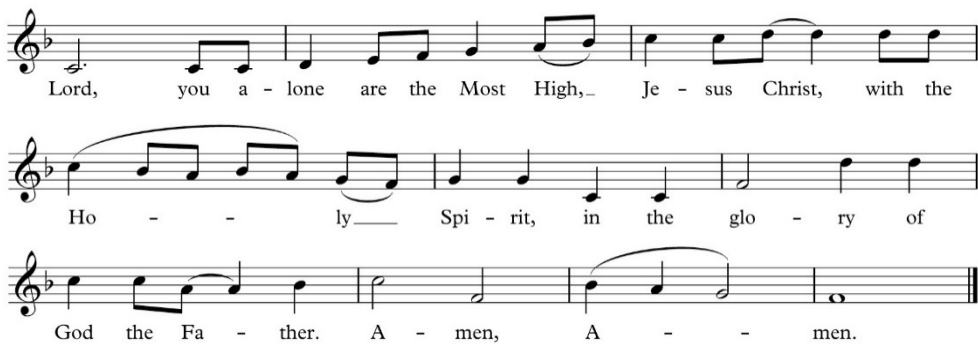
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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry.

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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 66:1-11 Jubilate Deo

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



1 Be joyful in God, all you /lands; *

sing the glory of his Name;

sing the glory of his /praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your /deeds! *

because of your great strength your enemies cringe be/fore you.

3 All the earth bows down be/fore you, *

sings to you, sings out your /Name."

4 Come now and see the works of /God, *

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all /people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on /foot, *

and there we re/joiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;

his eyes keep watch over the /nations; *

let no rebel rise up a/gainst him.

7 Bless our God, you /peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be /heard;

8 Who holds our souls in /life, *

and will not allow our feet to /slip.

9 For you, O God, have /proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is /tried.

10 You brought us into the /snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our /backs.

†11 You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and /water; *

but you brought us out into a place of re/freshment.

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
 if we deny him, he will also deny us;
 if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
 for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for a piano or organ, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, using whole and half notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The first system covers the first three phrases, the second system covers the next two, and the third system covers the final phrase.

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Clergy
People

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Clergy
People

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

Leah Ostwald, *guest preacher*

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Mother, Father, Heavenly Parent, we pray for the Church Universal, our Spiritual Family;
That we all may be one.

Grant that each of your children may faithfully and humbly serve you with acts of loving kindness toward all creation;
That all people may rejoice in your Name.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all the peoples of the world, and all who govern and hold authority and this week for the Mexican state of Coahuila;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for this beautiful, vulnerable world you have given us as a home. We confess that we have not been faithful stewards of the land, air, and water you have entrusted to our care. Grant us the will and wisdom to nurture this planet back to health and care for it with due reverence, that it may be home to countless generations to come.
In your tender mercy, make us tender and merciful to this planet and all who call it home.

We pray that you open our eyes, hearts, and hands to those in poverty, who are near and throughout the world. Help us to recognize what we can give, and grant us the humility to receive the gifts of others in true gratitude. Shatter the illusion of scarcity and teach us to share in the abundance of your creation.
In your generosity, make us generous.

We pray for an end to all war, brutality, cruelty, and dehumanization. Let your loving compassion and forgiveness penetrate our hearts and open our eyes so that we finally recognize our adversaries as neighbors and our enemies as friends.
Bless us with forgiveness and compassion, that we may be forgiving and compassionate toward one another.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others. You are invited to say aloud names on the parish prayer list or other names of those in need of prayer.

Karen Nicholson, Kay Ververka, Matt, Azza and Yara, 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, Tom Gramm, Jack Clinkman, Mary Parsons, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Mike Bennett, 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 Grieff, 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, Stacey Vassallo, Zoila Via Gambini, Diane Arpino, Regina Casey, and Jan Vanest.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or be seated

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.

The Officiant says

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

THE PEACE

Officiant
People

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE OFFERING

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

THE LITURGY *of* THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O for a Closer Walk with God | *C.V. Stanford*

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

— *Words: William Conper (1731-1800)*

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 A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Mass of St Cedd | *Nardone*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please kneel or be seated

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. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

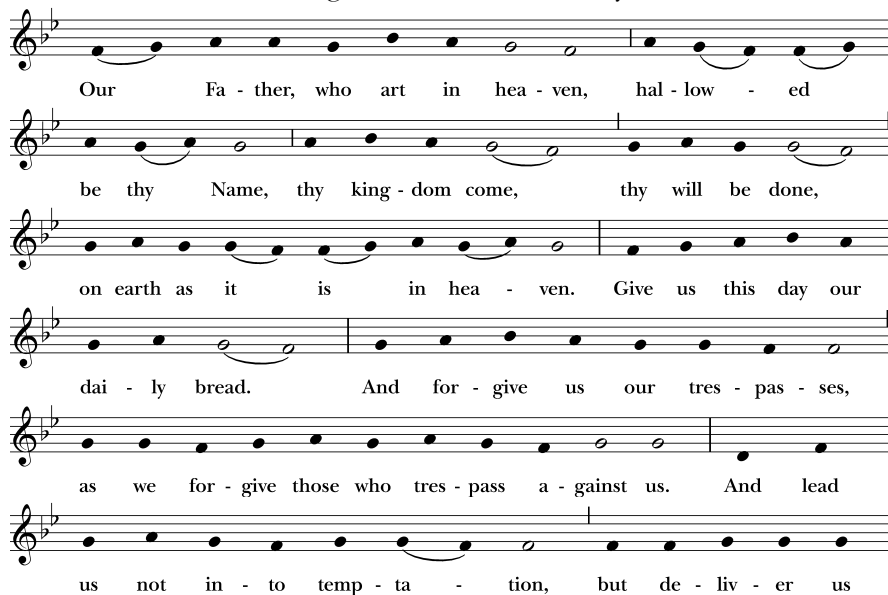
Christ will come again.

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.

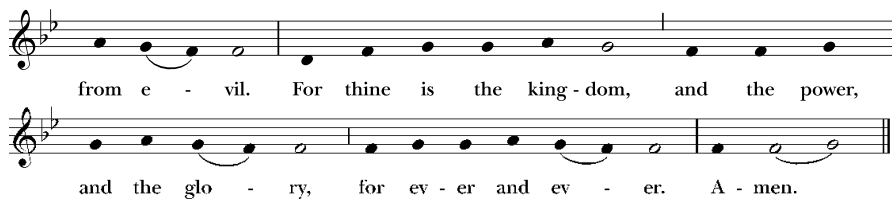
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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 Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



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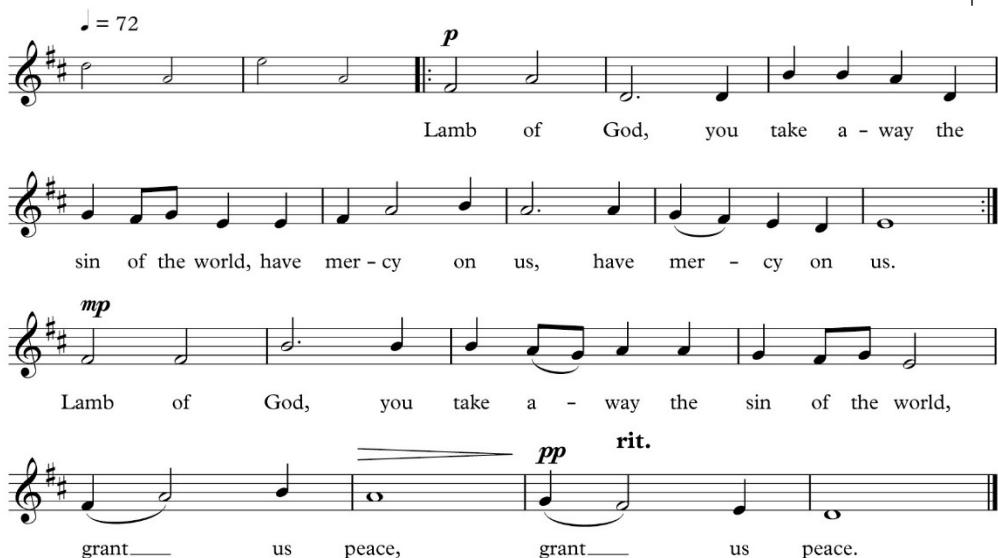
The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread, silence is kept

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Mass of St Cedd | *Nardone*



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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.

HYMNAL 336

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

HYMNAL 670

Unison or harmony

1 Lord, for ev - er at thy side let my place and por - tion be,
 2 When I come be - fore thy Word, qui - et my anx - i - e - ty;
 3 What thy Spi - rit doth re - veal, that may I in faith re - ceive;
 4 Is - rael, now and ev - er - more in the Lord Al - might - y trust;

strip me of the robe of pride, clothe me with hu - mil - i - ty.
 teach me thou a - lone art Lord, let my heart find rest in thee.
 though my doubts I sore - ly feel, thy sure prom - ise I be - lieve.
 him, in all his ways, a - dore, wise, and won - der - ful, and just.

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ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 309 “O Food to pilgrims given”

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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Joseph Vanest



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 and make your donation by check payable to St. Mark's or electronically using this QR code:



LOOKING AHEAD

October

18	Saturday	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Coffee & Conversation
18	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
19	Sunday	All Services	Trick or Treat for UNICEF – Boxes Distributed
21	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
22	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Exodus Refugee Journey Experience
23	Thursday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Community Dinner
26	Sunday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Blood Drive

November

2	Sunday	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Evensong for All Saints
5	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
5	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night
8	Saturday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	StrokeScan
8	Saturday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	SCARCE Pumpkin Smash
9	Sunday	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Parish Breakfast

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Pumpkins are Here! Announcing the 19th Annual St. Mark's Pumpkin Patch for DuPagePads!

The pumpkins are here! The sale continues through Halloween, October 31. The "Patch" is open 24 hours a day with the use of an honor payment system. We rely primarily on this honor system for pumpkin sales with volunteers helping with the sales on Saturdays and Sundays. Over the years, this system has worked incredibly well and is a testimony to the ethics of our community.

Over the past 18 years, the "Patch" netted a total of \$136,648 for DuPagePads. Last year's "Patch" netted \$9,845!

Please sign up to staff the sales tent on the clipboards in the narthex by using this QR code or go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/dwzc4bhw>



If you have any questions, please contact the front office at frontdesk@stmarksglenellyn.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Basket Elf

BE A CHRISTMAS BASKET ELF! (Translation: sponsor a family to provide gifts and a food gift card to enhance their Christmas!) Be part of the decades-long tradition at St. Mark's to partner with ReVive Center for Housing and Healing to help families in need. Choose a family size based on your budget: plan to spend \$30-50 per person on new gifts plus \$25 per person on a Jewel gift card. Options: Gift cards instead of gifts are now OK and a single large gift for the family instead of individual gifts if that fits your situation best is also OK. The family sizes range from 1 to 6 and there are more than 30 to choose from. Sponsor on your own or partner with a friend or with a group. Email or call Sheila Plecha to request a family (let her know family size; special requests like kids' ages are also fine). Boxes with wrapped packages are due at church beginning Sunday, December 7th. Questions? Please contact Sheila Plecha, splecha24@gmail.com or 248-202-7348. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

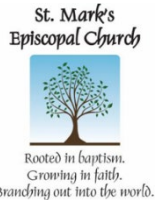
ST. MARK'S PRAYERS FOR THE STATES OF MEXICO

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 one of the Mexican states of **Coahuila**.

- Capital: Saltillo
- Information: A northern state bordering Texas, Coahuila is a significant industrial and mining center. It also has a rich history, having played a crucial role in the Mexican Revolution.
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BIBLE STUDY

A New Bible Study Begins: 1 Thessalonians - the First Christian Scripture

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 starting a new study on Tuesday, October 14** that will focus on 1 Thessalonians. This book / letter has the distinction of being the earliest of Paul's letters known to us, 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. Is Paul a fraud? Will those who have died participate in the resurrection? With Christ coming again soon, why work?

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!

- Sign up to be a volunteer leader
- Register your child for 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.

Signups for Sept. & Oct. are at the following link: or use the QR code to the right:



Registering Your Children:



Please register your children who will be attending this year, so that we can prepare for our classes. Use this link, <https://tinyurl.com/3h7tm8h5> or the QR code to the left to register.

We look forward to a wonderful year of faith and friendship!

If you have any questions please contact Gina Wood, Director of Children's Ministry, at childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org

2026 GIVING CAMPAIGN



Do you remember your *first door* into St. Mark's?

Think back to your first experience with St. Mark's. Do you remember what it was? Maybe it was a visit to check out a new church home. Maybe you were attending a program. Perhaps it was through the Preschool or the Parents' Day Out Program. Maybe you stopped to buy a pumpkin or a mum that was on display. Or perhaps you came to meet a need, ask a question, or talk with someone. Maybe it was something you couldn't easily explain...

The "doors" into St. Mark's are many—and as unique as each of us who walks through the doors, hallways, and spaces of our parish home. Each door represents an entry into a community where God's love is shared and all are welcome.

Our Lord promised that when we knock, the door shall be opened. The upcoming Giving Campaign for 2026 invites everyone to reflect on the many blessings we have received and to support our ministry so that the doors of St. Mark's may swing open even wider to all.

Later in October, you will receive an email and a USPS mailing with materials about the 2026 Annual Giving Campaign. Please be on the lookout—more information to come!

The 2026 Giving Campaign Committee

Chip Bennett, Chris Goebbert, Karen Hill, Patti King, Samantha Kyrkostas, Kyle McCordic, Rebecca McCordic, George Smith, Javier Valdivia

Youth Night

Wednesday, October 22 – Exodus Refugee Journey Experience

6 -6:30 p.m. - Pizza

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Refugee Journey Experience

Mahon Hall



All youth are invited, along with their family and friends, to participate in the ALL CHURCH **Refugee Journey Simulation**.

You will experience what it is like to be forced to flee your home and your country, to live in a camp or a series of camps, and to apply for refugee status. This will be a meaningful experience for all.

Invite your friends!!

Fall Youth Night Schedule

October 22

November 5 and 19

December 3 and 17

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

8th Graders and Older are Invited to Participate in St. Mark's Confirmation - 2025–2026



All students entering 8th grade and above are invited to participate in the Year-long St. Mark's Confirmation program, which begins this fall. Confirmation is an opportunity for young people to investigate their faith and choose to reaffirm the promises made on their behalf at baptism.

Confirmation with the Bishop of Chicago will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at St.

Mark's.

- Attend the Confirmation Retreat on Friday, October 24 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Attend the First Confirmation class with Father George on Sunday, October 26 from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. in Lehman Parlor
- Confirmation Commissioning will take place on Sunday, October 26 during the 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. services

We hope that your family will prayerfully consider participating in this opportunity to explore Confirmation in the Episcopal Church.

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

Adult Formation

Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 am

Library



Fall Adult Formation

Fellowship and lifelong learning are the hallmarks of Adult Formation at St. Mark's. 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 Adult Formation!

Oct 12 *Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity*

Miguel Briones

Celebrated as the Day of Cultural Diversity in Argentina, many think of October 12 as Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples Day. What does Respect for Cultural Diversity really mean? What steps can we take to understand and respect other cultures?

Oct 19 *Following the Prince of Peace in a World of War*

Lindsey Paris-Lopez

What is the Christian responsibility for peacemaking in a war-torn world? During the first week of this 2-week series, Lindsey Paris-Lopez will discuss how violent interpretations of scripture have weaponized Christianity in the past and present, as well as how inclusive, merciful interpretations of those same scriptures have nurtured faith-based movements for peace and justice.

Oct 26 *Following the Prince of Peace in a World of War*

Lindsey Paris-Lopez

We will focus on the current crises, particularly in the Middle East. We will speak to how militant interpretations of Christianity have contributed to the devastation of the region. We will creatively contemplate how to follow Jesus' call to love neighbor and enemy alike as we pray and work for peace together.

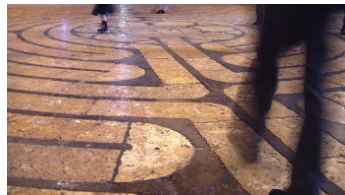
Nov 2 *Orthodox Icons: Windows to Heaven*

Aphrodite Peponis

Learn about the theology and symbolism of icons. We will discover how the artistic attributes and symbolism of Icons have enabled spiritual enrichment and enhanced meaningful prayer life for centuries.

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

St. Mark's Sacred Ground Program: 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.

Wednesday, Oct 22 Exodus Refugee Journey Simulation

Mahon Hall 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Follow in the Footsteps of a Refugee

All St. Markers from middle school and up are invited to take on the roles of refugees forced to flee their homeland, making tough decisions along the way. This immersive experience engages participants through compelling true stories and discussion questions.

Wednesday, Oct 29 Impure (a documentary) Library 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

International Neighbors is showing *Impure*, a documentary about the “period shaming” that takes place in much of Africa and how it interferes with the education of women.

Tuesday, Nov 25 Monthly Meeting Library and Zoom 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Immigration Issues Update with Sara Dady

Sara Dady has been practicing family-based immigration including visas for victims of domestic violence and other crimes, asylum as well as deportation defense for over 17 years.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

OUTREACH

Need a Helping Hand with Meals?

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

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

To request meals or learn more, please contact Kristina Roth and Jessie Commo at kr0th1280@gmail.com or 773-383-1884

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

St. Mark's Meals To Go

Saturday, October 20, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Hillside Entrance

St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be giving out a hot meal to go to anyone who wants or needs one on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. All are welcome! www.stmarksmeals.org. **Our next Meals to Go lunch will be November 1.**

Questions? Contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com

Glen House Food Pantry – Top Needs

Top Needs: Shampoo, Bar Soap & Body Wash, Liquid Hand Soap, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Deodorant, and Disinfecting Wipes & Glass Cleaner. . Please can bring items to donate to St. Mark's and place them in our shopping cart in the hallway between the library and the narthex.

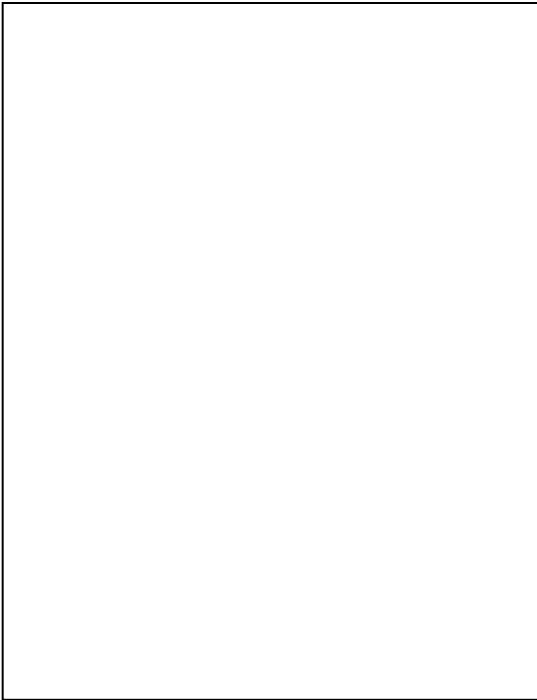
Questions? Contact Joyce Frawley at jfrawley260@gmail.com.

Volunteer to become an Academic Coach with CREO DuPage

CREO DuPage is a pre-college program that started as a ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. CREO matches first-generation college-bound students from Spanish-speaking families with volunteers who help them establish and accomplish academic and career goals during weekly virtual meetings. We provide activities, training, and ongoing support. To learn more, visit our website: <https://creodupage.org/volunteer>.



Questions? Contact Krista Suzuki at krista.suzuki@creodupage.org.



Join with St. Mark's for a
Refugee Journey Simulation

Wednesday, October 22, 6:30–8:00 pm

Join us for pizza from 6:00–6:30 pm

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 393 N Main St, Glen Ellyn, IL

In this interactive simulation, your group will take on the roles of refugees forced to flee their homeland, making tough decisions along the way. This immersive experience engages participants through compelling true stories and discussion questions. Please join us!

QUESTIONS? Contact Joyce Fletcher
joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

exodusworldservice.org



The 2025 Glen Ellyn Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

STRONGER BRIDGES

Abbington Distinctive Banquets, Glen Ellyn
Wednesday, October 29th 7:30 - 9:00am
Doors Open at 7:00



Featuring Dr. Alexander Massad: Stronger Bridges Built On Differences



Dr. Alexander Massad is Assistant Professor of World Religions at Wheaton College where he directs the Certificate of World Religions program. Dr. Massad is a leader in the field of Comparative Theology, where he focuses on Christian-Muslim thought and practice. He earned his Ph D from Fuller Theological Seminary. He also holds graduate degrees from Georgetown University and University of Virginia and his undergraduate from Trinity University. He is the author of the book *Witnessing God: Christians, Muslims and the Comparative Theology of Missions*, and of numerous articles on inter-religious faith and practice.



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