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This bulletin contains all the information you need to worship with us today. Learn more about St. Mark's Episcopal Church, our ministry and mission, the Diocese of Chicago, and the Episcopal Church in the United States by visiting our website at www.stmarksglenellyn.org.



PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER LIST

The parish prayer list is updated weekly, and names are always welcome to be added. If you or someone you know has a pastoral care need, St. Mark's is here to help.

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WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We'd like to get to know you!

We hope that you feel truly welcome and at home at St. Mark's.

Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew or scan the QR code to complete the "Visitors and Guests Form."



If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or ushers. You may also call the office at 630-858-1020, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the bell is rung

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 494

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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

Mass of St. Thomas | David Thorne

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

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

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 23:1-6

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Canticle 16 *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

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



Blessed be the Lord, the God of /Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them /free.
He has raised up for us a mighty /savior, *
born of the house of his servant /David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our /enemies, *
from the hands of all who /hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our /fathers *
and to remember his holy /covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father /Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our /enemies,
Free to worship him without /fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our /life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most /High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his /way,
To give his people knowledge of sal/vation *
by the forgiveness of their /sins.

In the tender compassion of our /God *
the dawn from on high shall break u/pon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of /death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of /peace.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 choir or congregation, using a two-staff system (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are in Afrikaans and are repeated across three systems of staves.

System 1:
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -
 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al -

System 2:
 - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

System 3:
 - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Clergy
People

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Clergy
People

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Gibbons, *Priest in the Diocese*

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 Jalisco;
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, 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, Jack Clinkman, Mary Parsons, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, John Mueller, Mary Treleven, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Rose Schnell, Donna Valkuchak, Michael Wagoner, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Alison Aguilar, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Jeanne McCauley, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mike Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, McGilvray Family, Karol Pinzón, Sandy Shellenhamer, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Tina Ulrich, Juan Aguilar, Lucien Greesham, Cooper Stegen, Brenda Laws, Barbara Barajas, Cassandra Echeverria, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grief, 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, Alice Vanest, Barry Nelson, Victor Nieves, Higinio Camarillo, Da'Nae, Elizabeth Dresser, Jane Moore, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, and Ofelia Bustamante.

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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THE LITURGY *of* THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hail, star of the sea,
loving Mother of God,
and also always a virgin,
Happy gate of heaven.

Receiving that Ave
from Gabriel's mouth
confirm us in peace,
Reversing Eva's name.

Break the chains of sinners,
Bring light to the blind,
Drive away our evils,
Ask for all good.

Show yourself to be a mother,
May he accept prayers through you,
he who, born for us,
Chose to be yours.

Ave Maris Stella | *Edward Elgar*

O unique virgin,
Meek above all,
Make us, absolved from sin,
Gentle and chaste.

Keep life pure,
Make the journey safe,
So that, seeing Jesus,
We may always rejoice together.

Let there be praise to God the Father,
Glory to Christ in the highest,
To the Holy Spirit,
One honor to all three. Amen.

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 & BENEDICTUS

Mass of St. Thomas | David Thorne

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of po - wer and might. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: in the high - est. Bless - ed is he the comes in the name of the. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Lord. Ho - san - na. 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 Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No

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

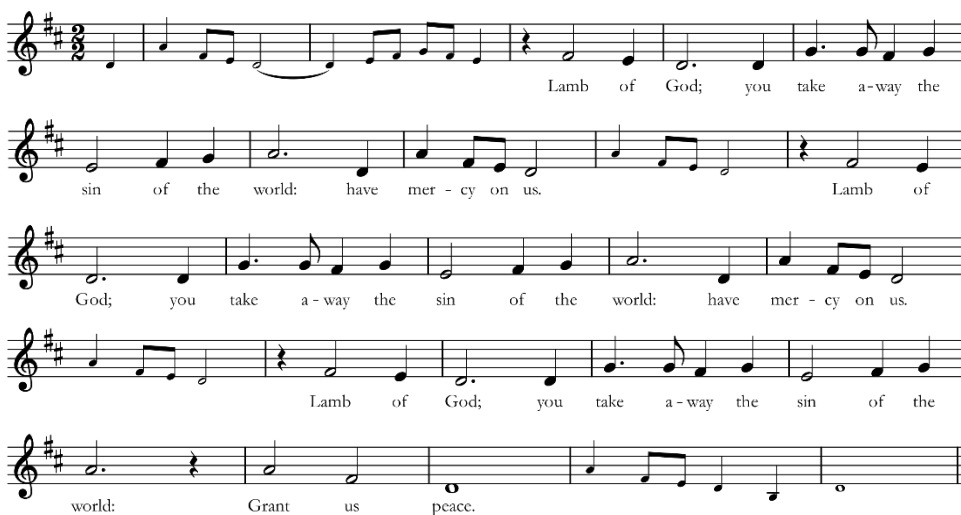
nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del
mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el
poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por
siempre. Amén.

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread, silence is kept

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

AGNUS DEI

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME
TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Join in one of the two lines to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available upon request.
Please dispose of the serving cup on the nearby tray.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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

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

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HYMNAL 307 “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

HYMNAL 324

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 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 477



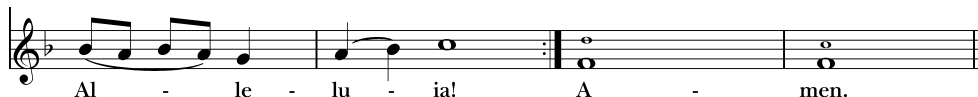
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All are welcome to Mahon Hall for coffee hour.



The Sunday Altar Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one and for other special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries. The suggested donation is \$50. Please complete the “Altar Flowers” sign-up in the narthex or email the front desk at frontdesk@stmarksglenellyn.org and make your donation by check payable to St. Mark’s or electronically using this QR code:



LOOKING AHEAD

November

25	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Sacred Ground Meeting
27	Thursday	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist

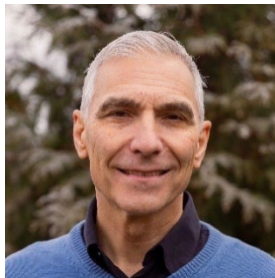
December

3	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
3	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night
6	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
7	Sunday	After 10:30 & 1pm services	St. Nicholas Visit
7	Sunday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Advent Lessons & Carols (bilingual)
11	Thursday	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe
14	Sunday	10:30 am & 1:00 pm services	Christmas Pageant
17	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
17	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Christmas & Cocoa Movie Night (Pre-K– 5 th graders)
18	Thursday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Community Dinner
19	Friday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Longest Night Service



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. David Gibbons is preaching this morning.



Fr. David is a priest of the Diocese of Chicago and a licensed clinical professional counselor. Born in London, studied at York and Oxford, he was ordained into the Church of England and served parishes in the Diocese of Portsmouth. During this time, he and wife, Susan, raised two daughters. In 2008 the family moved to Illinois when David was appointed the rector of St Mark's, Barrington Hills, where he served until the end of 2024. David has been working as a pastoral counselor since 2016 and is currently training as a Jungian Analyst at the CG Jung Institute of Chicago. David and Susan are co-owners of Mandala

Counseling Services, taking the name of their business from the Indian symbol of wholeness.

Pumpkin Patch Raises \$10,020 for DuPagePads!

The 2026 St. Mark's Pumpkin Patch was a massive success, marking the third time we have exceeded \$10,000 in a single year!

This brings our total contribution to DuPagePads since 2007 to an amazing **\$146,500**. Thank you to Mike Petrushka for organizing the event, and to all the volunteers and customers who made this possible. Get ready—next year is the **20th Anniversary** of the pumpkin patch!

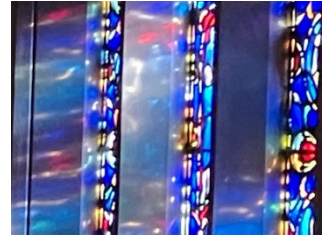


**Advent
Lessons
& Carols
December 7 | 6 pm**

Do you Know or Volunteer with a Local Non-Profit Organization?

St. Mark's Outreach Committee is inviting local non-profits serving low-income or underserved populations in Glen Ellyn and DuPage County addressing basic needs of food and shelter, mental health, education, access to the arts or environmental issues to apply for a 2026 grant. Guidelines and application form are available on the website www.stmarksglenellyn.org, under "Outreach". Deadline to apply is January 15th, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Hester Bury at hesterbury@gmail.com.

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



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

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

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

- download "Realm Connect" from the App Store
- set up your profile with the email address that St. Mark's has on file for you. If you're not sure that you have a profile or what email St. Mark's has, contact the office at 630-858-1020.
- if you need more help, contact Wes Clay-Anderson at communications@stmarksglenellyn.org.

All ReVive Christmas Families are sponsored!

Thank you to the St. Mark's community for your generosity in sponsoring all fifty-one families which were assigned to us. **Boxes for the sponsored families may be delivered to the St. Mark's library between Sunday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 10.** Hours are Sunday, 8 am to 3 pm; Monday, 9 am to 12 pm; Tuesday, 9 am to 4 pm; Wednesday, 9 am to 4 pm. Revive will be at St. Mark's to pick up boxes on Thursday, December 11 at 9 am. If you are able to help load the truck, please come to the office at 8:45 am. Questions? Please contact Sheila Plecha at splecha24@gmail.com or 248-202-7348.

Also, ReVive needs volunteers to help greet families and distribute Christmas Baskets at their Chicago location between the hours of 8:30 am and 1:30 pm, December 3rd through December 13th. ReVive's location is 1668 W Ogden Ave, Chicago, Illinois. If you are ready to help, make the holidays brighter, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/4cajw3f5> or call ReVive at 312-997-2222.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Ministry Christmas Ornament Exchange

Our most popular event of the year! Lots of fun and good cheer. Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 to 8:30 pm., St. Marks' Library.

Please bring a WRAPPED Christmas ornament (Please do not spend more than \$15.). We will draw numbers for choosing order. Each person chooses an ornament and then the person who unwraps next can keep that ornament, or "steal" the first person's ornament, and so forth. Please also bring an appetizer, drink or dessert to share. Hope to see many new and returning faces!

Questions? Contact Rita at women@stmarksglenellyn.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study!

St. Mark's offers a Bible study led by Fr. George on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 am. **We will be reading Paul's letter to the Galatians starting November**

18. Galatians is one of the earliest of the Christian scriptures, written approximately 35 years after Jesus was crucified. It was also written before the Gospels and serves as a window into the life of the early Christian movement and its struggles and questions. What is the true Gospel? Do you need to be Jewish to be a follower of Jesus? What is the law of Christ? Explore how Paul addresses these issues and more.

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

OUTREACH

Volunteer at Northern Illinois Food Bank

Thank you to the St. Marks members who volunteered at Northern Illinois Food Bank last week and labelled 5,500 pounds of canned vegetables for local food pantries.

Next volunteer shift is December 20th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Sign up here by December 13th: <https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9>

We still have openings for volunteers at the Food Bank on Saturday December 20th 9 - 12 - 10 spots

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



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 **Jalisco**.

- **Capital:** Guadalajara
- **Information:** The birthplace of mariachi music and tequila, Jalisco is one of Mexico's most culturally and economically important states. Its capital, Guadalajara, is a major cultural and technological hub.



Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!

The 2025 – 2026 Sunday School Program Includes:

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

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

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

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

Volunteering:

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

Registering Your Children:



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



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

Mark Your Calendar:

For all children ages Pre-K through 5th grade – a special movie night at St. Mark's on Wednesday, December 17 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the library. Parents may accompany children or drop them off. We will be getting ready for Christmas with cocoa, treats, and a Christmas movie. Pajamas optional!



The St. Mark's Forum
Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 am
Library



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

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

Nov 23 A Christian's Journey Through Hinduism

Bob Lundin

Learn how one St. Mark's parishioner found that an exploration of Hinduism enriched his Christian faith. Sharing his experiences at two Chicago-area Hindu temples, Bob Lundin will talk about how experiences were spiritually enriching, deepening his understanding of God-centeredness.

Nov 30 The Ghost in the Machine – Artificial Intelligence?

Jamie Hommowun

It is a defining feature of the decade that “AI” is becoming a central feature of many aspects of work, play and creative endeavor. Are we ready for a “true” artificial intelligence? Join Dr. Jamie Hommowun, PsyD, as we consider these questions and more in the “Advent of AI.”

Dec 7 Paging Dr. Sbaitso: AI as Counselors?

Jamie Hommowun

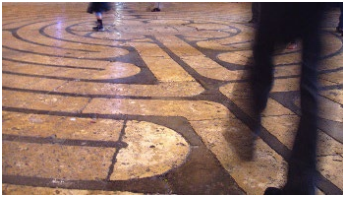
In the early 90s, Dr. Sbaitso, the “Sound Blaster Acting Intelligent Text-to-Speech Operator,” was an interactive “therapist” that was a party game of reading your thoughts and providing advice. While it seemed far-fetched at the time, we now see AI “counselors” providing relationship, emotional and even spiritual advice. Explore how these tools are shaping people, and how we can respond in love.

Dec 14 Written on Our Hearts

Vicki Fink

At this time of year, we delight in the gospel image of a baby in the manger, the star, shepherds, and angels. What other gospel images do we carry with us? Using a collection of graphics, our conversation will focus on sorting out which parts of the gospel affirm us, which challenge us, and which would be helpful to carry with us – to learn by heart.

For more information about the St. Mark's Forum, 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.

Tuesday, Nov 25 Monthly Meeting Library and Zoom 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Night

Next Youth Night – Wednesday, December 3

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



....and you won't want to miss the Junior High and High School Lock-ins, brought to you by The Collective!!



"The Collective" is Glen Ellyn churches coming together to give 6th – 12th graders a place to grow through faith, friendship, and fun.

Upcoming events from The Collective:

Dec 13–14 – Junior High Christmas Lock-in (5 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday morning)

Dec 20–21 – Senior High Christmas Lock-in (5 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday morning)

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

Opening the Doors of St. Mark's 2026 Giving Campaign



As of November 19:
115 Pledges Made
\$301,000 Pledged

Campaign Goal:
270 Pledges
\$700,000 Total

St. Mark's Church





November Food Drive

Support theGlenHouse Food Pantry

Due to the federal shutdown and suspension of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), many families are facing increased food insecurity. With federal employees furloughed or unpaid, the demand on food pantries has surged, and Glen House Food Pantry is seeing a significant rise in familiesneeding basic food supplies.

How You Can Help

Your donations,bothfoodandfinancial,makeareal difference.

Donate Non-perishable Food:

Drop off items at St Mark's or Glen House Food Pantry
At St. Mark's, place donations in the shopping cart in the hallway
between the library and the narthex

Please label donations as part of "St. Mark's Food Drive"

Make a Monetary Donation:

Checks payable to Glen House Food Pantry

Note "From St. Mark's" in memo line

Drop off at St. Mark's, put in church collections, or drop at Glen House

Online donations:

Visit St. Mark's website and select Food Pantry Fund

Top Needs

All-Purpose & Bathroom Cleaners, Disinfectant Wipes,
Liquid Hand Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash & Lotion,
and Kleenex/Toilet Paper.

Together, we can help our neighbors through this challenging time.

Thank you for your generosity!

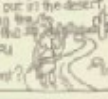
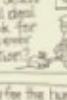
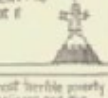
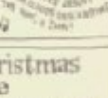
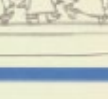
Questions? Contact Joyce Frawley at jfrawley260@gmail.com.

To donate, please use the QR code to the right
and scroll down to Glen House Food Pantry.



Slow down. Quiet. It's Advent.

TWENTY-FIVE DAYS TO WATCH AND PRAY

NOV 30 The First Sunday of Advent SUN Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness. 	DEC 1 The Feast of St Andrew (transferred from Nov 30) MON Called to fish for people. What is Jesus calling you to do this Advent? 	DEC 2 In the coming year, you'll hear from the Gospel of Matthew on Sundays. TUE The Gospel of Matthew's gospel is a witness, not a witness. Why do you think that? (the end) 	DEC 3 Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 4:10 WED Create time space for silence in your day today. Space to breathe and rest. 
DEC 4 Read the gospel for this coming Sunday (Matthew 5:1-12). Meet John the Baptist out in the desert. THU Preparing the way of the Lord. How will you prepare in this season of Advent? 	DEC 5 In church, we often ask God to give us grace to be like Jesus. How might you show that "grace" today, in your own life? FRI 	DEC 6 The feast of St Nicholas. He is known for his generosity, especially to children and to poor people. SAT Let his enduring example guide you in your gift-giving this holiday season. 	DEC 7 The Second Sunday of Advent SUN Give us grace to expect with joy the coming of Jesus Christ. 
DEC 8 Jesus told his disciples to be still and wait in the wilderness (Matthew 5:15-16). How might you be still and wait in your own life during this Advent season? MON 	DEC 9 Pray for all refugees and immigrants, remembering the words of Isaiah 1:10-11: "You shall love the alien as yourself for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." I see the Lord your God. TUE 	DEC 10 Earth is forgiveness. -John Lennon WED Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask for forgiveness? It's all part of the school. 	DEC 11 Read the gospel for this coming Sunday (Matthew 11:2-10). Meet John the Baptist in prison, asking if Jesus is the real deal, or if he should seek for another. Have you ever asked that question? THU 
DEC 12 Reflect on the Bethlehem, the opening lines of the Sermon on the Mount. Blessed. FRI (Matthew 5:1-12) Think about what it means to be blessed. 	DEC 13 PUMP THE BRAKES!! SAT Take a few days to slow down this season. 	DEC 14 The Third Sunday of Advent SUN Let your beautiful grace and mercy help and deliver us. 	DEC 15 "You may feed the hungry and then you feed them. That's how prayer works." -Bryce Francis MON Help someone who is hungry this week, perhaps poetry or far away. 
DEC 16 "The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved." -Mother Teresa TUE In this holy season, reach out to someone who is lonely. 	DEC 17 WED If all you want for Christmas is peace in our world, pray for it today. What if we all did that? 	DEC 18 Read the gospel for this coming Sunday (Matthew 11:16-25). Meet Joseph, betrothed to Mary. What can he teach us about listening for God's voice? THU 	DEC 19 Get outside today, even if it's cold. Watch for signs of God's grace all over around you. Joy of the World. FRI Good Morning, Lord. 
DEC 20 While you are probably surrounded by Christmas lights, spend time today with some of the great Advent hymns. SAT Let us sing and wait for the Lord's coming. Let us sing and wait for the Lord's coming. Let us sing and wait for the Lord's coming. 	DEC 21 The fourth Sunday of Advent SUN May your Jesus Christ find in us a mission prepared for himself. 	DEC 22 The Feast of St. Thomas, of doubting fame. (transferred from Dec 21) MON "It is not as a child I believe and confess Jesus Christ. My belief is born of a furnace of doubt." -Rudolf Steiner 	DEC 23 Mary said yes and waited for hope to be born into the world. How can you say yes to God's hope for our troubled world? TUE 
DEC 24 Christmas Eve WED Sing, choir of angels! Sing in jubilation! 	DEC 25 Christmas Day THU He is glad Jesus was born in a stable, because my soul is so much like a stable. It's poor and unsatisfactory condition. Let I believe if Jesus can be born in a stable, maybe he can also be born in me. -Dorothy Day 	Christmas is more than just one day. It's a season. So find ways over the next twelve days to repeat JOY TO THE WORLD! 	