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Our Vision: Rooted in Baptism. Growing in Faith. Branching Out into the World.

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



PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER LIST

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

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WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We'd like to get to know you!

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

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



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

Cover Art: Cover Art: Washington Hebrew Congregation

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the bell is rung

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymnal 401

1 The God of A-bra-ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - stend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

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.**

THE LITURGY *of* THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11

A reading from the book of the prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 145



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my /King, *
and bless your Name for ever and /ever.
- 2 Every day will I /bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and /ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be /praised; *
there is no end to his /greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to a/nother *
and shall declare your /power.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great /goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous /deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of com/passion, *
slow to anger and of great /kindness.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Clergy
People

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Clergy
People

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

Rabbi Steven Bob, *Guest preacher*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITANY OF HEALING

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

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

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

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

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

Karen Nicholson, Matt, Azza and Yara, Joyce Hetzel, Chad Alcorn, Martha Sexauer, Jay Mueller, Terry Heschke, Elizabeth Mueller, Colin Valdivia, Pam Benning, Bella Cuttone, Daniel Ljubi,

Avery, Brian Rogers, George Pliml, Ashley and Kevin, Gretchen Kenower, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Emily Resch, Tim Frawley, Jack Clinkman, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, John Mueller, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Donna Valkuchak, Michael Wagoner, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mark Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, Karol Pinzón, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Barbara Barajas, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grief, 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, Zoila Via Gambini, Higinio Camarillo, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Shelley Hoffman, Mike McGrath, Shirley Shafer, Anne Shafer, Chris Kulawik, Jenn McFadden, Miguel Aguilar, Martha Torres, Tara Schoen, Carlos Ramirez, Anthony DeBorde, Nina Sol Del Angel, Frank Steele, Benjamin Burke, Karen Sahr, Nate Treleven and family, Mila Helene Eden, Zita Limeta Alejo, Yael Mijangos Limeta, George Powell, Ellen Mandel, Tony Kaye, Margaret Nolan, Katie Wood, Micah Yale, Ben Luna, Sue Peters, John Knepper, Katie Abernathy, Katie Valkuchak, Marilyn Stein, Tommy Kotsakis, John Goddard, Juan, Don and Jackie Jones, Jake Smith, Davia Family, Jessica Budziak, Kathryn Lad, Greg Mongolis, and Patrick Hannell.

May they be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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

Hear us, O Lord of life.

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders;
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life;
Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

Silence

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

MUSIC DURING HEALING

GOD IS FORGIVENESS

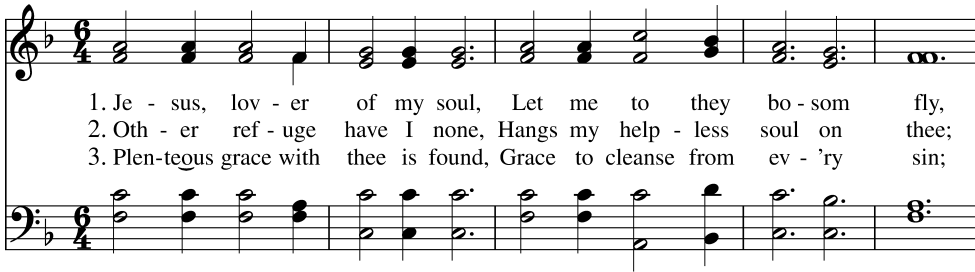
(Letra: San Juan Pablo II)

Bóg jest mi - łoś - cią miej-cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi - łoś - ci.
Dios es ter - nu - ra. Dios vi-ve en ti; a - tré - ve - te a - mar.
God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.

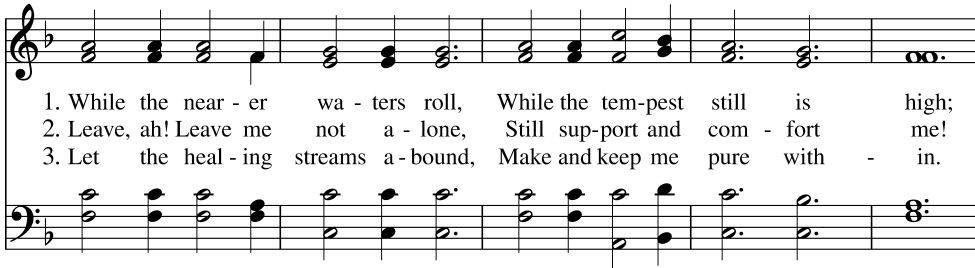
Bóg — jest mi - łoś - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.
Dios — es ter - nu - ra. No hay por - qué te - mer.
God — is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

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JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL



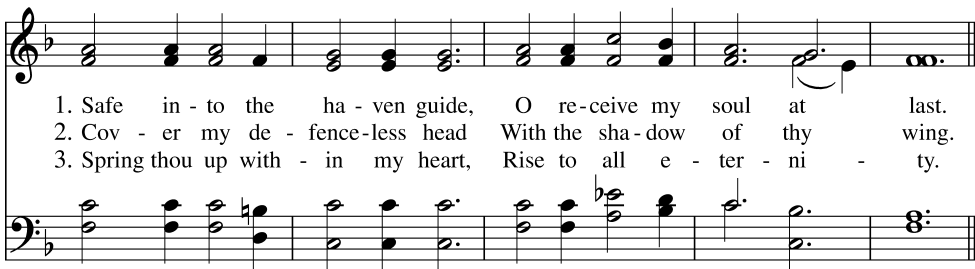
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to they bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, Hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Plen-tegus grace with thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev - 'ry sin;



1. While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem-pest still is high;
 2. Leave, ah! Leave me not a - lone, Still sup-port and com - fort me!
 3. Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, Make and keep me pure with - in.



1. Hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide, Till the storm of life be past;
 2. All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring;
 3. Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of thee;



1. Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re-ceive my soul at last.
 2. Cov - er my de - fence-less head With the sha-dow of thy wing.
 3. Spring thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Charles Wesley and Simeon B. Marsh (1798-1875).

COME TO ME, O WEARY TRAVELER



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



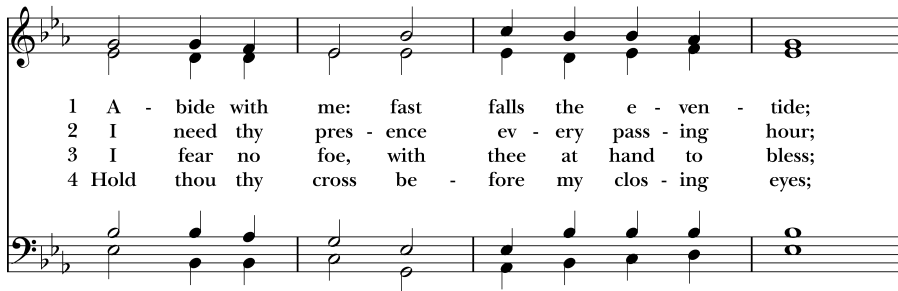
come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

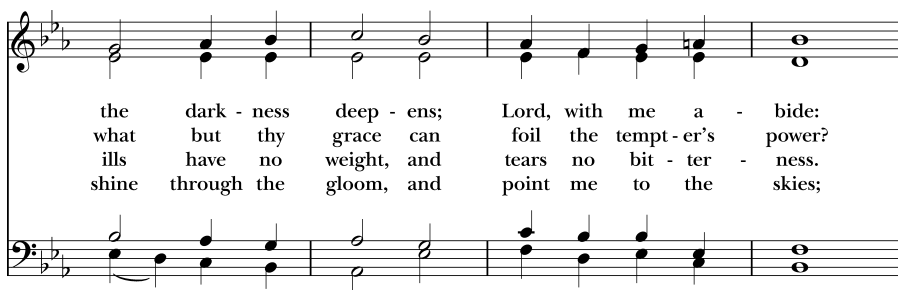
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MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992
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AUSTIN
8.7.8.7

ABIDE WITH ME



- 1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
- 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
- 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
- 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bid with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Do-na no - bis pa - cem cor - di - um. Do - na no - bis

pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem



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Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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THE PEACE

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



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at www.stmarksglenellyn.org, or by texting STMCHURCH to 73256.

THE LITURGY *of* THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,
cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;
give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,

yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

St. Augustine spoke of eucharist as “the repeatable part of baptism,” and this hymn reminds us that each time we share in the Lord’s Supper we are renewing our baptismal vows. The text is set to a tune that dates to the transition between plainchant and modern tonalities.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1977, alt.
 MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. La Feillée’s *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808
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O QUANTA QUALIA
 11.10.11.10
 (this tune in a higher key, 369)

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 every-where 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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, _____ God of power _____ and

might, _____ heaven _____ and earth are full _____ are full

of _____ your glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na in _____ the high - est! _____ Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est! _____

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Please kneel or be seated.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM



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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.

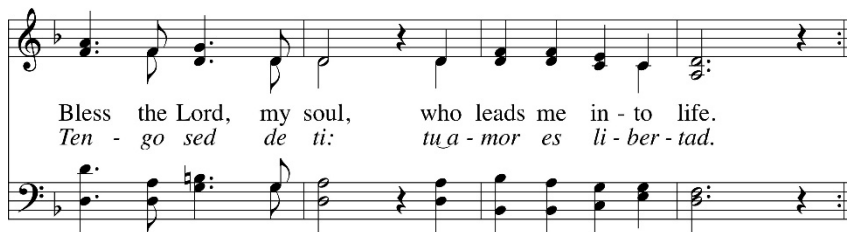
ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Ostinato Refrain / Estribillo



Text: Psalm 103
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Hymnal 302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 321: My God, thy table now is spread

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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long; Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All are welcome for coffee in the narthex and to the
St Mark's Forum in the library.

*This week's altar flowers are given by
David and Lynn Dornblaser
in memory of
Lynn's parents, Jean & Ogden Rosstedt.*



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 (select "Altar Flowers



*Welcome and thanks to our guest preacher at our morning services and
presenter at St. Mark's Sunday Forum*



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LOOKING AHEAD

September

24	Thurs	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Community Dinner/Italian Theme
24	Thurs	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Fall Risk Assessment
26	Sat	3:00 p.m.	Music, Mind, & Resilience Concert
27	Sun	6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong

October

3	Sat	9:30 a.m.	Pumpkins Arrive
3	Sat	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Singing Back the Buffalo (Documentary)
4	Sun	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	St. Francis Pet Blessing

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Narthex Update: September 20

We've had our final pre-construction meeting with the architects and general contractor and have started to negotiate the contract. We are waiting to hear from suppliers on two price adjustments. Once the contract is signed, we hope to move quickly to the construction stage. We now expect the work to start in October and end in December. For more information, please contact David Dornblaser: (630) 215-7999 voicemail or text or at dornblaser@me.com.

Pumpkins Arrive October 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Sign Up to Help Unload



This is St. Mark's 20th anniversary of our Pumpkin Patch. The purchase of each pumpkin contributes to DuPagePads' efforts to end homelessness.

We will need all the help we can get with unloading on Saturday, October 3rd. Sign up for unloading using the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Hester Bury, Outreach Chair, hesterbury@gmail.com.

Start Your Tuesdays and Fridays with Morning Prayer

Morning prayer is a simple and meaningful way to begin the day. St. Mark's offers a 20-minute prayer service on **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. (via Zoom or St. Mark's Facebook)** and **in-person on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in St. Mark's chapel.**



The **Zoom ID is 483-170-780**. All are welcome! Questions: Contact Fr. George Smith at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org | 630-858-1020, ext. 22.

An Update from St. Mark's Grow and Renew Capital Campaign Chairs

Dear friends and members of St. Mark's,

Thank you to those who made a pledge to St. Mark's **Grow and Renew Capital Campaign**. As we have recently passed the midway point of our three-year campaign, we are excited to provide you with an update. So far, we have received 67% of the \$868,000 pledged, or \$585,720. With funds received we have made significant progress towards the campaign's three goals:

Goal #1: Paying off the Bank Loan: With payments toward pledges, St. Mark's was able to fully pay off the \$323,000 bank loan in January 2026. This was the bank loan that originated in 2003 and is now finally paid off in full!

Goal #2: Narthex Accessibility and Refurbishment: A committee chaired by St. Mark's member, David Dornblaser, is overseeing the project to update and renovate the Narthex, including installing a lift from the entry level to the library/office level. A contract is being negotiated with construction expected to begin in October. While a portion of the pledged funds allocated to the Narthex work project are already in hand, more of the outstanding pledges will be needed over the coming months as the work begins. The Narthex team is posting updates regularly in the Sunday bulletin.

Goal #3: Capital Reserve Fund: As additional campaign contributions are received in excess of the Narthex project cost, St. Mark's will add to the building reserve fund. This fund will position us to address future capital projects.

Your participation: We are grateful for every pledge! If you did not get a chance to participate, you are invited to make a pledge or contribution. To make a pledge, use this QR code.

If you have pledged and are able to do more, your additional donation will be added to the Capital Reserve fund for future needs. We are grateful for your support of this campaign and investment in the future of St. Mark's!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Lanzillo

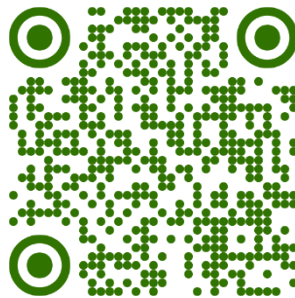
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COMMUNITY DINNER ITALIAN STYLE

Lasagna (meat, vegetarian,
and gluten-free), salad,
desserts, and coffee.



Thursday, September 24
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Italian arias sung
by Emily Birsan and Bethany
Brewer in collaboration
with pianist Jennifer Allor.



Free. All Are Welcome!



Music, Mind, and Resilience

*A Concert of Great Composers Who
Struggled with Mental Illness*

September 26, 2026 | 3:00 p.m.

Free of Charge

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mahon Hall

393 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Experience a captivating program of works by Robert Schumann, Béla Bartók, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms and Maurice Ravel, performed by violinist Yang Liu and pianist Olivia Tsai.



Yang & Olivia

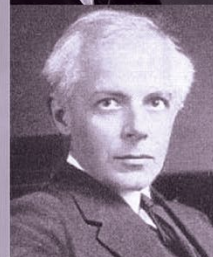
Winners of the 2023 American Prize, the 2022 Medici International Competition, and multiple prestigious awards, Yang & Olivia are an internationally recognized violin-piano duo known for virtuosic artistry. Violinist Yang Liu is a **prizewinner of the Twelfth International Tchaikovsky Competition**.

Sponsored by the Awakenings Project

Special thanks to JCS Arts, Health, and Education Fund

This program is partially supported by a grant from The Illinois Arts Council Agency and the Yang and Olivia Arts Foundation.

For details on the program, visit awakeningsproject.org



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Take a step toward a safer, stronger you. Together, we can prevent falls. For people aged 60 and older.



WHEN

September 24, 2026
5:30pm - 6:30pm



WHERE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
393 N. Main St. Glen Ellyn
(Room 203)



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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, September 27 at 6 pm

Music of the English Cathedral
Tradition with guest conductor
Lydia Vermeesch

MUSIC MINISTRY

Upcoming Music Events

- September 24, Thursday at 6:00 p.m. **Aria Night at Community Dinner**, Italian arias sung by Emily Birsan and Bethany Brewer in collaboration with pianist Jennifer Allor.
- September 26, Saturday at 3:00 p.m. **Music, Mind, and Resilience**, chamber music by violinist Yang Liu and pianist Olivia Tsai. Sponsored by the Awakenings Project.
- September 27, Sunday at 6:00 p.m. **Choral Evensong**, St Mark's Singers first evensong of the season under the direction of guest conductor Lydia Vermeesch.

Choirs Resume

- The St Mark's Singers (welcoming highschoolers and adults) rehearses Thursdays 7:30-9:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. before the service. Contact Seth at music@stmarksglenellyn.org
- Choristers (welcoming literate children) began on **September 16**, rehearses Wednesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m. You can still sign up. Contact Seth at music@stmarksglenellyn.org



St Mark's
Choristers

Welcoming young singers who are comfortable reading

Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:15 pm

First Rehearsal September 16

Registration



 **More information music@stmarksglenellyn.org**

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Mark's Sunday Forum
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
In the Library & on Zoom (483-170-780)



Fellowship and lifelong learning are the hallmarks of St. Mark's Forum. Connect with your friends and make new friends as we explore a variety of topics related to St. Mark's Vision: Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Reaching Out into the World. No commitment or RSVP required. Come when you are able or are interested in the topic.

Sept. 20

Introducing Ezra and Nehemiah

Rabbi Steven Bob

The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell the story of the return to Jerusalem from the exile in ancient Babylonia. These books describe the moment that text-based religion began. Steven M. Bob was Senior Rabbi of Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard, IL for 35 years. He serves as a guest faculty member at Wheaton College and an instructor at the Hebrew Seminary for the Hearing and the

Deaf. His newest book is *When Judaism Began: Exploring the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah* (2026). He is also the author of *Go to Nineveh* (2013) and *Jonah and the Meaning of Our Lives* (2016)

Sept 27 ***How the Pumpkin Patch Saves Lives*** **Presentation from DuPagePads**
It has been 20 years since St. Mark's set up our now well-known Pumpkin Patch donating all proceeds to DuPagePads. Their staff will share inspiring stories about how these donations over the years have saved lives.

Oct 4, 11 & 18 ***Paul Re-Viewed: A Fresh Look at the Apostle's Message of Inclusion, Justification, and Faith*** **Father George Smith**
Special series on Paul. Forum held in Mahon Hall. Continental breakfast served.

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



Sacred Ground

St. Mark's Social Justice Group

St. Mark's Sacred Ground Group explores issues of Race, Justice, and Faith. Sacred Ground 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. All are welcome!

Sunday, Sept. 20
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Library

Nick Beaulieu Interview

Join a Zoom interview with Nick Beaulieu, the filmmaker of *My Omaha*.

Saturday, Oct. 3
6:00 p.m.
Mahon Hall

***Singing Back the Buffalo* (documentary)**

McKee House presents this documentary exploring the interconnectedness of the buffalo and humanity, and how the return of the buffalo to the Great Plains can usher in a new era of sustainability and balance. Refreshments served. \$10 suggested donation at door, benefiting the Native American Cultural & Environmental Center.

Tuesday, Oct 27
7:30 – 9 p.m.
Library

Monthly Meeting

Discussion on timely topics and upcoming year planning.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

Education for Ministry (EFM) Starts in October

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a distance-learning program in theological education offered by the University of the South School of Theology. It's a unique program that uses small group study and theological reflection to help participants understand their faith and their call to ministry. EfM focuses on equipping lay people to engage in ministry in their everyday lives, both at home and in their churches.

St. Mark's offers both a four-year EfM program and a one-year overview. The new program year starts on October 15 and we meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. either at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn or via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join, returning participants are also welcome. You can learn more about EfM at <https://theology.sewanee.edu>. Interested or have questions? Contact David Dornblaser at (630) 215-7999 or dornblaser@me.com.

Listening to Your Life

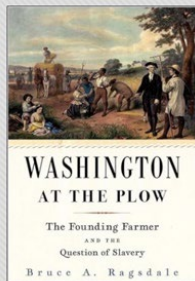
Spiritual Direction explores how God is a part of all our experiences: prayer, life choices, crises, work, relationships. It's a way to make space for reflecting on your life and noticing God's presence and grace.

Look for information about St. Mark's Spiritual Direction Ministry on the table in the narthex or contact Tammy Minuti tammyminuti@gmail.com or Vicki Fink ybfink@gmail.com.

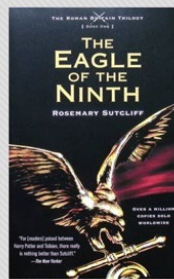


St. Mark's Book Club: 4th Sunday of Each Month

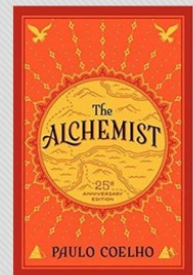
For questions or to get the Zoom address, contact John Zelman jzelman86@gmail.com.



Sun, 9/27



Sun, 10/25



Sun, 11/22

Join the 3 p.m. Sun. book club on Zoom

YOUTH NEWS

First Meeting at St. Mark's: Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

All students in 6th – 12th grade are invited to be part of St. Mark's exciting new Youth Night program, called **Voyage!**



This fall we are partnering with the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn (FCCGE) for weekly Wednesday night meetings that alternate between the two parishes. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Our next kick-off gathering is **September 23 at St. Mark's.**

Together we will... **Look Inward. Reach Outward. Journey Forward.**



Confirmation 2026-2027

All people 8th grade and up are invited to participate in Confirmation. Our program includes a retreat and six classes, as well as participation in ministries and community service opportunities.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

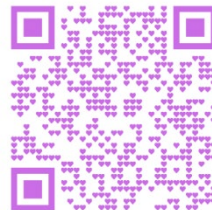
Welcome Back to Sunday School

All children are welcome every Sunday, no advance registration required!

St. Mark's offers our Little Blessings Nursery for our youngest children, and Sunday School classes for students from pre-K to 5th grade. Each week we "Gather and Sing" in Mahon Hall at 10:15 a.m. before going to our individual classrooms for our prayers, stories, discussion, and crafts! Children are then returned to the sanctuary to join their families for Communion.

Questions? Contact **Gina Wood**, Children's Ministry Director at childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org.

We need your help, too. All St. Mark's members are invited to be a Sunday School classroom leader or helper. We supply all the materials. Use this QR code to volunteer for September and October Sunday School dates. Thank you!



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 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our current study is Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

Meals to Go: Saturday, Oct. 3, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

St. Mark's hosts a Meals to Go on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. to help those who are food insecure. Meals are made from scratch and will be available to pick up at St. Mark's Hillside entrance. Everyone is Welcome!

To sign up to be a volunteer or food donor, please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com or (630) 215-7999.



Support the Glen House Food Pantry

You may drop off donations to Glen House Food Pantry at 55 N. Park Blvd. or bring them to St. Mark's. Please place donations in the shopping cart in the library hallway, and we will make sure your donations get to the Food Pantry. Please mark "St. Mark's" on bags dropped off at St. Mark's and at the Pantry. If the bags are not marked, please tell people at the Pantry that it is from St. Mark's so they can weigh it. This helps us track our donations. Thank you!

Top needs: Canned chicken, tuna, peaches, and black beans; macaroni and cheese; bagged flavored rice and noodles; and ramen meals.

Any questions, please contact Liliana Mazariegos, St. Mark's representative to the Food Pantry, at lmaz_811@yahoo.com.



CREO DuPage: Recruiting Academic Coaches for College-Bound High School Students

CREO began as a ministry of St. Mark's in 2019. We provide opportunities for local community members to mentor and tutor high school students who would be the first in their families to earn a degree. Our approach is family-centered and provides support to students from Spanish-speaking families -several of whom are from St. Mark's.

Our process includes weekly activities designed to foster a trusting, honest relationship while giving students space to explore their interests and receive support for college planning and career goals. Mentors meet with students over Zoom on a consistent day and time each week. We provide training and support, and see community building as a priority.

If you are interested in learning more, visit our website at www.creodupage.org and complete an interest form. Questions? Contact Krista Suzuki at krista.suzuki@creodupage.org



Annual Environment and Spirituality Summit

Faith in Place's Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit will take place virtually Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 28 and Sept. 29. With the theme Grounded Resistance, the summit will explore how we can engage the world from a place of deep grounding, collective support, and sustained resistance. It will feature four inspiring speakers, including Bill McKibben, author, educator, and environmentalist, who helped found 350.org, the first global

grassroots campaign focused on climate change. McKibben also recently helped found Third Act, a progressive organizing movement for people over age 60.

There will be in-person watch parties for the keynote speaker on Tuesday, Sept. 29. The closest one is in Wheaton, so when you register for the Summit, also be sure to register for a watch party. Scan the QR code or go to aes-summit.org to register for free!

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Bridge Communities: Mentor Training Oct. 2nd and 3rd

Bridge Communities is seeking compassionate adults who are good listeners and committed to helping families achieve their goals. Join us in helping families build a brighter future. Time commitment is typically 10 to 12 hours per month.



Our next Mentor Training is:

Friday, October 2, 5:30-8:30pm AND

Saturday, October 3, 8:15am-4pm

Location: B.R. RYALL YMCA (49 Deicke Drive, Glen Ellyn)

All meals provided. Please register at www.bridgecommunities.org by Tuesday, September 29.

Bridge mentors are the heart of a life-changing opportunity for struggling families in our community—and the truth is, it is life changing for mentors, too! Mentor Training is the place to start this journey, or to continue it. If you are currently mentoring, the workshop is an excellent place to sharpen your skills!

We know that the mentor-mentee relationship is so important to a client's journey while in Bridge, and this training will help a mentor build confidence in developing that trusting relationship. We recently heard the following from a Bridge client:

"My mentors listened to me. My mentors made sure that I knew that I had a say and I had a voice. And that was one of the most helpful things for me. We established a rapport very quickly. It was a mutual respect. I didn't feel like I was talked down to when I was meeting with them. Overall, I think everyone was learning something from each other. That's what made my experience so meaningful. My mentors were very respectful to me as a person, and we all learned from each other."

At Mentor Training, we discuss:

- The Bridge Communities history, mission, and program
- Challenges our client families face and the impact of trauma
- Practical aspects of mentoring
- How we collaborate to achieve great outcomes!

Questions? Please call Molly Howieson, Bridge Communities' Sr Manager of Direct Mentors at 630-403-5107.

SEPTEMBER 27TH | 3:00P-5:30P

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