

# Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
January 31, 2021

## Welcome in the Name of the Lord

We're glad you are here! If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service, and fill out one of the response cards at the Information Table. We would like to get to know you.

### About Communion

All baptized Christians who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to the Communion table. Scripture assures us that God forgives and welcomes all who come to him in repentance and faith (1 John 1:19).

To receive communion, stand and hold out your hands, palms up, one hand over the other. The sealed bread and wine will be placed in your hand. Please move down the altar rail as indicated, first take the bread, then take the wine, and place the chalice in the receptacle provided.

Children are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer, they may receive a blessing rather than communion.

To receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

## Our Discipleship Strategy

**The pathway to transformation at St. Mark's consists of:**

1. Weekly participation in a Eucharistic service.
2. Participation in a cornerstone group.

**Eucharistic Worship** is the historic form of Christian worship through liturgy. Our expression is based on the Book of Common Prayer. It is where our community gathers to receive Christ in the Word and Sacraments, offer praise and thanksgiving through excellent music, and pray for our needs and those of others.

**Cornerstone Groups** are where we create Christian community, engage historic teaching, and participate in Christ's mission.

This booklet faithfully follows the order for the Holy Eucharist, Rite II,  
from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

**Prelude**      **Lasst uns erfreuen**

*Peterson*

*All stand*

## The Word of God

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

**People**      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      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 Gloria

*All say*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**All pray**      **Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit. The Old and New Testament Scriptures are read.*

*Reader* A reading from Deuteronomy.

### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 111

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- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

**The Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

*Reader* A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

*All stand*

**The Gospel Mark 1:21-28**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler, Associate Rector

*All stand*

**The Apostles' Creed**

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***All say*** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

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*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* We pray for our missionaries, especially Mike and Sonja Bowden and daughters Taliyah and Jesslyna with TEAM.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Confession**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

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**Offertory**

**Jubilate**

*Howells*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise:  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*All stand*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus**

***All say*            Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
                          Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
                          Hosanna in the highest.  
                          Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
                          Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. 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:

***All say*            Christ has died.  
                          Christ is risen.  
                          Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 pray:

**The Lord's Prayer**

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*All 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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant says*

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Communion Music**

**Instrumental**

**Beautiful Savior**

*Hamilton*

**Post-communion Prayer**

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*All 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 Celebrant blesses the people*

**Hymn 594      God of grace and God of glory**

*Cum Rhondda*

*Verse 1*      God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

*Verse 2*      Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

*Verse 3*      Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

*Verse 4*      Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore

*Priest*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People*      Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude      HYFRYDOL**

*Vaughan Williams*

*Musicians: Elaine Bennington, Soprano, Sue Steele, Mezzo-Soprano;  
Ricky Rivera, Tenor; Theo Farrell, Bass;  
Dr. Lance Peeler, Organist*

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## Announcements

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the parlor.

**2020 Contribution Statements were sent through email on Jan 24.** Please look for an email from [no-reply@pushpay.com](mailto:no-reply@pushpay.com). It may have arrived in your spam/junk folder. Contact the office if it did not arrive.

**2020 Annual Meeting** took place Wed evening. Reports available in narthex and online at [stmarks-geneva.org/about/annual-meeting-and-report](http://stmarks-geneva.org/about/annual-meeting-and-report)

### Opportunities to Serve: Ministries in our Community

**Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering is Feb 14.** Please bring peanut butter & jelly, canned meats, paper products, soaps/detergents, or feminine hygiene items. Bins will be at entrances, and at curbside communion pickup. Leave donations on your doorstep if communion is delivered to your home. **Please be generous — the food pantry has very high demand now.**

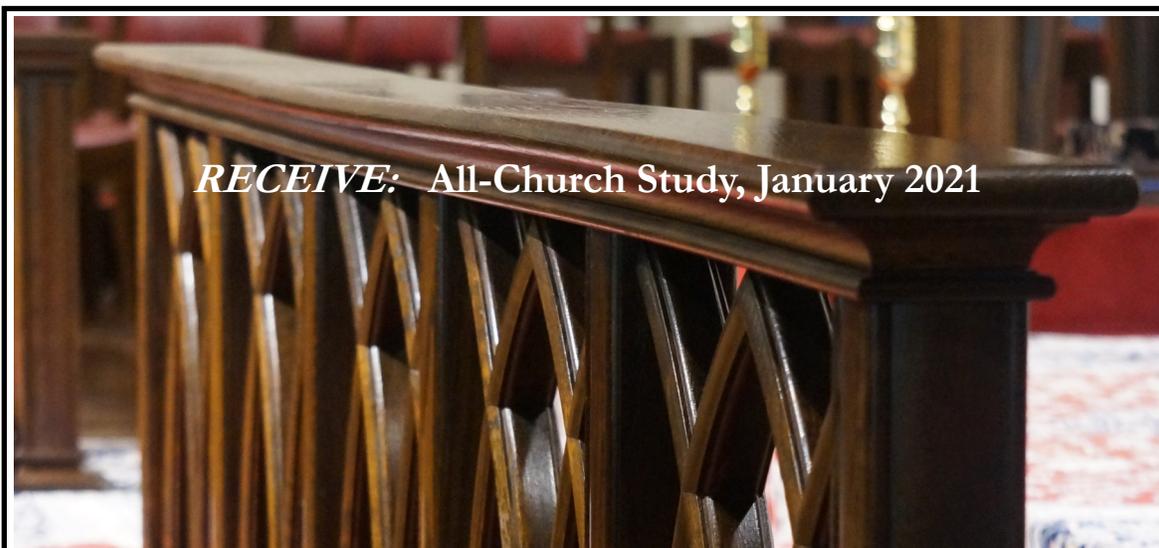
**Our ministry to Hesed House is Mon/Tues, Feb 8/9.** Please sign up online to provide a casserole or some of the food items (located under “Serve/Locally/Hesed House/sign up to provide food” on our website). **Donations needed in the kitchen 11:30am-1:30pm on Sun, Feb 7.** Precooked casseroles needed in the kitchen 2-4pm on Mon, Feb 8 while we are making sandwiches. **Monetary donations also accepted,** checks to St. Mark’s Church, memo “Hesed House.”

### Singing Valentines

Help fund scholarships for the July 2022 choir trip to Durham and Ely Cathedrals in Great Britain by purchasing a Singing Valentine.

**Order forms in the narthex. Checks to St. Mark’s Choir Fund.**

Contact: Jim Dickerson, 630.432.0355.



## *RECEIVE: All-Church Study, January 2021*

**Join our parish-wide journey** together from Epiphany to Holy Week by connecting, through the lectionary readings, three vital environments for our parish:

- Weekly Eucharistic Services
- Cornerstone Groups
- 5-Minute Daily Devotions

This year's study is entitled *RECEIVE* and will provide a great opportunity to test-drive a Cornerstone Group (our small groups). Check out the church website for more information on groups.

Books available in the narthex (\$5 suggested donation) and online.

### **StM Youth**

**Appalachian Service Project mission trip, June 12-20.** Needed: Students & Friends grades 8-12 to join the trip; Adult Leaders (age 19 and older) to join the trip; Adult Helpers in many capacities.

More info and forms at [stmarks-geneva.org/appalachian-service-project](http://stmarks-geneva.org/appalachian-service-project)

Contact Chris Hunecke, 630.809.1723, [chrishunecke83@gmail.com](mailto:chrishunecke83@gmail.com)

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## **Announcements (continued)**

### **Rector/Associate Rector Studies of *RECEIVE***

**Rector's Study** meets on Saturdays, 8am.

Attend in person or by **ZOOM** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77163049583>

**Meeting ID: 771 6304 9583**

**Sunday Lectionary Study:** The Rev. Dr. Marcus Johnson's class meets **in Larrabee House at 9am on Sunday mornings**. Due to restrictions, class size is limited to 10. **Please sign up online weekly.**

**Associate Rector's Cornerstone Study Group: Thursdays 10am, Larrabee House.** This group is led by Dr. Amy Peeler and also periodically participates in a service project together. **Meets every other week, next on Feb 4** amy.peeler@gmail.com

### **Pastoral Care**

**Pastoral Care Needs? We must count on you** to let us know of pastoral care needs for yourself or family members. Please call the office if there is a death in your family, someone is hospitalized, or you have other pastoral needs.

# Sermon Notes

**Have you dropped your landline? Moved? Changed Email address?** Please notify the office NOW, so we can reach you. [office@stmarks-geneva.org](mailto:office@stmarks-geneva.org) or 630.232.0133x100.

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### **Who We Are**

We are a Christian community that worships God in the Anglican tradition,  
engages the historic teaching of the church,  
and participates in Christ's mission.

The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Tusken	Rector
The Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler	Associate Rector
The Rev. Dr. Marcus Johnson	Associate Rector

### **Worship Schedule**

#### **Sunday**

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II / Nursery StM Kids Connect, StM Youth 678, StM Youth Online Worship Available
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II / Nursery Online Worship Available

Curbside and Home Delivery of Communion available 8:00-11:00 am  
(Online Sign up for Home Delivery required by 5:00 pm Saturday)

#### **Saturday**

7:30 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
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