

# Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
February 14, 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.



## **The Lessons**

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

*Reader*            A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

### **2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, Father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 50:1-6**

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- 1    **The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \***  
     he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2    **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \***  
     God reveals himself in glory.
- 3    **Our God will come and will not keep silence; \***  
     before him there is a consuming flame,  
     and round about him a raging storm.
- 4    **He calls the heavens and the earth from above \***  
     to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5    **“Gather before me my loyal followers, \***  
     those who have made a covenant with me  
     and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6    **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \***  
     for God himself is judge.

**The Epistle    2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*Reader*            A reading from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand*

**The Gospel Mark 9:2-9**

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Tusken, 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 Russ and Heidi Smith and children Joel, Joshua, Joyanne, and Joselyn, SAMS cross-cultural workers with the Episcopal Church of Chile.

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** **Above All Praise**

*Mendelssohn*

Above all praise and all majesty,  
and above all majesty.  
Lord, thou reignest evermore,  
above all praise and all majesty.  
Lord, thou reignest evermore, for evermore,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

*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 Adoration**

*Price*

**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 135      Songs of thankfulness and praise**

*Salzburg*

*Verse 1*      Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

*Verse 2*      Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

*Verse 4*      Manifest on mountain height,  
shining in resplendent light,  
where disciples filled with awe  
thy transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou leddest them  
steadfast to Jerusalem,  
cross and Easter Day attest  
God in man made manifest.

*Priest*              Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
***People***            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude      Hallelujah Chorus**

*Handel*

*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.**

**The rose at the front** is in celebration of the birth late last month of **Elise Rose Carlson**, to parents James & Kristen Carlson, and grandparents John & Dody Carlson.

**We give thanks for the lives of**

- **Jason Sandquist**, who died Monday, February 8. He is a Saint Marker and nephew of Dana (Frank) Dolatowski. Jason coordinated our Prison Fellowship Angel Tree ministry.
- **Jack Largent**, who died Saturday, February 6. He is the brother of Patricia (Bob) Wright.
- **Jack Grizzell**, who died Thursday, February 4. He is the father of Paul (Betsy) Grizzell, our former Director of Music.

We pray for comfort for their families. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**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.

### Lent

**Ash Wednesday Worship is Feb 17, 7:30am, noon, 7:00pm (main church).**

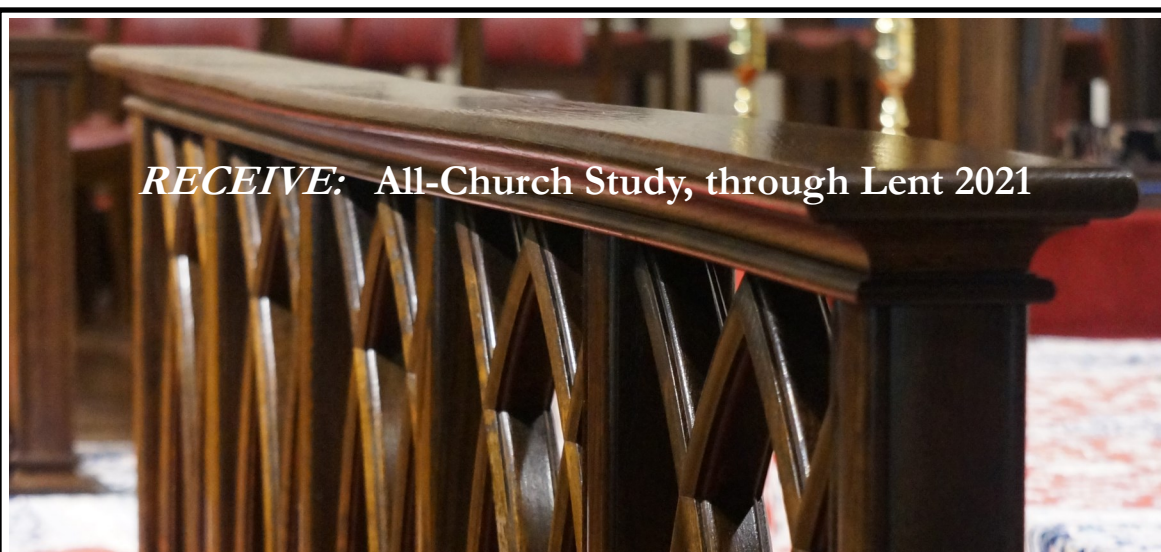
Imposition of Ashes is optional, as always. The 7:00 p.m. service will be streamed online.

**Lenten Retreat, Sat, Feb 20, 9:30am-1:00pm** in the main church and by ZOOM. **Esau McCaulley**, professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, Anglican Priest, and author of *Christianity Today's* Beautiful Orthodoxy Book of the Year (2020) *Reading While Black* joins us to discuss **"The Biblical Basis for Hope in Face of Injustice."** Register by Thurs, Feb 18 at [stmarks-geneva.org/lenten-retreat/](https://stmarks-geneva.org/lenten-retreat/)

**Evening Prayer** is offered in the chapel, Wed, 6:30pm, Feb 24-Mar 31

### Opportunities to Serve: Ministries in our Community

**Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering** is today, Feb 14. 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.**



## *RECEIVE: All-Church Study, through Lent 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.

**We next serve at Lazarus House Sat, Feb 27.** The church will be open **2-4 pm that day** to receive your food donations. **Sign up on our website** at [stmarks-geneva.org/serve/locally/](https://stmarks-geneva.org/serve/locally/) Thank you for your generosity!

**(Announcements continue on next page.)**

## **Announcements** (continued)

### **Singing Valentines — TODAY!**

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 Trip Fund.**

Contact: Jim Dickerson, 630.432.0355.

### **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](https://stmarks-geneva.org/appalachian-service-project)

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

### **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 18** [amy.peeler@gmail.com](mailto:amy.peeler@gmail.com)

### **Pastoral Care**

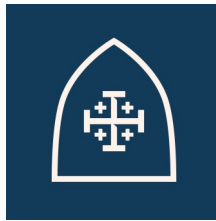
**Pastoral Care Needs? We must count on you** to let us know of pastoral care needs for yourself or family members. Please call the office if there is a death in your family, someone is hospitalized, or you have other pastoral needs.

## 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

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

#### **Wednesday**

6:30 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer (Chapel)
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#### **Saturday**

7:30 am	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
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