



St. Mark's Church

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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

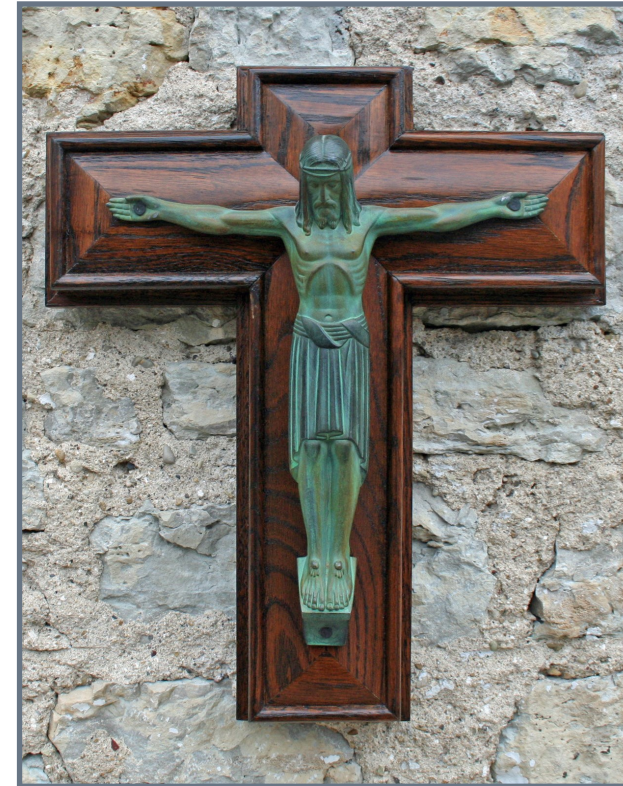
6:30 pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Chapel)

Saturday

7:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)

Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Eucharist Rite II

February 28, 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.

Cover Artwork: *Crucifix* in St. Mark's Nave, Geneva, IL

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

Contact Chris Hunecke, 630.809.1723, chrishunecke83@gmail.com

Benefits for Matthew 25 Organizations

Exodus World Service Benefit

Celebration of Hope Virtual Benefit, Thurs, Apr 15, 7-8pm.

Please plan to gather virtually to celebrate what God is doing through life-changing refugee and volunteer connections. This powerful multimedia event will feature inspirational testimonies of refugees who are rebuilding their lives after fleeing war or persecution, and the volunteers who welcome and befriend them. **Register at exodusworldservice.org**

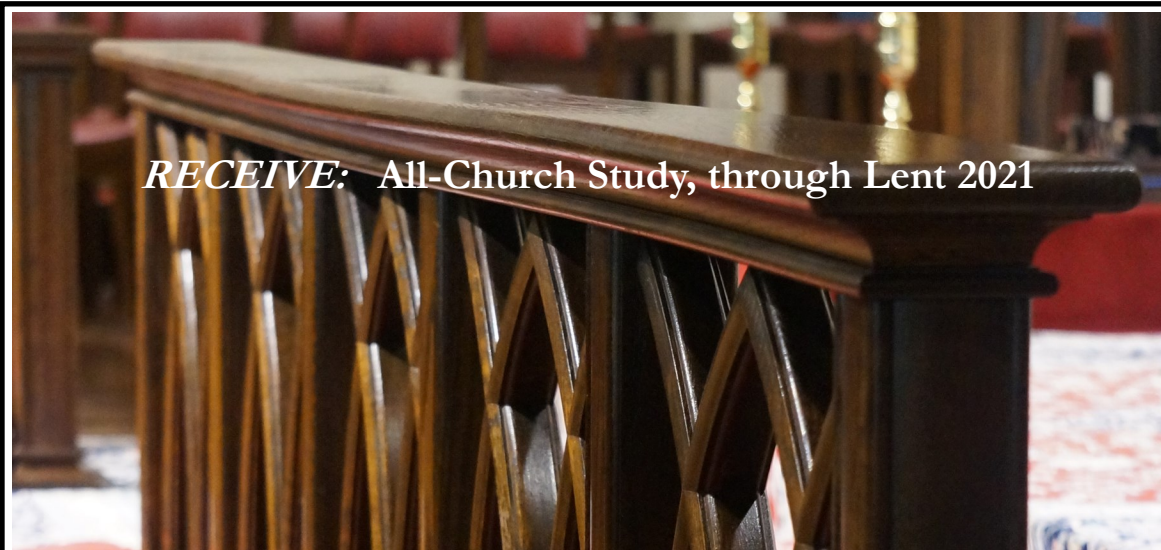
Lazarus House Benefit: Your support can make a difference, be a hero for our neighbors in need. 2020 was a difficult year for most of us, and even more so for those struggling with homelessness. Unfortunately, this year we are not able to host our largest fundraising event, the annual Gala Dinner. This event is critical to helping us meet our fundraising goals, so that we can continue to provide shelter for individuals and families.

We humbly ask that you **make a donation** to help us fill this fundraising gap. Be a hero wearing a mask and still ***Unmask the Face of Homelessness*** at **Lazarushouse.net**

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.

More Announcements



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.

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 Mar 4** amy.peeler@gmail.com

Prelude

Prelude on I am Thine, O Lord

Thomas

All stand

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

Priest

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

The Priest says

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.**

Trisagion

All say

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us. (3x)

The Collect of the Day

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Let us pray.

All pray

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

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

Reader

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an eager expression of praise.

In this **Collect for Purity**, we ask God to cleanse our hearts and minds of anything that comes between Him and us, which would impede our worship of Him. We offer to Him our whole selves.

The Trisagion (Greek for *thrice holy*), an ancient hymn of the eastern church.

The **Collect of the Day** summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scripture for the day.

The **Scriptures** are the Word of God, which renews our minds and purifies our hearts.

I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All say

Psalm 22:22-30

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- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Announcements

Festival Flowers for Easter: Dedicate flowers for our Easter celebration. Forms available in Narthex and online. Your gift and completed forms due in church office **no later than Sun, Mar 21.**

Confirmations are Sun, Apr 11 with Bishop Little. Confirmation in our church is an expression of mature commitment to Christ and to His church. If you have attended Youth Confirmation, Alpha classes, or Inquirers, you have received the necessary instruction to make this important step. **Send an email to office@stmarks-geneva.org** to be included in this year’s confirmation.

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the office suite.

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

Lent

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

Opportunities to Serve: Ministries to St. Mark’s

Join our Security Team: Check over and secure the building each evening for a week, on an approximate 2-month rotation. Please contact John Temple, 630.606.0074, jtemple886@aol.com.

Opportunities to Serve: Ministries in our Community

Our ministry to Hesed House is Mon/Tues, Mar 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, Mar 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.”

Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering is Mar 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.**

(Announcements continue on next page.)

The Celebrant blesses the people

Hymn 401 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

Verse 1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

Verse 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

Verse 5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” they ever cry;
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

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

Postlude God Renew Us By Your Spirit *Wood*

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

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As the celebration ends, we are charged to “go forth.” The Eucharist is not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to proclaim the Gospel to the world around us.

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38

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

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

We stand for **the Gospel** reading to show the importance we place on Jesus’ words and actions.

First written in 325AD by the Council of Nicaea and put into this form at the Council of Constantinople in 381, the **Nicene Creed** settled the question of how Christians can worship one God and also claim that this God is three persons.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler, Associate Rector

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

All say O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 grant us thy peace.

All pray We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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

Instrumental Retrospection

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The Prayer of Humble Access was adapted from a pre-Reformation prayer that would be said by the priest before conducting services. Martin Luther's last written words were "We are all beggars." Though we come to the table empty-handed and unworthy, our Lord's property is always to have mercy. Those who come to the table in faith are assured of God's pardon and mercy through the Cross of Christ and nourished spiritually by the sacrament.

Jesus gave **The Lord's Prayer** as an example of how to pray. It has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since 400 A.D. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. We ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. The sacramental bread also offers God's presence, which is essential to our daily life.

Therefore according to his command, O Father:

The Celebrant continues

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.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

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Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you”; Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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In the **Confession of Sin** and **Absolution**, we acknowledge our sins, both individual and corporate, have been acknowledged and are powerfully and authoritatively reassured of God’s complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

The Confession BCP p. 360

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

All stand
The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

In the Holy **Communion**, or **Eucharist**, Christians are strengthened by Christ’s presence in the bread and wine.

The Holy Communion BCP p. 367

Offertory **Bow Down Low** *Shaker Song, arr Bridges*

Bow down low and bend your head. (2x)
For I’ve come to sweep this house,
For to sweep the Lord’s house clean.
I’ve come to wash and clean.
From this floor the stains of sin,
For lo, I’ve come again,
And I’ve not come in vain.
Sweep high, sweep low, sweep clean, as you go.
Bow down low and bend your head,
For to sweep the Lord’s house clean. (2x)

All stand
The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 367

The people remain standing.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

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.

The Sanctus (Latin for *holy*) is the song of the seraphim in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshiping in the Temple in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 6:1-5), and a joining in the worship taking place in eternity (Revelation 4:8).