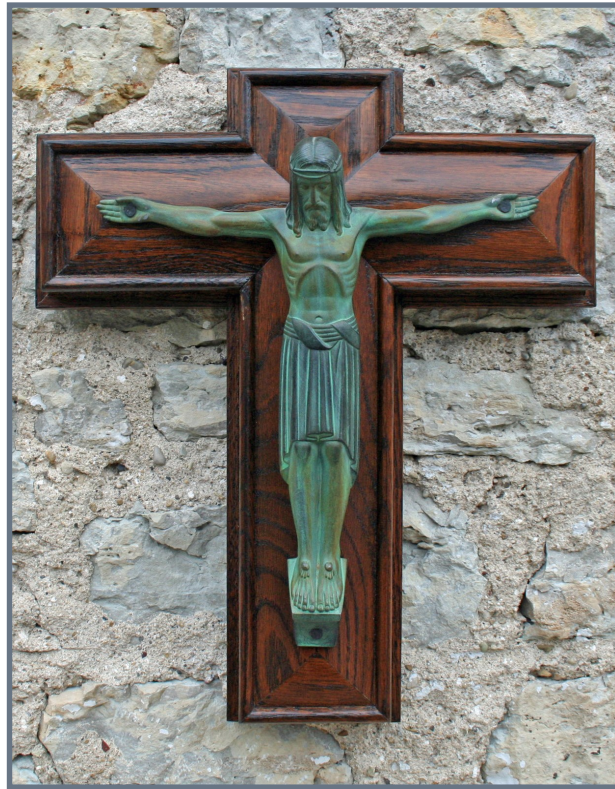


Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Eucharist Rite II
March 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.

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

Prelude **Be Thou My Vision**

Wood

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

All stand

The Word of God

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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)**

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

All pray **Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

The Lessons

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

Reader A reading from the book of Numbers.

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All say

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.**
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.**
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.**
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.**

**21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.**

**22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

All stand

The Gospel John 3:14-21

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

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned

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

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.

All pray

The Prayers of the People

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In the **Prayers of the People**, we bring before God our concerns for ourselves and others, for the world, and for the church. We also thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers.

Leader Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Leader Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your Name for ever.

Leader Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Leader Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you.

Leader In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

Leader We pray for all bishops, ministers, and missionaries, especially Betsy Hake and Jericho Ministries in Honduras.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Priest 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.**

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

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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

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Offertory

God so Loved the World

Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;

but that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life. God so loved the world.

All stand

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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.

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."

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

The **Words of Institution**, the words from the Last Supper that Jesus spoke about the bread and the wine, are remembered here.

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:

**All say We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer this 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 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 pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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**All pray 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.

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.

Agnus Dei

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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 celebrant continues

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 the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

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

Communion Music

Instrumental

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Carlson

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 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.

The Celebrant blesses the people

Hymn Amazing Love

Sagina

Verse 1 And can it be that I should gain
 An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
 Died He for me, who caused His pain?
 For me, who Him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! how can it be
 That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be
 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Verse 3 He left His Father's throne above,
 So free, so infinite His grace;
 Emptied Himself of all but love,
 And bled for Adam's helpless race;
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
 For, O my God, it found out me. (Refrain)

Verse 5 No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own. (Refrain)

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Postlude Choral prelude on the eighth tone

Whiting

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

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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.

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, Mar 8 while we are making sandwiches. **Monetary donations also accepted,** checks to St. Mark's Church, memo "Hesed House."

We next serve at Lazarus House Sat, Mar 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/ Thank you for your generosity!

Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering is today, 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.)

More Announcements

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.

Lent

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

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.

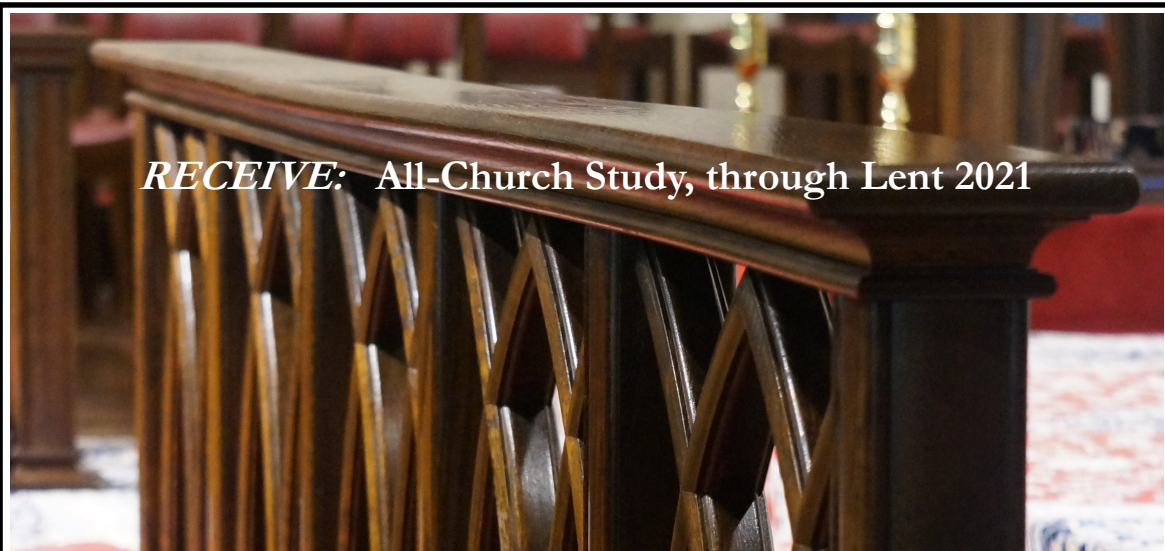
Benefits for Matthew 25 Organizations

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



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*

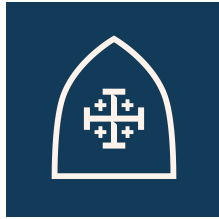
Rector's Study meets on Saturdays, 8am.

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.**

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 18** amy.peeler@gmail.com



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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)