

Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020

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: *Crossed Keys of St. Peter* stained glass in St. Mark's Chapel,
Geneva, IL. Photography by Ron Walkington.

Prelude **Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645**

Bach

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.**

The Celebrant 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.

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit

Reader A reading from Joshua.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All say

Psalm 23

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- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
 I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul; *
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; *
 for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The 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.**

All remain standing

The Prayers of the People

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Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

***People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

***People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

***People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For all bishops and other ministers;

***People* For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Father we pray for our friend and brother in Honduras, Fr. Gerardo Martinez and his wife Iris. Continue to watch over them and use them to minister to people during the pandemic.

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

***People* For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

***People* And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***People* Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant On this international Orphan Sunday, Covid-19 has impacted at-risk children like never before. We lift up orphans and other vulnerable children around the world, who suffer most when times are hard. We pray that You would touch the hearts of many adults to welcome these little ones into their homes. And we ask that, in tangible ways, you would remind orphans that You care for them, especially while they wait for families to adopt them. **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.**

All stand

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Bach

Verse 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices;
“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!”
Alleluia! Arise, prepare. The feast is here; go, meet the Lord as he draws near.

Verse 3 Gloria! Let heav’n adore you! Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal’s clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun’d’ring might of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we’ll know! There sweet delight will ever flow.

All stand as the offerings are brought to the altar.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of Thine own have we given Thee.

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.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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 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.

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.**

The Communion of the People

Instrumental CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Ferguson

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 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Truro

Verse 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
 behold, the King of glory waits!
 The King of kings is drawing near;
 the Savior of the world is here.

Verse 3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
 make it a temple, set apart
 from earthly use for heaven's employ,
 adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Verse 5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin;
 thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
 until the glorious crown be won.

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Postlude **In Christ there is no east or west**

Wood

*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

- **by Glorianne and Colin Campbell**, in loving memory of Virginia and Stephen Senyard and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.
- **in loving memory of John and Meg D'Arcy, by their children.**

Vestry Nominations Now Accepted: If you or someone you know is called to serve God on our vestry, please complete a nomination form, which can be found on our website, at stmarks-geneva.org/about/vestry/, along with a description of the vestry roles and responsibilities.

Please submit the form online or print and put it in Cindy Pauer's church mailbox **by today**. **If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please be sure to confirm with the candidate his/her willingness to serve prior to submitting the name.** The Nominating Committee includes Cindy Pauer, Mark Neibch, Mike Simon, Aimee Spring, and John Bernard. Contact: Cindy Pauer at cpauer@sbcglobal.net, or any other vestry member.

Rector/Associate Rector Studies

Rector's Study has a series about Moses on Saturdays, 8am. Attend in-person in the fellowship hall or **by zoom** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77163049583>

Meeting ID: 771 6304 9583

Study the Sunday Lectionary Readings, led by the Rev. Dr. Marcus Johnson. **Class** meets in-person at 9am in Larrabee House.

Associate Rector's Cornerstone Study Group: Thursdays 10am, at St. Mark's.

This group is led by Dr. Amy Peeler and reflects on scripture and periodically participates in a service project together. **Meets every other week, next on Nov 19.** amy.peeler@gmail.com

Opportunities to Serve: Ministries in our Community

Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering is today, Nov 8. 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, Nov 9/10. 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, Nov 8. Precooked casseroles needed in the kitchen 2-4pm on Mon, Nov 9** while we are making sandwiches. **Monetary donations also accepted,** checks to St. Mark’s Church, memo “Hesed House.”

Trinity Soup Kitchen: Please join us for our bi-monthly service at The Sandwich Board hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church in Aurora. Our next service date is **Thurs, Nov 19.** Please join us! Contact: Jenny Anderson, jjarn40@aol.com, or Jill Zimmer, zimmom@sbcglobal.net.

Due to the Covid pandemic we are no longer serving lunch at Trinity Episcopal in Aurora. But we are still able to provide sack lunches for them!

We make sack lunches in St. Mark’s kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of each odd-numbered month, 8:00-10:30am. We would love to have you join us! If you aren’t able to help in the kitchen, we are also looking for food donations.

Cornerstone Ministry

In a Cornerstone Group, expect to find an encouraging environment of Christian support and friends with whom to grow, learn, and pray. A Cornerstone Group typically has fewer than twelve people, meets weekly or every other week, and is its own unique expression of our St. Mark’s community. To find the right fit, test drive a group or two. Check out the church website for more information.

Christian Fellowship Group: Focusing on connection, community, and the basics of the Christian Faith. This group typically gathers on **Thursdays 6:30-8:00 pm** in a Geneva home; however during the duration of the Covid-19 crisis will gather weekly via Zoom. Contact Carl Ball (carlball@att.net, 847.309.3235) for more information.

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Announcements (continued)

Today is International Orphan Sunday

Covid-19 has impacted at-risk children across the globe like never before. **November 6-8, 2020, Christians and Jews in 95 nations unite in prayer for these vulnerable children,** who suffer most when times are hard. Your prayers will bring light to dark places.

This year, as many churches and synagogues remain closed, thousands will **gather today in a virtual candlelight service online to pray for orphans and vulnerable children.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact Elaine Springer at pray@afamilyforeveryorphan.org.

Ministry Opportunities within St. Mark's

There are many opportunities available. If you are interested in learning more about what is needed, please reach out to the contact person.

- * **AudioVisual** manages lights, sound, and livestream during worship and special services, training provided. Teens, adults. Contact: Erik Turner, 630.621.7961, turnerer@gmail.com
- * **Lift Operator (Larrabee House)** operates the lift to help those with difficulty on stairs, training provided. Teens, adults. Contact: Office, 630.232.0133, office@stmarks-geneva.org
- * **Mission Commission** meets monthly, maintains contact with our Cross-Cultural Workers. Teens, adults. Contact: Bob Wright, 630.251.7483, wright.bob.116@gmail.com
- * **Usher** assists with seating, distributes bulletins, presents offering, counts congregation. May choose to serve at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:30. Teens, adults. Contact: Office, 630.232.0133, office@stmarks-geneva.org

Christmas Preparation

Ring the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bells at Geneva Ace Hardware, Nov 28 and Dec 5, 12, and 19. **Sign-up now on St. Mark's website.**

2020 Salvation Army Christmas – “Un-Decorate” the Gift Tree

Thank you for the incredible generosity you have shown in years past supporting our mission to help local families at Christmas, through the Salvation Army. **We have an easier format this year.**

Starting November 8, we will have a **Christmas Gift Tree** set up in the Narthex with gift tags. Some tags will list a single gift item and some tags will have 2-4 gift items. If you pick a tag with multiple gift items, please purchase all of the items. Each tag will have a number on it. Please write the Tag Number(s) you select in the binder near the Christmas tree along, with your name, phone number, and email address. As in the past, please do not wrap the presents.

The Salvation Army's greatest need is gifts for 12-18 year olds. Gift cards valued at \$25 would be welcome and greatly appreciated, but please feel free to donate any gift (no tag necessary). **Gift tree tags will also be available on our website.**

Return gift(s) to St. Mark's (please drop them off in the parlor) by Dec 6. If you shop online, you can ship directly to the Salvation Army, **to be received there before Dec 6 — be sure to add the gift tag number to the address:**

The Salvation Army
Attention Tag # ____
1710 South 7th Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174

Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping to “un-decorate” the gift tree!

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree will be available in December.

St. Mark's “e-mail” Prayer Warriors: If you have a prayer need or would like to join the prayer warriors, please send an e-mail to office@stmarks-geneva.org.



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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 Online Worship Available Nursery (RSVP online) StM Kids Connect (RSVP online), StM Youth 678 Connect (RSVP online)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II 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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