Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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 Let all things now living

Cherwien

All stand

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

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 Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our

learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who 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 Judges.

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

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

All say

Psalm 23 BCP p. 476

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 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is

yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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 and in the wake of Hurricane Eta.

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 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 BCP p. 360

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 Like as the Hart

Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night,

while they daily say unto me Where, where is now thy God?

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, Yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

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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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 sav

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.**

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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 Communion in D Major

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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 551 Rise up, you saints of God!

Festal Song

Verse 1 Rise up, you saints of God!

Have done with lesser things,

give heart and soul and mind and strength

to serve the King of kings.

Verse 2 Rise up, you saints of God!

His kingdom tarries long:

bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Verse 3 Lift high the cross of Christ!

Tread where his feet have trod; and quickened by the Spirit's power,

rise up, you saints of God!

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Wold

Musicians: Elaine Bennington and Kate Peeler, Sopranos; Sue Steele, Mezzo Soprano; Ricky Rivera, Tenor; Theo Farrell, Bass; Dr. Lance Peeler, Musical Director and Organist Howard Clark, Organist

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Announcements

The flowers are given to the glory of God

- in loving memory of John and Meg D'Arcy by their children
- by Mark & Marla Taylor in celebration of 44 years of marriage and in thanksgiving for their family.

We give thanks for the life of Gene Sweeney, who died Monday, November 9 at the age of 97. He is the father of Michael (Gloria McDonald) Sweeney; grandfather of Matthew (Bernadette) Sweeney; and great-grandfather of Finn & Connor Henry, and Jack, Jude, Harry, Lilly, and Vivienne Sweeney.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Please pray for comfort for his family.

Sermon Series: Join us as we study the 23rd Psalm through November 22. We are using a devotional, *When the Lord is My Shepherd* by David Rosenberry.

Sunday School and our teen Sunday evening classes are suspended until we are allowed to have 25 congregate again. Check the website for online resources.

Rector/Associate Rector Studies

Rector's Study has a series about Moses on Saturdays, 8am. Attend BY ZOOM ONLY at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77163049583 Meeting ID: 771 6304 9583

Sunday Lectionary Study: The Rev. Dr. Marcus Johnson's class has been suspended until we return to Covid Phase 3 Tier 1.

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

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. 12

We next serve at Lazarus House Sat, Nov 28. 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!

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.**

A Christmas Gift Tree is set up in the Narthex with gift tags. Some tags list a single gift item and some tags have 2-4 gift items. If you pick a tag with multiple gift items, please purchase all of the items. Each tag has 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.

When you pick up your curbside communion, you may come into the narthex to sign out a Gift tree tag.

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 are also 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.

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Announcements (continued)

Cornerstone Ministry

Wednesday Morning Men's Cornerstone Group: 7-8am on Zoom. Contact Bill Spring, billspring4@gmail.com, 331.588.4044 or John Bernard, txinstc@sbcglobal.net, 630.336.5444. Studying the weekend teaching and lectionary scripture passage. Meets weekly.

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.

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

Subscribe to our weekly e-mail newsletter, at our website, stmarks-geneva.org.

Sermon Notes

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)