

# Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



**The First Sunday of Advent**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**November 29, 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.

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**Prelude**      **Christe, Redemptor omnium**

*Parry*

## The Word of God

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*All stand*

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**All pray**

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

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

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

### **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*All say*

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

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- 1    **Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
     shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2    **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
     stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3    **Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
     show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4    **O Lord God of hosts, \*  
     how long will you be angered  
     despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5    **You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
     you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6    **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
     and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7    **Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
     show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*All stand*

**The Gospel** Mark 13:24-37

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*Reader* The 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.

**The Prayers of the People**

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*Leader*      Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People*      **And grant us your salvation.**  
*Leader*      Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People*      **Let your people sing with joy.**  
*Leader*      Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People*      **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
*Leader*      Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People*      **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
*Leader*      Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People*      **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Leader*      Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People*      **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Leader*      Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People*      **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**  
*Leader*      We pray for our friend and fellow St. Marker, Lidia, that you would bless  
                  her time in the U.S. with her children and new grandchild and that you  
                  would protect her health and safety.

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

*Leader* For the thanksgivings, special needs and concerns of this congregation. We invite you to pray silently or aloud.

*Priest* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

**The Confession**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**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 Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

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**Offertory**      **E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**

*Manz*

Peace be to you and grace from Him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who love us all and shed His blood  
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!

## 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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 people kneel if able. 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."

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 our 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.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words*

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

**Communion Music**

**Instrumental O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*Biery*

*Celebrant and People*

**Post-communion Prayer**

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**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 57      Lo he comes with Clouds Descending** (*vs 1,3,4*)

*Helmsley*

*Verse 1*      Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

*Verse 3*      Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

*Verse 4*      Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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

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

**Postlude      Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661**

*Bach*

*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.**

**Festival flowers for Christmas.** Forms available online. Your gift and completed forms are due in the church office **no later than Mon, Dec 14.**

### **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 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, 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 Dec 3.**  
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### **Opportunities to Serve: Ministries in our Community**

**Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering is Dec 13.** 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.**

**Our ministry to Hesed House is Mon/Tues, Dec 13/14.** 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, Dec 12. Precooked casseroles needed in the kitchen 2-4pm on Mon, Dec 13** while we are making sandwiches. **Monetary donations also accepted,** checks to St. Mark's Church, memo "Hesed House."

## **Christmas Preparation**

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

## **2020 Salvation Army Christmas – “Un-Decorate” the Gift Tree ALL GIFTS DUE DEC 6**

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.

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

## **More Announcements**

### **Advent Evening Prayer**

**Advent Evening Prayer** is offered in the Chapel at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, Dec 2, 9, 16, 23. Wear a mask, limited to 10 people.

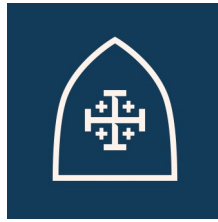
### **Cornerstone Ministry**

**Young Adult (20s and 30s): Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm in Geneva.** Contact Andrea Hodge, [andrea.cladis@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.cladis@gmail.com), 630.234.0071. Engaging and supportive. We are a growing, fellowship and service-oriented group. We'd love to have you!

### **Pastoral Care**

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

## **Sermon Notes**



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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
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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