

# Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Confirmation Sunday  
April 11, 2021, 10:30 am

## Welcome in the Name of the Lord

We're glad you are here! If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to the priest after the service, sign our guest book, or fill out one of the response cards in your pew. 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.

**Prelude Saraband for the morning of Easter**

*Howells*

*All stand*

# The Word of God

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*Bishop:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Bishop:* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
***People:* There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Bishop:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
***People:* One God and Father of all.**  
*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.  
***People:* And also with you.**  
*Bishop:* Let us pray.

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

## The Collect of the Day

**Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The **Collect of the Day** is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scripture for the day.

## The Lessons

*The people sit. The Scriptures are read.*

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**Acts 4:32-35**

Eleanor Clark

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The **Scriptures** are the Word of God, which renews our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

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

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

*Reader*            A reading from the First letter of John            Mia Mosciano

**1 John:1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel John 20:19-31**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little,  
Retired Bishop of Northern Indiana

The word **Gospel** means "Good News," the great good news about Jesus the Messiah. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. It is customary to face the Gospel book and the person reading from it.

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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**Confirmation** marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptized and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship.

*(Mentors and students stand)*

*Bishop* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Mentors* I present these persons for Confirmation.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People** We will.

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

In **The Baptismal Covenant** we reaffirm the Apostles' Creed, which is a summary of the faith, dating back to the earliest centuries of the church.

**The Baptismal Covenant** *(All stand)*

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*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** 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.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** 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.

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Prayers for the Candidates**

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*Leader* Let us now pray for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with your Holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

In the **Prayers for the Candidates**, 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.

*The Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The affirmation of faith is **confirmed** through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop. The Church also asks God to give you power through the Holy Spirit to enable you to live in the way of Jesus.

*All sit*

### **The Confirmations**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one to be confirmed and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to virtually extend God's peace to those around you. .

**The Peace** (*All stand*)

*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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**The Holy Communion,** or **Eucharist,** is a sign of the love that Christians ought to have for each other, and is especially a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death.

## Offertory **Come, ye Faithful**

*Thatcher*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brough his Israel Into joy from sadness;  
'Tis the spring of souls today Christ has burst his prison,  
And from three days sleep in death As a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore Passeth human knowing.

## The Great Thanksgiving *(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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

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

*The people kneel. 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:

*Celebrant and People*    **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.**



*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 180     He is risen**

*Unser Herrscher*

*Verse 1*     He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

*Verse 2*     Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

*Verse 4*     He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

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

**Postlude Gaudeamus**

*Campbell*

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

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

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## **The Confirmands**

### **Adults**

Amy N. Allan

Ricky Heidgerken

Ruthann Heidgerken

### **Students and Mentors**

Evelyn Elisabeth Beall

Alexandra Fay Bryner

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Karlie Marie Custer

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# Announcements

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

We welcome this morning as our Preacher and Celebrant the Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little, retired Bishop of Northern Indiana. We are grateful for his visit.

## Opportunities to Serve: Ministries in our Community

**Feed My Starving Children** During the season of Lent the StM Kids Ministry has been raising funds for [Feed My Starving Children](#). We're now headed to the Aurora ministry site to help pack meals! We have ten spaces remaining and would love for you to join us on April 13th, 4:30-6:30pm. Please email Stacie Johnson at [sjohnson@stmarks-geneva.org](mailto:sjohnson@stmarks-geneva.org) to sign up.

**Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering is today, Sun Apr 11.** 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, Apr 12/13.** 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, Apr 11. Precooked casseroles needed in the kitchen 2-4pm on Mon, Apr 12 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, Apr 24.** 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/](http://stmarks-geneva.org/serve/locally/) Thank you for your generosity!

(Announcements continue on next page.)

## More Announcements

### 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](http://stmarks-geneva.org/appalachian-service-project).

Contact Chris Hunecke, 630.809.1723, [chrishunecke83@gmail.com](mailto:chrishunecke83@gmail.com)

**The Kids Ministry Needs YOU!** If you have a heart for children or want to serve the church this summer, consider volunteering at our Backyard Bible Camp. The camp runs from **June 22-24th** from 9-11:30am at Miss Stacie's home (where there's lawn space for games and outdoor activities). We need helpers to run stations (games, snacks, crafts, etc.), and volunteers for set up, and tear down. Please do consider! It's a rewarding time as we grow in Jesus together with the littlest of our flock! Contact Stacie at [sjohnson@stmarks-geneva.org](mailto:sjohnson@stmarks-geneva.org) for more information.

### **Interested in becoming a shepherd for next year's Sunday school year?**

The commitment is 16 Sundays for about an hour. No teaching experience necessary but a heart for the Lord is a must! Use the contact info for Miss Stacie (above.) to find out more!

### 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](http://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](http://Lazarushouse.net)



## **Rector/Associate Rector Studies**

**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.**

**Dr. Amy Peeler's Associate Rector's Cornerstone Study Group** will meet on these Thursdays throughout the Spring and will be studying the book of Acts. Now is a great time to join if you've been wanting to join a group! We meet in the Larabee House from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

April 15—Acts 1-5

April 29—Acts 6-12

May 6—Acts 13-18

May 13—Acts 19-24

May 20—Acts 25-28

## **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](mailto:office@stmarks-geneva.org) or 630.232.0133x100.

## 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 / 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)

#### **Saturday**

7:30 am     Morning Prayer (Chapel)