

Saint Mark's Church

Geneva, IL



The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II

December 13, 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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Philadelphia Museum of Art <http://www.the-athenaeum.org/art/detail.php?ID=45464>.

Prelude **People, Look East**

Wold

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
 because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
 to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
 and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
 the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
 they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
 the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

All say

Psalm 126 In convertendo

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- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

The Gospel John 1:6-8,19-28

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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 This is the record of John

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This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

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 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 Lord Christ, the Only Son of God BWV601

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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 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Verse 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

Verse 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight

Refrain

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Archer

Musicians: Aimee Stuart-Flunker, Soprano; Sue Steele, Mezzo Soprano;

Kate Peeler, Alto; Ricky Rivera, Tenor; Theo Farrell, Bass

Dr. Lance Peeler, Organist

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Announcements

The flowers are given to the glory of God:

- In celebration of Paul & Donna Schneider's 32nd wedding anniversary, by Pete & Jane Whinfrey.
- In loving memory of Pam Davis, Jennifer, Jack, and Mary Kerr, especially during this Advent Season, by John & Kristen Kerr.

We give thanks for the lives of:

- **William E Armstrong**, who died Friday, December 4. He is the father of John (Kathy) Armstrong.
- **Lawrence Scott (Larry) Beall**, who died Friday, December 4. He is the father of Scott (Jen) Beall, and grandfather of Mary, Evie, Sarah, and Jack Beall.
- **Bishop Victor Scantlebury**, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Chicago, 2000-2011, who died Friday, December 4.

We pray for comfort for their families. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

Please return your 2021 Commitment Card. Need offering envelopes? That's where to note it. Or call the office.

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 17.** amy.peeler@gmail.com

Opportunities to Serve: Ministries in our Community

Salvation Army Food Pantry Ingathering is today. 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 14/15. 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 13. Precooked casseroles needed in the kitchen 2-4pm on Mon, Dec 14** 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, Dec 26. 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!

(Announcements continue on next page.)

More Announcements

Advent & Christmas Webpage

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

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

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

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree signups to provide gifts will be available on the Advent & Christmas webpage soon — watch for it.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*: Restrictions prevented us from presenting this traditional play in 2020, but please enjoy a recent-year production on the Advent & Christmas webpage.

Children's Christmas Pageant 2020: *Scene-by-Scene by St. Mark's* will be posted to the Advent & Christmas webpage in time for Christmas Eve. Watch for the link in the pre-Christmas special edition newsletters.

Need to subscribe to the newsletter? You can do that at the bottom of any page on our website. Be sure to check that you want *The Saint Marker*.

Cornerstone Ministry

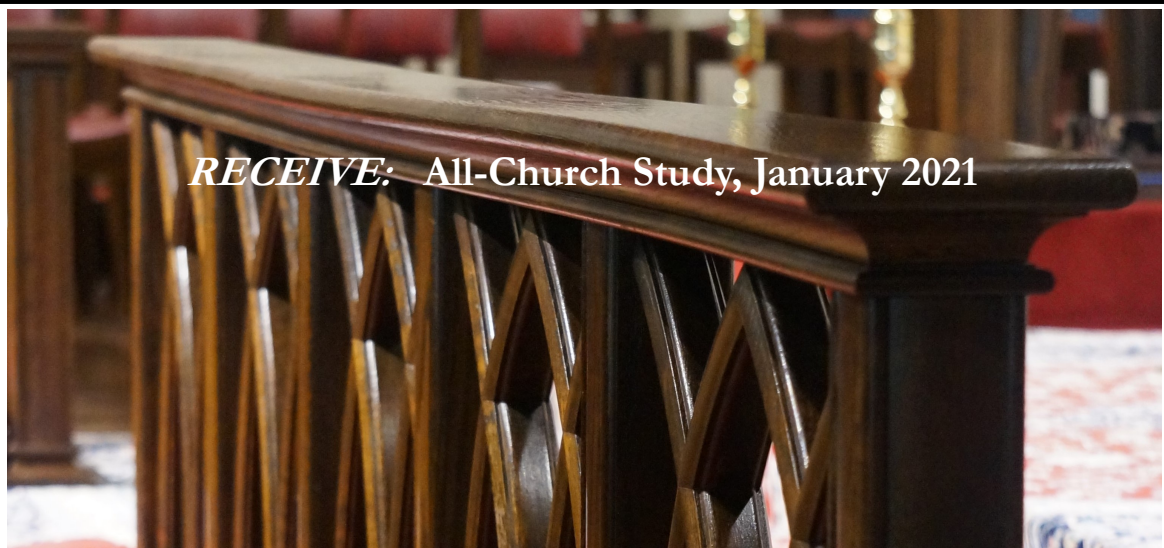
Young Adult (20s and 30s): Monday 7:30-9:00 pm in Geneva. Contact Andrea Hodge, andrea.cladis@gmail.com, 630.234.0071. Engaging and supportive. We are a growing, fellowship and service-oriented group. We'd love to have you!

Advent Evening Prayer

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

Tax Time Reminder

Your contributions must be postmarked or received in the office by Dec 31 to be included in your 2020 Contributions Statement.



RECEIVE: All-Church Study, January 2021

Beginning Jan 6, for a third consecutive year, Saint Mark's will journey together from Epiphany to Holy Week by connecting, through the lectionary readings, three vital environments for our parish:

- Weekly Eucharistic Services
- Cornerstone Groups
- 5-Minute Daily Devotions

This year's study is entitled ***RECEIVE*** and will provide a great opportunity to test-drive a Cornerstone Group (our small groups). Check out the church website for more information on groups.

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 prayer@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
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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