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# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GLEN ELLYN

# "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.

- Elie Wiesel

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

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10:30 am

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

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This bulletin contains all the information you need to worship with us today. Learn more about St. Mark's Episcopal Church, our ministry and mission, the Diocese of Chicago, and the Episcopal Church in the United States by visiting our website at www.stmarksglenellyn.org.



#### PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER LIST

The parish prayer list is updated weekly, and names are always welcome to be added. If you or someone you know has a pastoral care need, St. Mark's is here to help.

#### CONTACTS

- The Rev. George Smith rector@stmarksglenellyn.org
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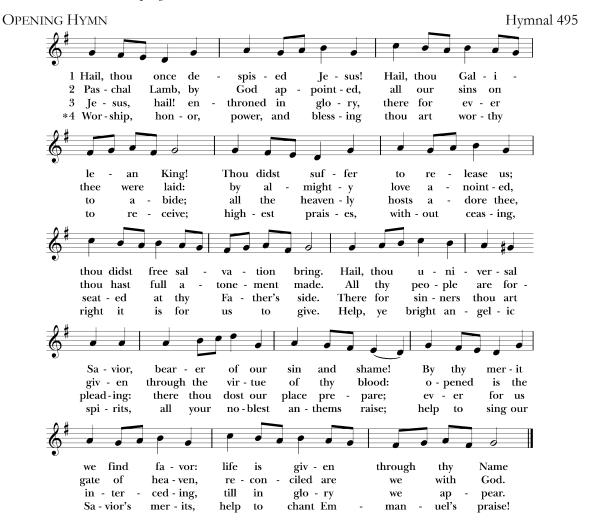
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#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

As able, stand as the altar party enters in silence.



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

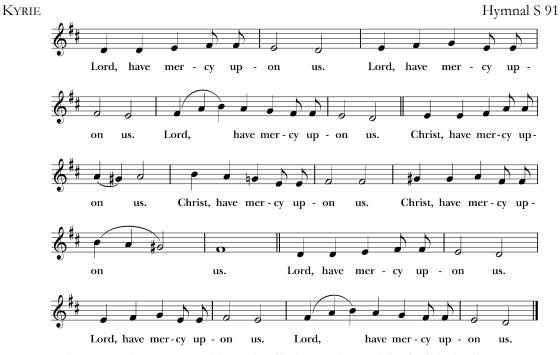
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews* 4:14,16

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

As able, please kneel.

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.

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.** 



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Verses in bold are sung by the congregation



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/kindness; \* in your great compassion blot out /my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my /wickedness \* and cleanse me /from my sin.
- 3 For I know my trans/gressions, \* and my sin is /[ever] before me.
- 4 Against you only have I /sinned \* and done what is evil /in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you /speak \* and upright /in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my /birth, \* a sinner from my /mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with/in me, \* and will make me understand /wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be /pure; \* wash me, and I shall be /clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and /gladness, \* that the body you have broken /may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my /sins \* and blot out all my in/iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O /God, \* and renew a right /[spirit] within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your /presence \* and take not your holy /[Spirit] from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving /help again \* and sustain me with your /[bounti]ful Spirit.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews:

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL John 12:20-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated.

THE SERMON

The Rev Clint Moore III, Priest Associate

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we remember now, silently or aloud.

Please select one or two of the names from the following parish prayer list to pray aloud:

Karen Nicholson, Kay Ververka, Keith Brickey, Matt, Azza and Yara, Kathleen Leid, Joyce Hetzel, Charles Snider, JD Hessinger, Ann Cardwell, Chad Alcorn, Martha Sexauer, Jay Mueller, Terry Heschke, Elizabeth Mueller, John Dickey, Colin Valdivia, Pam Benning, Bella Cuttone, Laurie Vanderlei, Craig Farrow, Daniel Ljubi, Avery, Brian Rogers, Jerry Bertrand, Myrna Grant, George Pliml, Ashley and Kevin, Gretchen Kenower, Lynn Wollstadt, Jerry Carey, Kris Baier, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Oscar Bibiano, Mark Zelman, Jackie Frye, Eddie Gutierrez, Brenda Laws, Rita Sullivan, Justin, Emily Resch, Virginia Vagt, Tim Frawley, Tom Gramm, Jack Clinkman, Debbi Schroeder, Mary Parsons, Kaye Staggs, Maureen O'Connor, Em, Bibhu Padhi, Melissa Mazareigos, Mike Bennett, Don Warman, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, John Mueller, Edwin Benet, Mary Treleven, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, John Schaeffer, John Crowley, Tanya Carey, Sue Erickson, Minakshi Rath, Tony Corrado, Kristen Davia, Jennifer Ceplecha, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Selma Beltran, Tracy Smith, Don Johnson, Jan Mueller, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Maria Torres, Adrienne Palmiere, Anna Zaccaria, Rose Schnell, Donna Valkuchak, Tom Potter, Doug Newlin, Michael Wagoner, Tracy Galvin, Tim Sullivan, Jane Moore, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Simon Nabeti, Alison Aguilar, Maribel Juarez, Linde Kenney and Louraine Salvaggio.

May they be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

We pray for those who have died,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; we pray especially this week for the countries of Uzbekistan, Honduras, Chile, and Andorra;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life; And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life;

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

Silence.

Following the litany of healing, all are welcome to come to the altar rail for prayers, anointing with holy oil and the laying on of hands.

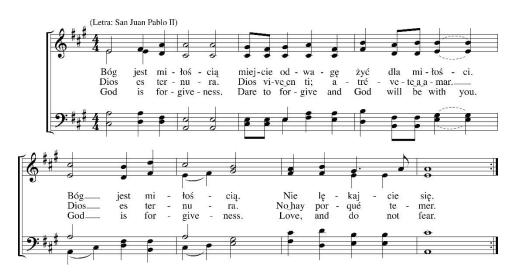
### MUSIC DURING HEALING

## IN MANUS TUAS



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### GOD IS FORGIVENESS



### IN GOD ALONE



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#### THE PEACE

Officiant People The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE OFFERING

Thank you for placing your offerings in the plate.

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# THE LITURGY of THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

Psalm 23 | Charles Hylton Stewart

Following the Offertory, the service continues with this blessing over the gifts.

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

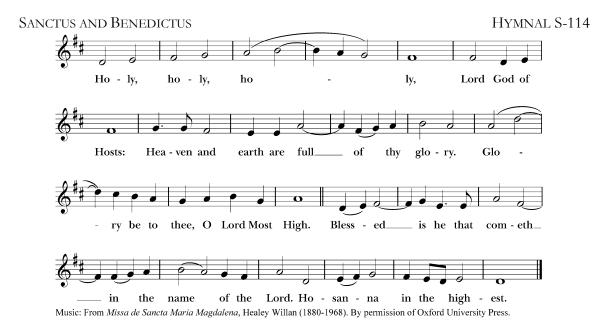
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



At the conclusion of the Sanctus, the people may stand or kneel.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebecca; and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

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

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. Бизнинг осмондаги Отамиз! Сенинг муқаддас исминг улуғлансин. Сенинг Шоҳлигинг келсин. Осмонда бўлгани каби, Ерда ҳам Сенинг ироданг бажо келсин. Бугунги ризқрўзимизни бергин. Бизга гуноҳ қилганларни биз кечиргандек, Сен ҳам бизнинг гуноҳларимизни кечиргин. Бизни васвасага дучор қилмагин, Аммо ёвуз шайтондан халос қилгин. (The Lord's Prayer in O'zbek, a language of Uzbekistan)

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread, silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei



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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.

Join in one of the two lines to receive communion. The Officiant will place the host in your open hands. Turn to either side to receive the wine from the cup bearer. Please dispose of the serving cup in the nearby receptacle. Gluten free host available upon request.

# ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### TAIZE CHANT



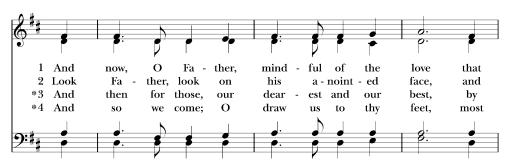
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## Hymnal 463



Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt. Music: York, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; adapt. The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621; harm, John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647).

# Hymnal 337





Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: Unde et memores, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

#### Let us 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 BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.



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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All are welcome to Mahon Hall for coffee hour after the service.

# LOOKING AHEAD

March 2024			
18	Monday	7:00  pm - 8:00  pm	DOK Meeting
19	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
20	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night
21	Thursday	6:00  pm - 7:30  pm	St. Mark's Community Dinner
21	Thursday	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Dementia Caregivers Support Group
24	Sunday	9 am, 10:30 am, 1 pm	Palm Sunday
25	Monday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Holy Monday
26	Tuesday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Holy Tuesday
26	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Sacred Ground Meeting
27	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Holy Wednesday
28	Thursday	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Maundy Thursday – Agape Dinner /Worship
28 - 29	Thursday - Friday	8:30 pm – 8:30 am	Overnight Watch
29	Friday	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Good Friday Children's Service
29	Friday	1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Good Friday Music & Meditations
29	Friday	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Good Friday Passion with Reserve Communion
30	Saturday	7:30  pm - 9:00  pm	Easter Vigil
31	Sunday	9:00 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm	Easter Sunday
April 2024		•	
3	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
3	Wednesday	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Women's Group
6	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
8	Monday	6:30  pm - 7:30  pm	The W Club Potluck Dinner
10	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night
27	Saturday	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Newcomers Welcome Event

Check out our online calendar for additional events and info at: <a href="https://stmarksglene llyn.org/calendar/">https://stmarksglene llyn.org/calendar/</a> or go to our website and click on "Daily Calendar".

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# 2024 Guide to Holy Week and Easter at St. Mark's



**Palm Sunday, March 24** – Wave palm fronds and sing "hosannas" in an outdoor procession, recalling the joyous entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Processions begin in the east parking lot for all services (9:00 am, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm)

# Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 12:00 pm Eucharist in the Chapel



Maundy Thursday, March 28 – The service begins in Mahon Hall with the Agape Dinner at 6:00 pm serving dried fruit, nuts, olives, hummus, bread, wine and juice. The first part includes hymns, a sermon and prayers. After the exchange of peace, worship continues in the church nave with Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar as we remember how Jesus was betrayed and deserted by his disciples.



**Good Friday, March 29** – At 10:30 am, children and paretns are invited to make a journey through Holy Week. At 1 pm, a service of meditation and music is offered in the sanctuary. At 7:30 pm Jesus' trial and crucifixion are remembered through a reading of the passion narrative, and veneration of the cross. Communion is offered.



**Easter Vigil, March 30** – We light the new fire in front of the church at 7:30 pm and enter the darkness of the nave. Scripture readings and hymns set the stage for baptisms, Easter alleluias and the first Eucharist of Easter.

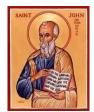


**Easter Sunday, March 31 – Jesus Christ is Risen! –** Worship at 9:00 am, 11:15 am or 1:00 pm. Easter Egg Hunts after each service. Children's Worship in Mahon Hall with Miss Gina at 9:00 am, 11:15 am, and 1:00 pm.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Calling for Participants in the Good Friday Passion According to John

This year's 7:30 pm Good Friday service will include a dramatic bilingual presentation of the Passion according to John. Roles include narrators, Jesus, soldiers and Pharisees, Peter, police Pilate, a slave, disciples and others. Youth,



adults, Spanish and English speakers are needed. There will be two rehearsals at times TBD and the service itself on Good Friday at 7:30 pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Tim Frawley at <a href="mailto:timfrawley@fortecombat.com">timfrawley@fortecombat.com</a>.

# Guide for Lent & Four Bible Study Options Each Week at St. Mark's

There are four Bible study options each week at St. Mark's studying the Gospel of John. Copies of the Gospel of John are available in the narthex, or you can download an electronic version from the main page of our website (<a href="www.stmarksglenellyn.org">www.stmarksglenellyn.org</a>).

Weekly bible study options:

- Sundays at 9:00 am in the library or via Zoom (#483-170-780)
- Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am via Zoom (#483-170-780)
- Wednesdays at 7:00 pm via Zoom (#483-170-780)
- Thursdays at 6:00 pm via Zoom in Spanish (#483-170-780)

Questions? Contact Father George at (630) 858-1020 or rector@stmarksglenellyn.org.

# St. Mark's Parents Day Out (PDO) Registration Begins Soon

St. Mark's PDO registration will begin on April 8th. Please check to see what date you can turn in the application. Applications are due in-person on those dates.

# Registration Dates:

Monday, April 8, 2024, for St. Mark's Parishioners, Returning PDO Families, & St. Mark's Preschool Families. Registration begins on Monday, April 15 for New Families. Visit our website <a href="https://www.stmarksglenellyn.org">www.stmarksglenellyn.org</a>, choose Ministries, then PDO for information about our PDO program and the application.

Questions? Please contact the church office at <u>frontdesk@stmarksglenellyn.org</u> or (630) 858-1020.

# Holding the Light: A Support Group for Dementia Caregivers Thursday, March 21, 7:30 pm

# Lehman Parlor

Holding the Light be meeting at 7:30 on Thursday, March 21st in the Lehman Parlor. We will share how caregiving has affected our Lenten journeys, where in our loved ones' lives, we have seen glimpses of resurrection joy, and in what ways we can help and support each other. If you have not attended before but are interested in receiving this list, please contact Anne from the info below.

Holding the Light offers a safe and sacred space for dementia caregivers: a time set apart for prayer, sharing stories, and spiritual respite. This monthly gathering is facilitated by Dr. Anne Windholz, a board-certified chaplain. Anyone who is caring for – or has ever cared for—someone with dementia is welcome. For more information, please contact Anne at 815-762-9057 or <a href="windholzam@gmail.com">windholzam@gmail.com</a>.

# St. Mark's Book Group Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm Zoom

On March 24, St. Mark's Book Group will be discussing "Good Night Irene: A Novel" by Luis Alberto Arrea. Paying tribute to



his mother's WWII experiences and using her journals and scrapbooks Arrea writes a gripping novel about the stories of two "Doughnut Dollies" in the Clubmobile corps. "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown is the April 28 title. And on May 26 we will discuss "Whalefall: A Novel" by Andy Weir. The group currently meets by Zoom at 3 pm on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining us for any of these discussions, or the January planning meeting, please contact May Anstee, 630-247-0933 or

m-anstee@comcast.net for more information

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

VBS (Vacation Bible School) July 15 – July 19, 2024 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Registration is now open for this year's VBS at St. Mark's.

This year, VBS will be held the week of July 15 – July 19, 9:00 am –

12:00 pm, for children preschool age through 5th grade. Please visit our website,

www.stmarksglenellyn.org for the registration form. Questions? Contact Gina Wood at childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org.

# The W Club Social Group for Widows & Widowers Monday, April 8, 6:30 pm



The W Club (a new group for St. Mark's and friends) is hosting its first potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., Mon, Apr. 8 in Mahon Hall. This new social group for widows and widowers will meet monthly for dinners, movies, nature walks, art exhibits, etc.

Questions? Please email Sue Crosson-Knutson at the Wclub@stmarksglenellyn.org.

#### **OUTREACH**

# St. Mark's Meals To Go April 6, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Hillside Entrance

St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be giving out a hot meal to go to anyone who wants or needs one on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. All are welcome! Please enter through the double doors on the Hillside entrance. If you have problems walking, we will take your meal out to your car, please pull up to the curb in front of the Hillside entrance. <a href="https://www.stmarksmeals.org">www.stmarksmeals.org</a>.

Our next Meals to Go lunch will be on April 20. Questions? Contact David Dornblaser at <a href="mailto:dornblaser@me.com">dornblaser@me.com</a>.



# St. Mark's Monthly Community Dinner Thursday, March 21, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Mahon Hall

\*\*\*The March community dinner is being moved up a week due to Maundy Thursday being on March 28. \*\*\*. Would you like to pass on

making dinner one night? St. Mark's is hosting a monthly community dinner on the 4th Thursday of each month. Everyone is invited! A freewill offering collection is entirely optional and purely for offsetting the cost of the meal. Joining us will give you an opportunity to meet some St. Mark's members you may not know, meet some new people from our community, and get a night off from cooking. Would you like to be a volunteer or food donor to help put this together? Our next community dinner will be on Thursday, April 25th. Contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com.

# Glen House Food Pantry (formerly Glen Ellyn Food Pantry)

Top Needs: Canned Peas, Canned Green Beans, Ketchup/May/Mustard, Canned Corn, Cream Soups, Cookies & Crackers, Green Chiles & Salsa Verde, Spices (Oregano & Parsley), Canned Pasta/Chili, Sloppy Joe, Jarred Pasta Sauce & Spaghetti Noodles. You can bring items to donate to St. Mark's and place them in our shopping cart in the hallway between the library and the narthex. Also, if you are taking items directly to the GE House Food Pantry (55 N. Park Blvd., GE, please write St. Mark's Episcopal Church on the bags when you drop them off. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Frawley at ifrawley260@gmail.com.

# Appalachia Service Project 2024

St. Mark's is going on our annual ASP summer service trip, and it is time to register! We have been making the homes of people in Appalachia warmer, safer, and dryer, for over ten years. We hope that you will take part in continuing this legacy of caring for some of the needlest people in the United States.



Here are some specifics:

- June 15-22, 2024.
- Youth participants need to have completed eighth grade by June 2024.
- The trip is free because of the generosity of the members of St. Mark's and the number of flowers they buy at our main fundraiser. We also share the cost of the trip with First United Methodist Church because we combine into one group.



- Our goal is to send two crews. We have enough chaperones for one crew, but we will need a couple more adults to join us if we have enough youth to form a second crew.
- Adults need no construction experience; just patience and a willingness to drive a 15passenger van.

Scan the QR Code to watch a video about the 2023 ASP Trip. If you would like to join us, or simply have a question, please email John Zelman <a href="mailto:izelman86@gmail.com">izelman86@gmail.com</a>.

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY PARTNER FEATURE**

**Teen Parent Connection**, based in Glen Ellyn, offers DuPage pregnant and parenting adolescents (ages 12-22) and their children (ages 0-5) a robust continuum of care tailored to meet the unique needs of young families throughout pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. Pregnant teens and their support partners are eligible to enter services while pregnant and receive ongoing assistance and education until their child enters kindergarten. By providing multiple years of seamless care, Teen Parent Connection is equipped to move beyond the provision of basic needs and empower young parents with the confidence, knowledge, and skills they need to lead a healthy and self-sufficient life.

The organization has 21 staff and raises fund through government grants, corporations, foundations, community and faith-based organizations and fundraising events. Their next event will be their Festival of Friends on October 27, 2024, at Medinah Country Club.

Volunteers serve on their Board and committees and assist with program support in the pantry and childcare for parenting groups. They welcome donations of diapers, wipes and other infant items. Anyone interested in learning more or volunteering can find more information on their website: <a href="https://www.teenparentconnection.org">www.teenparentconnection.org</a>

### YOUTH

# Youth Nights Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Basement



\*\*\*This is a change from the normal schedule due to spring break.\*\*\*

St. Mark's Youth Nights are the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Our next meetings are on:

Wednesday, April 10 & Wednesday, April 24
 Questions? Contact David Profitt at <u>david@stmarksglenellyn.org</u>.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# Welcome to Sunday School!

Children Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us every Sunday for the first half hour of the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services before they are brought back upstairs to join their families for Communion! We also have our Nursery open in room 112



beginning at 9:00 am through the end of our 1:00 pm service for younger children and infants.

- 9:00 am Pre-K through 5th Grade will meet with Miss Gina in room 123 for Music and Prayer, Godly Play & Art Reflection.
- 10:30 am Pre-K will meet with Miss Diane in room 102 for Story Time and Arts & Crafts
- 10:30 am K through 5th Grade will meet with Miss Gina in room 123 for Music and Prayer, Godly Play & Art Reflection
- Please email Miss Gina to volunteer as a classroom helper this year!

Questions? Contact Miss Gina at childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org.



## First Communion Save the Date!

Our First Communion Dates are (this is MORNING ONLY for the classes) April 14, April 21, & April 28 - all at 10:30 am. Students come to Miss Gina's classroom then Ms. Sarah will take them to the First

Communion classroom before she brings them back to parents in the sanctuary. **First**Communion Celebration is May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am & 1:00 pm services. More info to come! Please contact Gina Wood with questions at <a href="mailto:childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org">childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org</a>.

### MUSIC NOTES .

# St. Mark's Choirs

- Coro de Alabanzas rehearses Saturdays at 4:00 pm.
- The Children's Choir meets for rehearsal on Wednesdays 4:30-5:00 pm.
- St. Mark's Singers 10:30 Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

# **Upcoming Events**

• May 5, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Choral Evensong for Eastertide Questions? Contact Seth Luna, Director of Music Ministries, at <a href="mailto:music@stmarksglenellyn.org">music@stmarksglenellyn.org</a>

#### ART

# Lenten Photography Exhibit in Mahon Hall

From now through the end of Lent, St. Mark's is hosting a photography exhibit titled "When My Other Normal Isn't Normal - Looking at mental health issues through photography." It is displayed on the south wall of Mahon Hall.

Presented by The Ella Bragg Boyer Endowment Fund of the Central DuPage Counseling Center of Wheaton, the exhibit is traveling between various churches in the Glen Ellyn/Wheaton area. The photographs express each artist's understanding of mental health disorders whether through a loved one's or friend's journey or the artist's personal journey with the Other Normal of mental illness. Central DuPage Counseling, and St. Mark's as well, believe that public art can help improve general understanding of these deeply personal issues that many contend with every day. Take a moment during Lent to spend time with the images for contemplation, awareness, and prayer. We are grateful to Central DuPage Counseling Center for including us in the journey. Questions? Contact Cecilia Smith at ceciliasmith@hotmail.com.

#### GIVING COMMITTEE NEWS & INFORMATION

# Be Generous, Be Strategic and Save on your Taxes!

Did you know that St. Mark's is able to accept gifts of stock? With the stock market hitting all-time highs, you may wish to make a gift to St. Mark's with appreciated stock. In addition to supporting the ministries of the church, other possible benefits are a tax deduction and avoiding capital gains. For instructions on to make a gift of stock, please contact our bookkeeper, Elise Brinich at <a href="mailto:treasurer@stmarksglenellyn.org">treasurer@stmarksglenellyn.org</a> or 630-858-1020, ext. 224.

Make a tax-free gift to St. Mark's from your IRA: If you are over 70 1/2 and subject to RMD's, consider directing a transfer of funds from your IRA directly to a qualified charity. Those funds would count toward your RMD, but not be included in your taxable income. These messages are not meant to be a substitute for legal or financial advice. As always, please consult your professional adviser regarding individual situations. Karen Hill, Chair, St. Mark's Giving Committee and Leo Lanzillo, St. Mark's Treasurer

#### ST. MARK'S PRAYERS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

## Branching Out Into The World...

At St. Mark's our Vision statement is, "Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Branching Out into the World."

Today and during this week, we will be praying for the countries of Uzbekistan, Honduras, Chile, Andorra. Each week we will take a brief look at each of our "prayer" countries. You may want to explore these countries during the week. At the end of the year, we will all be more globally literate!

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**Uzbekistan** – officially the Republic of Uzbekistan. It is a country located in Central Asia. It is surrounded by five countries: Kazakhstan to the north, Kyrgyzstan to the northeast, Tajikistan to the southeast, Afghanistan to the south, and Turkmenistan to the southwest, making it one of only two doubly landlocked countries on Earth, along with Liechtenstein. Uzbekistan is part of the Turkic world, as well as a member of the Organization of Turkic States. Uzbek is the majority language, while Russian is widely spoken and understand. Islam is the predominant religion, and most Uzbeks are Sunni Muslims. Capital: Tashkent

**Honduras** – officially the Republic of Honduras. It is a country in Central America. Honduras is bordered to the west by Guatemala, to the southwest by El Salvador, to the southeast by Nicaragua, to the south by the Pacific Ocean at the Gulf of Fonseca, and to the north by the Gulf of Honduras, a large inlet of the Caribbean Sea. Capital: Tegucigalpa

**Chile** – officially the Republic of Chile. It is a country located in western South America. It is the southernmost country in the world and the closest to Antarctica, stretching along a narrow strip of land between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. With an area of 291,933 sq. miles and a population of 17.5 million as of 2017, Chile shares borders with Peru to the north, Bolivia to the northeast, Argentina to the east, and the Drake Passage to the south. The country also controls several Pacific Islands, including Juan Fernández, Isla Salas y Gómez, Desventuradas, and Easter Island, and claims about 480,000 sq. miles of Antarctica as the Chilean Antarctic Territory. Capital: Santiago

Andorra – official the Principality of Andorra. It is a sovereign landlocked country on the Iberian Peninsula, in the eastern Pyrenees, bordered by France to the north and Spain to the south. Believed to have been created by Charlemagne, Andorra was ruled by the count of Urgell until 988, when it was transferred to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Urgell. The present principality was formed by a charter in 1278. It is currently headed by two so-princes: the bishop of Urgell in Catalonia, Spain and the president of France. Capital: Andorra la Vella

Pray for Uzbekistan, Honduras, Chile, Andorra, March 17 through March 23, 2024.



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