



Since 1858.

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mark's is a welcoming community of dedicated believers in Christ who support and strengthen one another through worship, fellowship, study of the Word, and serving others.

St. Mark's has adjusted many worship practices to follow COVID-19 safety protocols over the past years. We are constantly adapting our procedures and we urge worshipers to participate at whatever level makes them most comfortable. *If you are visiting, we are glad you are here.* We welcome all who gather to worship each week, either in-person or on-line. Our Sunday service at 10:15 may be seen on our Facebook or YouTube channel and is linked through our website, www.saintmarksepiscopal.com. The password to the church wifi as a guest is *timetoprayer*.

About the Service

The service has two parts: the liturgy of the word, when Holy Scripture is read and celebrated, followed by liturgy of the table, when we celebrate Jesus's life, death, and resurrection with the Eucharist, (communion).

About Communion

All are welcome at the altar to receive communion or a blessing. Bread only is sufficient for the Eucharist to be valid. You may receive the bread and wine from common vessels or individual containers at the altar rail. Come forward to the altar as ushers release the pews and return to the pew to consume the bread and wine, if taken from the baskets. If a blessing is desired, place your arms across your chest. Place empty containers in receptacles at the exits. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Notify an usher if you would like a priest to bring communion to the pew.

Enhancing Your Experience

Limited mobility seating is available in front of the pulpit on the left side of the sanctuary. An elevator, entered through the garden doors at the rear of the church, allows access to all three levels of the church. *Offices and classrooms* located on the second floor are accessible via stairs or elevator. Ask for assistance, if needed. *Restroom facilities* are located on the ground level; ladies' room on the right, men's room on the left. *An ADA accessible restroom* is located just off the hall to the right of the chancel.

An AED device is located in the hall to the right of the chancel.

Welcoming Families

We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers during the 10:15 Sunday service. Grade school age children join in class upstairs for activities and lesson. The children return for communion and are always welcome to worship with their families. All are welcome to the parish hall following the 10:15 service for coffee and light refreshments.

On-line Giving

For members and guests, it is simple, easy, and secure to make an on-line donation or purchase using *Realm*, our giving platform. Gifts may be one-time or recurring; funds may be dedicated to a specific purpose. Simply text the word **Lion** to **73256** and follow the prompts to complete the process, using a credit/debit card, checking or savings account.



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FEAST OF ST. MARK
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026—5:00PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026—8:00AM & 10:15AM
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetoprayer*

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal 390

THE WORD OF GOD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II *All standing*

Book of Common Prayer 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***Th Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY (all)

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.

GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,*

*you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS (*seated*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 2:7-10 (*responsively by half-verse*)

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *

he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; *

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *

and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all *

who take refuge in him!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." The gifts he gave

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 Scripture; 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*sit or kneel*)

Deacon: Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us in trust pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who serve the holy church of God, who serve tables and who preach and pray, who shepherd the lost and care for those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For all who are persecuted for the gospel, for all who have been martyred for their witness to the truth, for all in lonely places who rejoice in the hope of the resurrection, and for the blessed community of the saints, living and dead, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For all in the world who care for the sick, the dying, the hungry and the destitute, the mentally ill, and those with addictions, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For our neighbors displaced by the wildfires, especially Phyllis, Jim, Cherry, Dan, Christopher, Brandy, Ainsley Kate, and Bailey, the sick and suffering, especially Jeff, James, Marion, Elizabeth, Joice, Nancy, Rita, Melinda, Louise, Harna, Maxwell, Marsha, Barbara and Dan, and Tim, that they may find strength in the one who walks with them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For all here gathered and our own specific needs, that we may come to receive abundant life at God's hand, and at the last to rest in Christ's shepherding love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Deacon: O loving God, we commend to your care all who have died and pray that we and all your saints may share life in your eternal dominion. Enable us to know that by Christ's wounds we have been healed, and that by the power of his risen and Spirit-giving life we are empowered to serve you all our days. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:

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.

People: ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.*** *(people greet one another)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER *(those with birthdays or anniversaries coming up are invited to the altar rail)*
God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they celebrate another year on their journey. Grant that they may grow in wisdom, grace, and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served in individual containers and from the paten and common chalice. If receiving from individual containers, return to the pew to consume the bread and wine and place containers in recycling containers at the exits. To receive a blessing, place your arms across your chest. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates positioned at the front pews. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.

THE OFFERTORY (10:15) *During the Offertory at the Celebrant's bidding, the elements and prayer chest will be brought to the altar for blessing.*

O Most High

arr. by Jonathan Reid

(5:00 & 8:00) *spoken*

***All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.***

(10:15) *sung*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 369

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

Hymnal S129

Celebrant and People

***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.

Celebrant (people, sitting or kneeling)

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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.***

FRACTION ANTHEM *(say or sing)*

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***Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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 people may remain in the pews until the ushers release the pews; come forward to the altar rail to receive communion or a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion in the pew. Personal Prayer Warriors are stationed at the baptismal font to offer private prayer as you return to your pew after receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS (10:15)

Forever, Hallelujah

instrumental

Because He Lives

BoL 10

10,000 Reasons

BoL 86

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

***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

CLOSING HYMN (10:15)

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymnal 708

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE(10:15)



To Benefit
St. Mark's Choir School

You are invited
Coastal Brass Choir Concert
Monday, May 4, 7:00pm

A program ranging from
 Baroque to Paul Simon
 performed by
15 musicians from
Glynn, Chatham, Wayne Counties

Admission free—Donations welcome



BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 26 Helen Arline, Frances Chappell
 Kay Mann
 May 1 Joel Arline
 May 2 Nan Hawkins

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 2 Joel & Ali Arline
 Ashley & David Crosby-Holland
 If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please
 notify the church office.

Immediate prayer

Jeff Pace
 James Gregory
 Marion Nelson
 Elizabeth Newton

Joice Grow
 Nancy Ehrlinger
 Rita Bruce
 Melinda Schneider Roehl
 Louise Atwood

Harna Hill
 Maxwell Smith
 Marsha Boyette
 Barbara & Dan Johnston
 Tim Meredith

Continuing prayer concerns

Will Whatley
 Nancy MacKenzie
 Frank Matthews
 Dot Barone
 Beverly Dembowczyk

Matthew Dowe
 Jewell Rogers
 Carole Nolan
 Joy Youngner
 Wendy Stubbs
 Jo Strickland

Ronn ben Aaman
 Glenn Kersey
 Jean Patelidas
 Katherine Adams

In-person Attendance
Apr. 16-19, 2026

Thurs.	Sat.	8:00	10:15	Total
18	25	33	134	210

Financial Update as of 4/22/2026

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$ 200,862	\$ 190,221
General Donations	\$ 32,746	\$ 36,400



Thank You!

Thank you Holy Beloveds for the beautiful retirement celebration and gift last month. I am humbled and grateful to have such a wonderful church family in my life. May God continue to bless you all with His presence, love, and grace. Sending much love to all of you. Peace.

Deacon Willetta

The Backpack Mission Team would like to report that we received 204 pounds of food donations in March! Thank you St. Mark's Lions for shining Heavenly Light on the 35 families we strive to help each week to overcome food insecurity. You have answered the call to "Feed My Sheep" (John 21:17). What a blessing!

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And speaking of feeding! It's time for the St. Mark's Lions Manna House team to report on April 29 to Manna House for our Fifth Wednesday lunch. Many hands are needed to prepare and serve sack lunches for more than 300 of our brothers and sisters in need. Joyce and Bob Lewis coordinate the preparation and service. Just report around 9:30am and join the team. For questions or more information, call Joyce at [\(904\) 923-7207](tel:9049237207).

The altar flower calendar is open. There are many dates available to sponsor flowers for the Sunday altar. These are opportunities to honor or remember a family member, friend, or event. The cost is \$115 for two urns. It is entirely appropriate for two families (or more) to share the cost. Call the church office, 912.265.0600, to let us know the date you want and we will take care of the rest.



Notable events:

- ◆ Today we celebrate our patron saint, Mark, with a special Mixon Hour hosted by Phyllis and Jim Fox. Join us in the parish hall following the 10:15 service.
- ◆ May 10 is Mother's Day/Youth Sunday, a time to celebrate our "matron" saints and their off-spring. We will recognize any graduate (high school or college), and the younger set will play a significant role in our worship and liturgy. If you have a graduating senior, please send a photograph and brief bio of the graduate to Kay in the office, office@saintmarkseiscopal.com.
- ◆ On May 24, we will worship together at Honey Creek for Pentecost and the bishop's annual visitation. We will recognize the latest class of St. Mark's 101 with confirmation and receptions, and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Honey Creek kitchen. You will hear more about that special celebration in the coming weeks.



Now appearing in Mixon Hall

Saint Mark's Day School Art Gallery

Enjoy it while you enjoy the Feast of St. Mark
Reception in Mixon Hall after the 10:15 service
Coffee Tea Lemonade Light Fare

April 19-26, 2026

Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with Choir
	11:30am	St. Mark Feast Mixon Hour
	4:00pm	St. Mark's 101/parish hall
Monday	8:30am	Staff Meeting
	10:00am	Music School/sanctuary & chapel
	6:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	5:45pm	Vestry
Wednesday	11:00am	Bible Study
	11:00am	SOAR Lunch/parish hall
	2:00pm	Backpacks/upstairs
	4:00pm	Choir Practice/sanctuary
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	10:00am	Sears Worship Service @ Sears
	10:00am	Music School/sanctuary & chapel
	11:00am	Healing Service/chapel
	12:00pm	Bad Girls/Mixon Hall
	5:00pm	Serenity Seekers/Mixon Hall
Friday		Church Office Closed
	7:00pm	Music School/sanctuary, chapel, parish hall
Saturday	5:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with Choir
	11:30am	Mixon Hour/parish hall
	12:30pm	Grace House graduation/parish hall

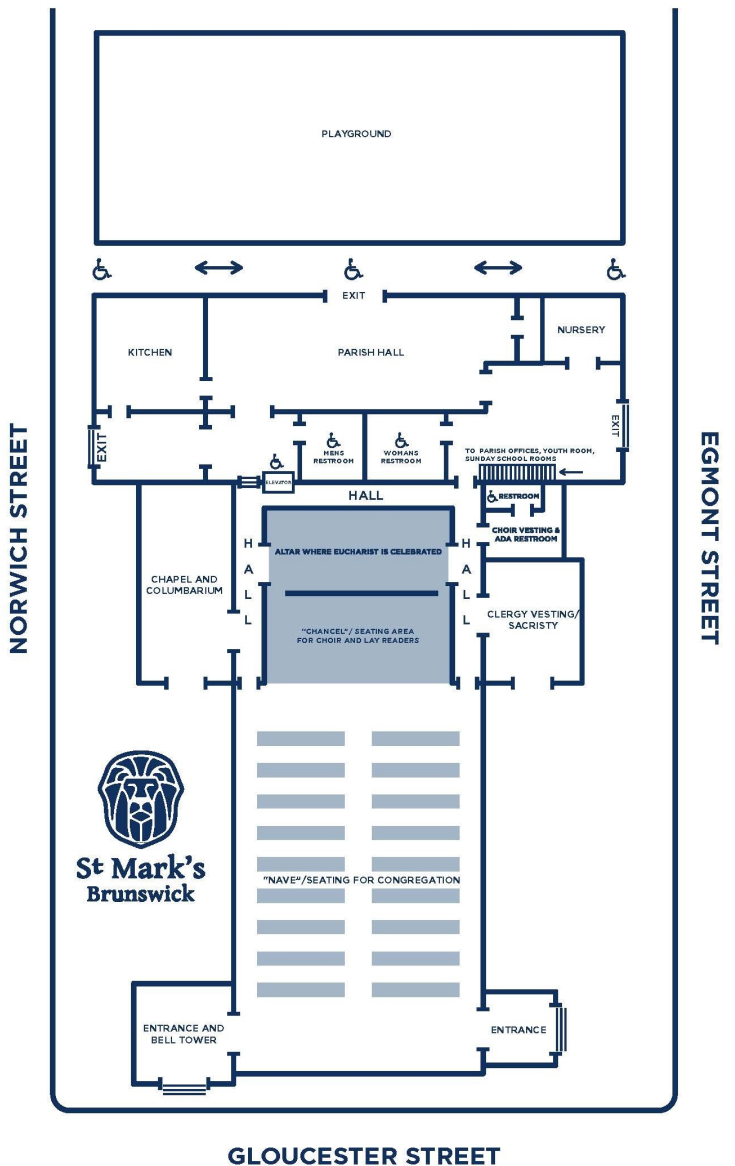
* Note early time for special event

2026 VESTRY

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SERVICE TIMES

- Thursday** 11:00 a.m.
Healing Service
- Saturday** 5:00 p.m.
Spoken Holy Eucharist
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m.
Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist w/ Choir

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Friday



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