



THE PARISH
OF ST. MARK
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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MARCH 28, 2026

Palm Sunday March 29, One Mass @ 9 am
Bishop Mitchell will be here on Palm Sunday to celebrate one mass at 9 am. Let's continue the tradition started recently: Please bring baskets of the goods you might serve at your table this Easter and have them blessed. See page 2 for more information. There will be a vestry meeting following coffee hour, all are welcome to attend.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday

The final Lenten soup supper is Wednesday night, followed by a guided prayer and meditation on the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. Bring your own rosary if you have it or St. Mark's can provide one. Easter Sunday services will be at 8 am and 10 am.

NEW DIRECTORY

Please email Kim Brooksby your contact information (address, phone, email) so she can create an updated church directory.

40 CANS FOOD DRIVE FOR LENT

It's not too late to bring cans of food for the Lenten Food Drive! All donations will be given to Lift UP! Bring 40 cans for the 40 days of Lent and add them to the Lift UP food barrel. This is an excellent way for St. Mark's to increase the number of pounds of food donated to Lift UP for the year! Each time the food is delivered to the Lift UP's warehouse, they weigh the food donated. In 2025, we donated 191 pounds of food We can beat that number easily with the addition of this 40 cans food drive!

Service Schedule

March 29

Palm Sunday Mass
ONE SERVICE, Bp. Scott Mitchell
9 am

April 5

Easter Sunday
Deacon's Liturgy
8 am and 10 am

Wednesday Nights
BCP Book Club

After 6 pm Evening Prayer
Soup potluck (no meat or dessert)

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Blessing of Easter Baskets on Palm Sunday, March 29

Let's continue a new Easter Tradition at St Mark's with a special Easter Blessing that will be offered in the Parish Hall on Palm Sunday following the service or services scheduled for that day. Bring your prepared Easter giving baskets and/or a basket filled with the foods symbolic of your Easter dinner meal or the actual ingredients you will be using to prepare your Easter meal. Ideas:

Eggs - symbolizing new life and Christ's resurrection. They may be hard boiled and decorated, simply colored, or raw and used in your special Easter dessert. If hard-boiled, cut the egg in half and share it with a loved one - since the eggs have been blessed, toss all egg shells on the lawn giving them back to nature.

Bread - represents Jesus Christ as the Bread of Life. It's a reminder of the sustenance and blessings received throughout the year.

Salt - a symbol of purification and the necessity of life. May it serve as a reminder of your Christian duty to be the 'salt of the earth.' (generous, kind).

Meat - usually ham or sausage, symbolizing abundance and joy. It represents the joy and abundance of Christ's resurrection.

Horseradish - its bitterness reminds Christians of the Passion of Christ



and the harshness of life, while its strength signifies physical and spiritual strength.

Or butter, cheese, flour are other foods that appear on your Easter table or in the foods you prepare. Also consider bringing wine and candles that may adorn your Easter table.

Here is one example of what to include in your basket: hard boiled eggs, bread (or flour), wine, salt and candles. Line your basket with a special cloth or napkin or a white linen cloth symbolizing purity and the cloth itself represents the covering of Christ's shroud. Decorate with sprigs of greenery (or garden herbs), pussy willows, forsythia or daffodils (symbolizing spring and renewal).

A special thanks goes out to Lorraine Barkley for bringing this idea forth and sharing her firsthand experience with this Eastern European Easter tradition reflecting themes of sacrifice, resurrection, and joy.