



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Transfiguration

Feb 15, 2015

10 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.

THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP
THE REV. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR
THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

AN OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

NURSERY SERVICES

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3. Nursery hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

RESTROOMS

Are located in the Sanctuary Foyer, through the Parish Offices door, on the right-hand side.

COFFEE BAR

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

OUR SERVICES

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 7:30 p.m. Sundays (Nave)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

JOINING

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 7

Christ whose glory fills the sky

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

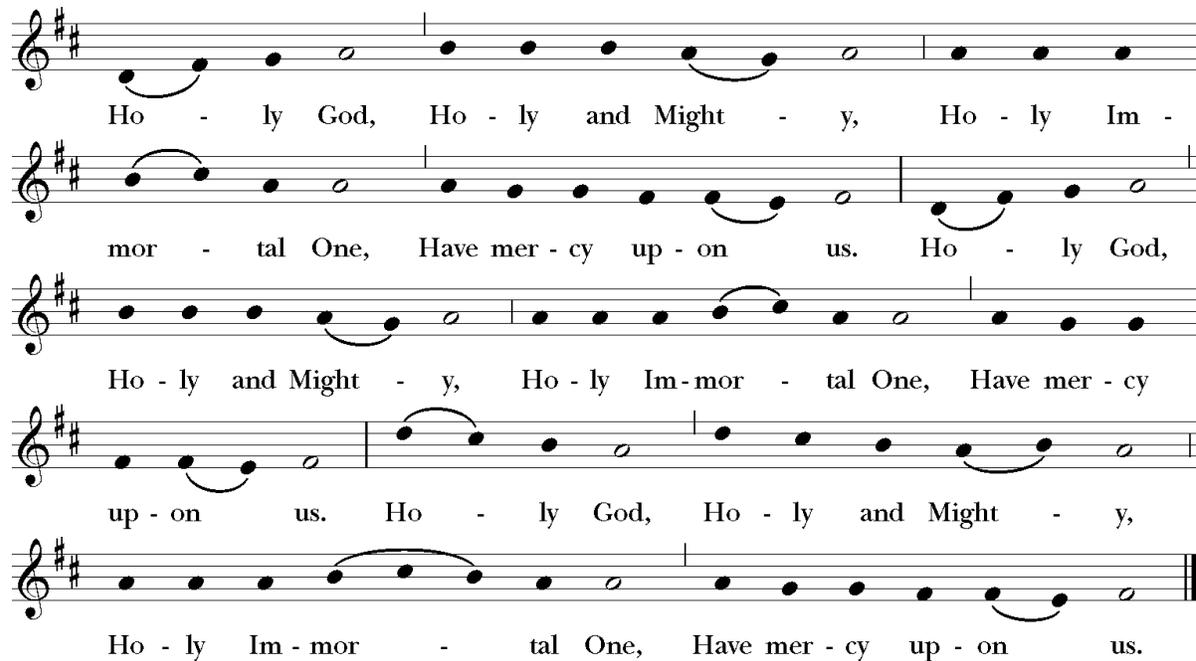
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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.**

THE TRISAGION S-100

All



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

BCP 216

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Kings [2:1-12]

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50: 1-6



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1 The Lord, the God of gods, has /spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
its /setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its /beauty, *
God reveals himself in /glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep /silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging /storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from a/bove *
to witness the judgment of his /people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal /followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with /sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his /cause; *
for God himself is /judge.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from 2 Corinthians [9:4:3-6]

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.
All sing the alleluia
Cantor sings a verse
All sing the alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Te Deum

REFRAIN:

Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

VERSES:

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Address from the Right Rev. Larry Benfield

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

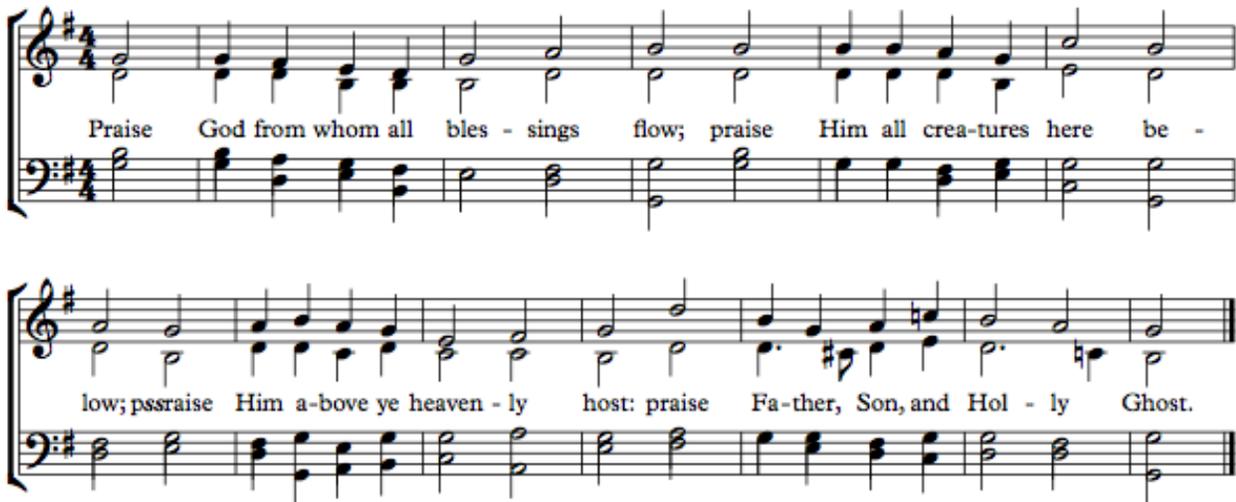
OFFERTORY

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth Our full homage to demand.
King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.
At His feet the six winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Lord Most High!

HYMN 380 (v 3) The Doxology and Presentation of Alms



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be -

low; praise Him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant sings

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and some notes have a fermata-like symbol above them.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

Here a proper preface is said.

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:

S124 Sanctus

The musical notation for the Sanctus is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and includes a fermata over the final note of the first line.

The people kneel or stand and 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.



And now, as our Savior 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People:

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Celebrant may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All

Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Humbly I Adore Thee

Mark Schweizer

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest, 'neath these shadows mean; lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all they creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold; face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

HYMN 134

O Light of light

Jesu memoria dulcis

HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All

**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.**

BLESSING

Celebrant

HYMN 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epiphany

When you have a sudden realization or arrive at a greater understanding, it is often called an epiphany. This season is appropriately named, because it is here that we hear Bible readings about Jesus that reveal his true nature. Jesus is something special, something different: Jesus is God's Son, the Messiah.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell

Eucharistic Ministers: Carroll Scroggin and Darren Moore

Lectors: Rhinda Kesselring and Nancy Stillman

Intercessor: Beth Smith

Ushers: Carroll Scroggin, Tony Fowler, Jill Davis

Vergers: Katie Cole and Johnny Stayton

Acolytes: Gabe and Alex Looney, Kayden Gillis, Darren Moore

Eucharistic Visitor: Gary and RoseMary Latanich

Greeters: Gary and Rose Mary Latanich, Ronnie and Robin Sairls

Children's Chapel: Patrick and Sara Land

Vestry Counters: Lise Cater, Scott Darwin, Tammy Fowler

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today

5:00 EfM
7:30p Compline

Mon 7:00p Vestry Meeting

Tues 6:00p Chili Cook-off (Bring chili at 5:00)

Wed 7:00 a Ash Wednesday Eucharist
12:00 p Ash Wednesday Eucharist
7:00 p Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Music
(No Christian Ed)

Thurs 6:30 p Men's Club Meeting

Sat

10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 4

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 22 First Confirmation Class

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2/17 Aylia Poston
2/17 Mike Cobb
2/17 Becky Wells
2/18 Rachel Pearson

2/18 Stephanie Matthews
2/20 Kay Faulkner
2/20 Rebecca Penley
2/21 Edward Gary II

Anniversaries

2/18 Tracy & Carol Neves

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Minutes Vestry minutes are now online beginning this year 2015. After each month's minutes are approved, they will be published here: <http://www.stmarksjonesboro.org/wordpress/category/vestry/> .You can also get to them by going to the Staff page, scrolling down to the vestry section, and clicking there.

England 2015 If you want to go to England in June 2015, please have your deposit by Feb 22 for \$600 made out to “Travel With Us” and bring it to the church. If we get 10 people (or more) going, we will turn them in and reserve our trip.

Confirmation Classes The 2015 Confirmation classes begin on Feb 22 at 11:30am (after the second service). If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, or becoming a Confirmed member, plan on attending this first class. Our class will be meeting in the parish hall each meeting.

The bishop will visit on April 26 at 10am for the Confirmation/Reception service.

Feb 22- Class 1

March 22- Class 5

March 1- Class 2

March 29- Class 6

March 8- Class 3

Make up Class- Wednesday March 25 7pm (optional)

March 15- Class 4

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