



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb 8, 2015

8 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

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

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THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Isaiah [40:21-31]

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to

the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:1-12, 21c *Read responsively by half verse.*

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON A Reading from 1 Corinthians [9:16-23]

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 29-39

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

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

When Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring

towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Amber Carswell

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

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THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS

All: All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER A

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(Please follow in your prayer books.)

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

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today 9:00a Coffee with the Rector
11:45 Baby Shower for Lyla Cunningham
2-4p Rector Open House/Epiphany Blessing
5:00 EfM
7:30p Compline

Wed 6:00p Christian Education
6:00p Confirm not Conform
6:15p Healing Eucharist
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thurs

Fri Diocesan Convention in Little Rock

Sat 9:30 ECW Meeting
10:00a 'Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 3

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 16 Vestry Meeting
Feb 17 Chili Cook-off (Please bring
your chili to the church at 5:00 for judging.)
Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Masses at 7a, 12p, and 7p
Feb 19 Men's Club
Feb 22 First Confirmation Class

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2/09 Drew McJunkin
2/11 Scott Wright
2/11 Amanda Wheeler
2/12 Avery Toombs
2/13 Maggie Guinn

Anniversaries

2/09 Carroll and Ruth Scroggin
2/13 Randy and Rhinda Kesselring

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry St. Mark's gave 40 lbs and \$46 to the food pantry last week...thank you!

Rector Open House Today from 2-4 pm Katy and I will host an Epiphany Blessing open house. The blessing will be at 2; we look forward to seeing you.

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	

The St. Mark's Garden will soon be starting seedlings with the day school children. Do you have extra flats, pots, potting soil, or lights that you would like to donate to this project? Please contact Brandon Johnson (bjohnson.ems@gmail.com) or Amber Carswell (curate@stmarksjonesboro.org) to arrange dropping the supplies off at the church.

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 02/01/15	\$ 7,163	\$31,600	\$321,170	Last Week 136
Needed	<u>6,178</u>	<u>31,900</u>	<u>321,262</u>	2015 Average 145
Difference	\$ 985	\$ (300)	(\$ 92)	2014 Average 138
Current Cash	\$ 6,356			
Outstanding bills	(-\$ 9,551)		Loan Balance	\$ 173,608

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