



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 Visitor 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.

Our own Dennese Adkins, a choral scholar in the choir, has auditioned and been accepted into the Opera Maya Summer Program - a program that provides promising vocalists with intensive coaching and the opportunity to perform major works with a full orchestra. On Sunday, May 3, Dennese will present her musical gift to the church at the Opening Voluntary, Offertory, and Communion. If you wish to help defray her tuition costs, a basket for donations will be placed in the narthex after the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary – Ave Maria by Gound, sung by Dennese Adkins

HYMN 8 – PROCESSIONAL

Morning has Broken

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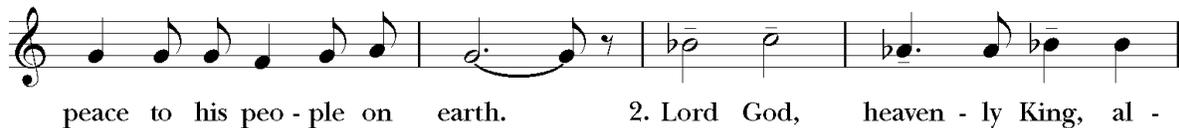
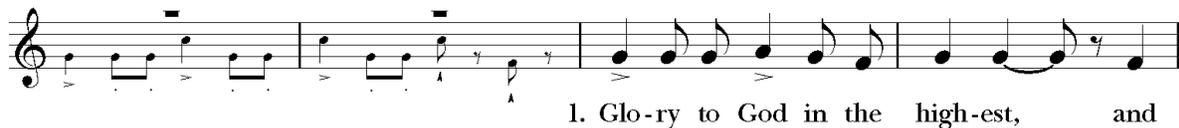
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The people standing, 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.

S-278 GLORIA



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22: 24-30



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24 My praise is of him in the great as/sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who /worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall /praise him: *
“May your heart live for /ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the /Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow be/fore him.

27 For kingship belongs to the /Lord; *
he rules over the /nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in /worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall be/fore him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall /serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for /ever.

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30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un/born *
the saving deeds that he has /done.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All sing the Alleluia, then 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! *Fine*

THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Amber Carswell

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BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCP 360

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

S-129 SANCTUS

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 Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own

first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Mark and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

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The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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.

S164 AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Communion Anthem- *Pie Jesu* by Gabriel Faure, sung by Dennese Adkins

Hymn 577 Communion Hymn- *God is Love, and Where True Love is*

Hymn 315 Communion Hymn- *Thou, who at they first Eucharist did say*

Hymn 312 Communion Hymn- *Strenthen for Service, Lord*

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.

**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

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

HYMN 535 Processional- *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* - Paderborn

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Flowers on the altara today are given by Steve and Frannie Replogle to the glory of God in honor of their daughter Stephanie's birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell

Eucharistic Ministers: Carroll Scroggins, Brandon Johnson

Lectors: Laura Thompson, Jim McInturff

Intercessor: Jane Gill

Ushers: Larry Hinck, Mike Cobb, Phillip Tew

Vergers: Katie Cole and Johnny Stayton

Acolytes: Gianna, Daisy, and Nathaniel Hudson

Eucharistic Visitor: Steve Replogle

Greeters: Mike & Linda Cobb, Steve & Frannie Replogle

Children's Chapel: Katy Perkins

Vestry Counters: Gary Latanich, Perry Moses, Ryker Robinson

Easter Season

Easter is a season that marks the end of Lent and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. As Christians, our core message, our gospel, is that God loves us and that our lives matter; we do not end in death. The paschal candle (large candle by the altar) remains lit during this season to remind us of Christ's continuing presence with us. The alleluia's that were omitted during Lent now return to the liturgy to express the joy we have in Christ. The general confession is omitted during Easter to symbolize that our debt has been paid and we are forgiven.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Sun** 5:00p EfM
7:30p Compline
- Mon** May the Fourth be with you.
- Wed** 6:00 Christian Education
6:15 Healing Eucharist
7:00 Choir Practice
- Thu** 7:30pm Theology by the Pint
- Fri** 4pm Ian Bitts and Michelle Cebada's wedding
- Sat** 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 5

SAVE THE DATE

- May 10 Coffee with the Rector 9am
May 14 Ascension Day Eucharist 7pm
May 23 Workday 8am
May 24 Pentecost Sunday, lady bugs, and potluck
May 25 Church office closed for Memorial Day
May 31 Fifth Sunday Breakfast 9am

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

May 5- Bob Thompson

Anniversaries

May 10- Blake and Maggie Coe

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roses for Mothers

St. Mark's will be doing something new for Mother's Day on May 10. For \$1.00 you can purchase either a red or a white long stem rose to honor or remember your mother. These will be in vases in the Nave where you can get your rose and present it to your mother. We have a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for your convenience; just drop your dollar in the crystal bowl.

St. Mark's Munchers (small dinner groups)

It's time to create new Munchers groups! Munchers are dinner groups where you can build relationships with old friends and make new friends in a small group setting. Being a good cook isn't necessary and if there is interest, we'll create a family group again. If you are interested in joining these fun, no agenda groups, see the May Missive for more details and email Katy Perkins (katy.perkins@gmail.com) by Sunday, May 17th. Please provide your name, address, phone number, and email address.

Yoga at St. Mark's

Great news! A local certified yoga instructor wants to give back to the community by offering free yoga classes — and she's chosen St. Mark's as her venue. This will be an all-levels, beginner-friendly class that will last one hour. Fill out the survey on our website (www.stmarksjonesboro.org), or contact Rev. Amber Carswell (curate@stmarksjonesboro.org) for information.

Potluck

May's potluck has been moved to May 24 to celebrate Pentecost.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

Last week, St. Mark's gave \$53 and 34 lbs. to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 04/26/15	\$ 2,800	\$106,706	\$107,859	Last Week 217
Needed	<u>6,178</u>	<u>108,551</u>	<u>107,912</u>	2015 52 Wk Av 147
Difference	\$ (3,378)	\$ (1,845)	(\$ 53)	2014 Average 138
Current Cash	\$ 2,700			
Outstanding bills	(-\$ 1,528)		Loan Balance	\$ 171,966

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