



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 17, 2015**

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**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.

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Voluntary*

**HYMN 495**

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

In Babilone

*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



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

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 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 1**



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1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of  
the /wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the /scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the /Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and /night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not /wither; \*  
everything they do shall /prosper.

4 It is not so with the /wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows a/way.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when  
/judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the /righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the /righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is /doomed.

## SECOND LESSON A Reading from I John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*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

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff contains the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

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

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

## THE GOSPEL    John 17: 6-19

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples saying, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**The Rev. Amber Carswell**

**NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI**

BCP 392

**THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BCP 360

**THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

BCP 830

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Day by Day*

Martin How

(Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester)

*Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day.*

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION ~Doxology with Alleluias~ Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al-le-  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- RITE II, PRAYER D

BCP 372

S-120

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

*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.

**S142**



*The Celebrant then continues*

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

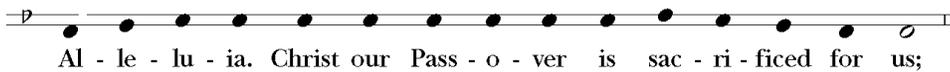
*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

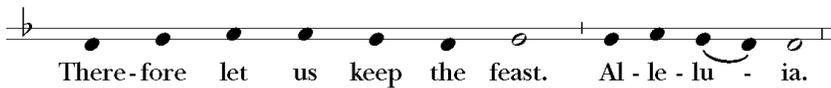
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*



*People*



## 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.

**HYMN 328**

*Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord*

Song 46

**HYMN 465**

*Eternal light, shine in my heart*

Ach bleib bei uns

## **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.**

**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 altar today are given by Keith and Amy Pearce-Pringle to the glory of God in honor of their wedding anniversary.*

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

**Rector:** The Rev. Jesse Perkins

**Curate:** The Rev. Amber Carswell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Scroggin and Darren Moore

**Lectors:** Brandon Johnson and Gary Latanich

**Intercessor:** Phillip Wells

**Ushers:** Larry Hinck, Mike Cobb, Phillip Tew

**Vergers:** Deb McInturff and Katie Cole

**Acolytes:** Johnny Stayton, Jim McInturff, Drake and Jackson Thompson

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Lise Cater

**Greeters:** Mike & Linda Cobb, Steve & Frannie Replogle

**Children's Chapel:** Sara and Patrick Land

**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**     7:00p Vestry Meeting
- Wed**     6:00 Ice Cream Social for Christian Education (last meeting this semester)  
            6:15 Evening Prayer  
            7:00 Choir Practice
- Sat**     8:30 Workday  
            10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 7

## SAVE THE DATE

- 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

- 5/19 Tim Hudson  
5/19 Hunter Smith  
5/20 Christopher Hollis  
5/20 Tabitha Langford  
5/21 Melissa Chance  
5/22 Payton Land  
5/23 Priya Gill

### Anniversaries

- 5/19 Keith Pringle and Amy Pearce  
5/21 Bob and Kitty Thompson  
5/22 Steve and Laura Thompson  
5/22 C. W. and Katie Toombs  
5/23 Ronnie and Robin Sairls

### **Potluck**

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

**Confirmation Pictures** We have many pictures from our confirmation on April 26; some our parishioners took, some Bishop Benfield took. You can see all of these if you will go to this link:

<http://www.stmarksjonesboro.org/wordpress/2015/04/27/confirmation-2015/>

**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.

**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry** Thank you for your donations last week of 42 lbs. of food and \$52; Helping Neighbors appreciates your continued support!

## WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 05/10/15	\$ 4,324	\$120,927	\$134,524	Last Week 163
Needed	<u>6,178</u>	<u>118,441</u>	<u>134,552</u>	2015 52 Wk Av 148
Difference	(\$ 1,854)	\$ 2,486	(\$ 28)	2014 Average 138
Current Cash	\$ 7,443			
Outstanding bills	(-\$ 6,627)		Loan Balance	\$ 171,966

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