



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

Ordinary Time, Proper 20

September 18, 2016

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**10 A.M. Morning Prayer, 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. HANNAH HOOKER, 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**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Nave during the processional hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Liturgy of the Word for Children is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

#### **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

During the school year 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 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 to the left of the main entrance, through the Parish Offices door.

#### **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 6:30 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.

#### **DIGITAL BULLETINS AND WI-FI ACCESS**

Digital bulletins are available; to download please visit <http://stmj.us>. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

*The Opening Voluntary*

*All stand.*

**HYMN 390**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe den Herren

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.  
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 78

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Phillipians 1:2*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

*Officiant*: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and people together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,**  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.



\_\_\_\_\_ and the heights of the hills are his al - so. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The  
 sea is his, for he made it, \_\_\_\_\_ and his hands have  
 mold - ed the dry land. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the  
 knee, \_\_\_\_\_ and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. For  
 he is our God, \_\_\_\_\_ and we are the peo-ple of his  
 pas - ture \_\_\_\_\_ and the sheep of his hand. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! \_\_\_\_\_

**PSALM 79:1-9** *Read responsively by half verse.*

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
 they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
**they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.**

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the  
 birds of the air, \*  
**and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts  
 of the field.**

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side  
of Jerusalem, \*  
**and there was no one to bury them.**

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
**an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? \*  
**will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not  
known you \*  
**and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon  
your Name.**

7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
**and made his dwelling a ruin.**

8 Remember not our past sins;  
**let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.**

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
**deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.**

## **THE LESSONS**

*The people sit for the readings and stand for the canticles*

**FIRST LESSON** A Reading from Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## HYMN 679

*Surely it is God who saves me*

Thomas Merton



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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**THE SECOND LESSON** A Reading from Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**CANTICLE 19 S 267**

The Song of the Redeemed

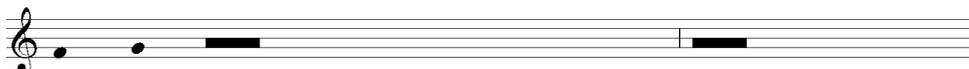
Plainsong, Tone 1



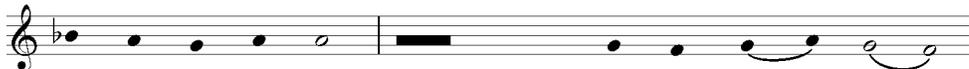
All na - tions will draw near and fall down be - fore you,



be - cause your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



1. O ru - ler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are



they that you have done, surpassing human un - der - stand - ing.



2. Your ways are ways of right-eous-ness and truth, O King of all the a - ges.



3. Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the prais-es of your Name?

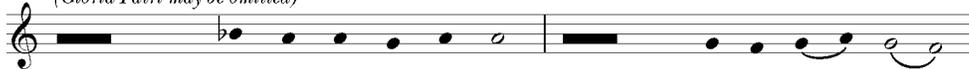


for you only are the Ho - ly One. 4. All nations will draw near and fall



down be-fore you, because your just and holy works have been re-vealed. [Ant.]

*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*



5. Glory to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit:



6. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A - men. [Ant.]

### THE THIRD LESSON A reading from Luke: 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been

faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

## **THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Hannah Hooker**

## **THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**BCP 96**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

**BCP 830**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*The people stand or kneel.  
Sung by the choir*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And also with you.  
*Officiant* Let us Pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 97

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.

## SUFFRAGES A

BCP 97

*Sung by the choir*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

A Collect for Grace  
A Prayer for Mission

BCP 100  
BCP 100

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Sung by the choir*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir* Thanks be to God.

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
 \*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

*Today's altar flowers are given by Wes and Sue Westenrieder to the glory and honor of God in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and by Marilyn and Bill Brown in honor of Bill's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

#### **Season after Pentecost**

The seeds of the church planted by Jesus, the disciples, and the Holy Spirit are now growing. The Season after Pentecost is the time for Christians to learn and grow, to mature as people of faith. This season is often called the "green season" or "growing season." We have come full circle: we heard about Christ's birth, his life and death, his resurrection, and the birth of the church inspired by the Holy Spirit. Now it's our turn! We are that church still following God's lead, and God is still moving and working within us.

#### **Today's Worship Leaders:**

**Curate:** The Rev. Hannah Hooker

**Eucharistic Ministers:** No Eucharist Today  
**Lectors:** Lise Cater, Gary Latanich, Jim McInturff  
**Intercessor:** Jim McInturff  
**Ushers:** Erik and Donna Gilbert, Terry Barnett, Terry Gairhan  
**Vergers:** No Vergers Today  
**Acolytes:** Jacob Penley, Kathryn Davis, Donald Mankin  
**Eucharistic Visitor:** No Eucharist Today  
**Greeters:** Perry and Dana Moses, Gary and Rose Mary Latanich  
**Liturgy of the Word for Children:** Rose Mary Latanich  
**Vestry Counters:** Deb McInturff, Ryan Smith, Amanda Wheeler

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Today** 2:30p Recorder Rehearsal  
3:30p Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30p Compline

**Wed** 6:00p Christian Education  
6:15p Evening Prayer  
7:00p Choir Practice

**Sat** 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 7

1:00p Liturgical Training for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Acolytes

## SAVE THE DATE

- Sept 25** Appreciative Inquiry, led by Rev. Jason Alexander  
**Oct 1** Rev. Hannah's Ordination, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock  
**Oct 2** Blessing of the Animals

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

9/22 Sarah Ellis  
9/22 Ruth Keisker  
9/24 Bill Brown

### Anniversaries

9/19 Phillip and Kerry Tew

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgical Servers Training** Saturday, September 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm we will have a training session for liturgical servers. If you are interested in serving as a lector, verger, or acolyte, come join us to learn more about these ways of serving.

**Appreciative Inquiry Meeting** After the 10:00 am service on Sunday, September 25, Rev. Jason Alexander will meet with our parishioners to search for answers about where we are as a church and where we want to go. Examining these questions will be beneficial in our efforts to find a new rector.

Lunch will be catered, and the nursery will be staffed.

**Welcome Baby Funderburg!** John and Rebecca Funderburg welcomed their new daughter, Elise Caroline, on September 8. St. Mark's is excited to welcome baby Elise to our church family.

**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry** Thank you for your generous donation of \$96 last week. We also had a basketful of food items and sundries which will be included with next week's report.

**Kroger Community Rewards for Two Saints'** Now there's a way to help 'Two Saints' just by shopping for groceries! If you have a Kroger Plus card, simply go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and click on "Register." After registering your card number, find the Jonesboro store and enter your email address and a password. That's it. When you grocery shop at Kroger, just swipe your card and 'Two Saints' will get the points!

**Silent Auction During Shrimp Boil** This year, the annual Shrimp Boil, which will be held in the Parish Hall the evening of October 22nd, will have a new feature --a Silent Auction! If you are a business owner or know a business owner who would like to donate an item or service, or if you

are an artist or know an artist who would like to donate, please contact Becky Carr at [870-761-0863](tel:870-761-0863), or Laura Thompson at [870-219-5144](tel:870-219-5144). We need auction donations in order to raise money for Two Saints Kitchen to be able to continue its ministry for our community's neediest. Thank you!

### WEEKLY REPORT

	<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget, Wk 37</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Offering 9/11/16	\$ 6,677	\$207,519	\$207,519	Last Week 167
Needed	<u>6,086</u>	<u>208,268</u>	<u>225,182</u>	2016 52 Wk Av 154
Shortage	\$ 591	(\$ 749)	(\$ 17,663)	2015 Average 154
Current Cash	\$ 2,115			

Outstanding bills	(\$ 9,760)		Loan Balance	\$ 162,486
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