

**APRIL 9, 2017
10:00 AM**

PALM SUNDAY



**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JONESBORO, ARKANSAS**

**THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP
THE REV. HANNAH HOOKER, CURATE**

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.

Worship Opportunities for Children and Youth

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m. Youth in grades 7-12 meet at 5:00pm on Sundays.

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.

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 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Palms

The people gather in the parish hall so that all may process into the church.

The people standing the Celebrant says

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest then reads the story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSION

The people will process from the parish hall through the street and into the church, all holding palm branches in their hands while bagpipes play.

At the entrance to the church the people stop and the celebrant prays:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession enters the church.

HYMN 154 The Opening Hymn *Thou art the King of Israel* Valet will ich digeben

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY Sunday of the Passion

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Isaiah [50:4-9a]

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let

us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31: 9-16

Antiphon: Sung by choir

Antiphon: Sung by all

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Antiphon: Sung by all

SECOND LESSON A reading from Philipians [2:5-11]

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 435

At the name of Jesus

King's Weston



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.

THE GOSPEL The Passion Gospel will be presented at the end of the service.

SERMON

The Rev. Hannah Hooker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city Jonesboro, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Mark and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace,

and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hosanna in the Highest Don Besig

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Come sing Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King! Be joyful! Come join the celebration! With gladness, let songs and praises ring! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Come sing Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King! He rides in quiet dignity while children lead the way. With honor and humility, He comes to us this day. He rides, He rides in majesty. Come see Him as He passes by; and praises sing to Christ, our King. Let joyful voices echo on high! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Come sing Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the King! (ride on, ride on in majesty.) Come sing Hosanna!

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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 GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.**


Then, facing the Holy Table, 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,

S129 SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 people stand or kneel and 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 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. **AMEN.**

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

S 165 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 of the world: 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HYMN 164

Alone, Thou goest forth, O Lord

Bangor

1 A - lone thou go - est forth, O Lord, in
 2 Our sins, not thine, thou bear - est, Lord; make
 3 This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou dost
 4 Grant us with thee to suf - fer pain that,

sac - ri - fice to die; is this thy sor - row
 us thy sor - row feel; till through our pit - y
 light and life re - store; then let all praise be
 as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us

nought to us who pass un - heed - ing by?
 and our shame love an - swers love's ap - peal.
 giv - en thee who liv - est ev - er - more.
 to thy joy and re - sur - rec - tion power.

HYMN 158

Ah, holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

**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.**

THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

All may be seated for the chanting of the Passion Gospel by the choir. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Retiring procession leaves in silence.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Worship Leaders:

Curate: The Rev. Hannah Hooker

Eucharistic Ministers: Carroll Scroggin and Phillip Poston

Lectors: Rhinda Kesselring and Austin Zamora

Intercessor: Lori Poston

Ushers: Darren Moore, Alex Barnett, Steve Replogle, Aaron Coleman

Vergers: Brandon Haynes, Thurifer, Darren Moore, Kathryn Wren

Acolytes: Eric Oliver, Kathryn Davis and Sasha Zacula

Eucharistic Visitor: Jane Gill

Greeters: Keith Pringle, Amy Pearce, Erik and Donna Gilbert

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Sara and Patrick Land

Vestry Counters: Perry Moses, Phillip Poston, Steve Thompson

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Palm Sunday

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist
- 3:30p Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00p EYC
- 6:30p Compline

Wed 7:00p Taize Prayer Service

**The nursery will be available for
all Holy Week services.**

Thurs 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service

Fri 12p and 7:00p Good Friday Services

Sat 9:00a Holy Saturday Liturgy

- 9:30a ECW Meeting
- 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 6
- 8:00p Great Easter Vigil and Reception

SAVE THE DATE

April 23 Bishop Benfield's Visit and Confirmation

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 4/10 Mary Boyd
- 4/11 Ronnie Sairls
- 4/14 Terry Gairhan
- 4/14 Maggie Gray
- 4/14 Sandra Yauger
- 4/15 Robert Creech

Anniversaries

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children Participating in UTO During the season of Lent, children participating in St. Mark's Sunday morning Liturgy of the Word program and our Wednesday evenings Christian Education program will be participating in the Episcopal Church United Thank Offering (UTO). Children will be dropping the change they bring from home in our UTO box to give God thanks for the little and big blessings in their lives. During this Lenten season please remember our Children's Ministries and those that volunteer their time in your prayers.

Vigil Reception Celebrate Easter with St. Mark's congregation! After the Great Easter Vigil Service, Saturday, April 15, join everyone for a champagne reception. Sign up to bring finger food or champagne on the list in the Narthex. This is a lovely service and reception to celebrate the most important night in the Episcopal calendar.

Good Friday Offering On Good Friday, St. Mark's will participate with Anglican churches around the world in designating our loose plate offering to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Christians, including Anglicans, in that part of the world do not experience the same ease and safety in religious expression that we are privileged to enjoy here at home, and the churches there need help to continue to provide pastoral care, education, and healthcare to their communities. During this time in which we are all united by the weight of the cross, please consider what you can give to our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Middle East. No amount is too small.

Men's Club Catfish Dinner Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$10. Men's club members please sign up if you plan on coming so that we know how much food to order. Sign up sheet is on the table.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations totaling \$48 and 22 pounds of food last week.

Acolyte Festival Saturday, April 29th, 2017, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock is hosting the annual diocesan acolyte festival. All of St. Mark's acolytes are encouraged to attend. Please register through either Rev. Hannah (hannah.hooker@stmarksjonesboro.org) or Donald Mankin (donaldmankin45@gmail.com). See below for exciting details!

Easter Candy Donations EYC is requesting Easter candy for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday; please help by bringing some and placing in the box beside the table in the narthex.

The EYC is also doing a fundraiser called "Egg Your Yard" that will involve the group hiding candy-filled eggs in your yard or leaving a basket of them on your doorstep. Order forms are on the table in the narthex.

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget, Wk 14	Attendance
Offering 04/02/17	\$ 4,520	\$ 93,496	\$ 93,496	Last Week 136
Needed	<u>5,903</u>	<u>74,033</u>	<u>82,642</u>	2017 52 Wk Av 132
Shortage	(\$ 1,383)	\$ 19,463	\$ 10,854	2016 Average 153
Current Cash	\$ 35,831			
Outstanding bills	(\$ 7,341)		Loan Balance	\$ 152,206

ST. MARK'S STAFF

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