



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Proper 17

Sept 3, 2017

8:00 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 **Welcome** card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

AN OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade meet 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 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 are available; to download please visit <http://stmj.us>. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 78

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 79

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

BCP 82

Read in unison.

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

**For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.**

PSALM 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c *Read responsively by whole verse.*

**1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

**3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

**5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;**

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

**26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

45 Hallelujah!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

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

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land

flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Read in unison

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON A Reading from Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 4 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Read in unison

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE THIRD LESSON A reading from Matthew 16: 21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Katherine Wren

APOSTLE'S CREED
ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 96

BCP 830

THE OFFERTORY

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

THE PRAYERS

BCP 97

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

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.

Suffrages A

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.

INTERCESSIONS

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

COLLECT FOR THE DAY, Proper 17

BCP 233

OTHER COLLECTS

BCP 99

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

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.**

The Officiant then says

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 102

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.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today 8:00a Holy Eucharist
10:00a Holy Eucharist
3:30p Handbell Rehearsal
6:30p Compline

Wed 6:00p Christian Education Open House
6:15p Healing Eucharist
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 10 Rally Day—Ministry Fair, Bouncy Castle, Potluck Lunch
EfM Classes Begin

Sept 13 Christian Education Resumes at 6:00p

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

9/04 Alyssa Moses
9/04 Laura Reynolds
9/06 Doyle Gilliam
9/07 Clara Troutt

Anniversaries

9/03 Jim and Deb McInturff
9/09 Gary & Rose Mary Latanich

9/09 Bill Keisker
9/09 Win Robinson
9/09 Mary Cathryn Walker

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day Sunday September 10 is Rally Day, which will be accompanied by a bouncy house, a potluck, and our annual **Ministry Fair!** If you lead a ministry here at St. Mark's and would like to have a table set up or literature to hand out during the potluck, please email Hannah (hannah.hooker@stmarksjonesboro.org) to reserve your spot.

Vacuum Cleaner Missing equipment. If you borrowed the St. Mark's vacuum cleaner, please return it; we actually use it!

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations of \$65 and 42lbs of food items last week. Your continued support is a blessing to many families.

Prayer List While everyone needs prayers, and no harm ever came from a little extra, St. Mark's would like to maintain the spiritual and pastoral integrity of our weekly Prayer List by ensuring that no one is forgotten, whether that means left off or left on. To add someone to the Prayer List, please use our website, www.stmarksjonesboro.org. Under the "Contact Us" tab on the homepage is an option to add a name to the list. Please specify the length of time you wish for the name to be included. If the length of time is not specified, the name will stay on the list for two weeks. Names can always be re-added if they rotate off!

Altar Flowers We are so grateful for the flower ministry at St. Mark's, both those who donate and those who acquire and arrange them. Donating altar flowers is a wonderful way to both honor and remember loved ones. However, the fund is running low. If you have donated altar flowers this year and have not yet paid for them, please do so as soon as possible. If you are signed up to donate altar flowers or thinking about signing up, please pay for the flowers on or before your scheduled Sunday. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex!

Education for Ministry (EfM) EfM_classes will begin on Rally Day from 6-8:30 pm. After that first meeting, they will meet on Sundays at a time to be determined.

Jonesboro HUB (Helping Underserved Belong) The Jonesboro HUB assists our local homeless population in acquiring jobs and housing. They are currently in need of bicycle locks and reflectors to hand out along with bicycles that are donated. Bicycles are crucial for folks who have no other transportation to and from interviews, work, and home, and safety and security are HUB's top priorities. Locks and reflectors can be dropped off at the St. Mark's office.

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of 08/27/2017 wk 35		Year thru 08/27/2017			Surplus (Shortage)
Actual Offering	\$4,119		Income	Expense	
Budgeted Offering	\$5,903	Actual	\$192,054	\$157,809	\$34,245
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$1789)	Budgeted	\$204,654	\$176,049	\$28,605
		Surplus (Shortage)	\$(12,600)	\$18,240	
Current Cash	\$49,472				
Outstanding Bills		Attendance	Last Week	52-wk avg	2016
Loan Balance	150,161		157	140	153

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