



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**Ordinary Time, Proper 28**

**November 19, 2017**

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**8:00 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. 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 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet at 6 p.m. for snacks and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m. Youth in grades 7-12 meet at 5:30pm on Wednesdays.

### **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 (John Roberts Chapel)

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

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*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.**

*Celebrant and people say*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**      **Proper 28**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever

hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### **FIRST LESSON** A Reading from Judges 4: 1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 123** *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \***  
**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \***  
**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

†5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## **SECOND LESSON**    A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 25: 14-30

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him,

‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Hannah Hooker**

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Larry, our own Bishop, for Hannah, our curate, and Jon and Katherine, our seminarians, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our president, Asa, our governor, and Harold, our mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do. For \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, especially \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* 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.**

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

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER B**

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. Please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.*

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

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.

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Craig and Katherine Wren  
in honor of their first anniversary*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:00am Adult Forum\_in the Parish Hall (Connecting the Old and New Testaments)  
10:00am Holy Eucharist  
3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal  
5:00pm EfM  
6:30pm Compline

### Wed

6:15pm Evening Prayer  
No Choir Rehearsal  
No EYC  
No Children's Christian Ed - due to the Thanksgiving Holiday  
Classes will resume the following Wednesday, November 29th.

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 8

## SAVE THE DATE

### St. Mark's "Wrestling Team"

Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Mullinex Room- This group is intended to be a group can talk about their faith or lack thereof. We are not here to "save" but to struggle together to understand life. For more information feel free to contact Aaron Coleman at [coleman.aaronk@gmail.com](mailto:coleman.aaronk@gmail.com)

### EYC

Will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 8:30am – 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Cost for Breakfast is \$5.00/Adult and \$3.00/Children. Pictures with Santa are \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to EYC's support of the two Foster Children that they have adopted for Christmas. To reserve a spot contact-Stephanie Matthews:  
Phone: (870)340-5559 or [sepmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:sepmatthews@gmail.com)

### ECW

We met on Nov. 4th. at San Francisco Bread Co. The Christmas party is Dec. 2nd @ 10:00 a.m. at 3808 Sunset Drive (\*Jane Gill's home). It is a potluck brunch so please bring your favorite appetizer.

Also, we play the White Elephant Gift Swap game, so do bring a wrapped gift to participate

### St. Mark's Advent Bazaar

On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. Mark's will host an Advent Bazaar from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Shop crafts by local artisans! Light refreshments will be provided and there will be raffle with prizes from Melissa Donner Photography! For Vendor information, please contact the church office. **EYC** will be selling Christmas Wreaths at the Bazaar.

### Christmas Pageant –

Our annual Children's Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 24th at 5pm. There will be two rehearsals scheduled and those with key parts must commit to attending those practices. More information about the pageant will be available as we get closer to the date. For more information please contact Rose Mary [rosemarylatanich@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarylatanich@gmail.com) or call (870) 935-0236).

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

11/19 Polly Bishop	11/22 Georgia Guinn
11/20 Emily Bohrman	11/22 Rusty Guinn
11/20 Jaqueline Boyd	11/23 Brandon Johnson
11/20 Melissa Donner	

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coat/Blanket Drive

Two Saint's Kitchen is sponsoring a coats/blankets/warm items drive. If you have new or gently worn and clean warm winter items that you want to donate, please bring them to the Narthex and place in the labeled container. Two Saints will let guests know that they are available and will give them out.

### Jonesboro Community Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 23 at 11:00 am at St. Bernards Auditorium on Thanksgiving Day. This meal is for the hungry, the homeless, and the lonely. The meal is free. Volunteers report at 9:30 am to help serve and/or deliver to shut-ins. Bring homemade/store bought desserts to the Auditorium Wed. Nov. 22, 1-5pm. For Home delivery call 932-7479 before noon on Nov. 22 (within Jonesboro city limits).

### Angel Tree

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is now in the Narthex. Please bring your donated gifts and place them unwrapped under the tree with the Angel Tree Tag attached by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Wish List for Holiday Meals at Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

We are looking ahead to distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas food for our clients at Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. We are asking all our friends to help us collect the following: Chicken Broth -- Cream of Mushroom soup-(or cream of chicken)

Turkeys (or money to purchase them)

Please don't hesitate to call, text or email if you would like a pick-up of the items.

Andrea Levy Phone: (505) 903-9293 or Alevy5816@gmail.com

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for a super week! You donated 60 pounds of food and \$35, keep up the good work.

Nursery Worker Needed If you or someone you know might be interested in working in St. Mark's nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact the office. We like to keep four people on staff so that no one has to work every Sunday. Right now we are one short.

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Last week #</b>	<b>45</b>
Actual Offering	\$ 5,253.00
Budgeted Offering	\$ 5,903.00
Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (650.00)

<b>Year Through 11/05/2017</b>	Income	Expense	Surplus (Shortage)
Actual	\$ 249,207.00	\$ 207,191.00	\$ 42,016.00
Budgeted	\$ 265,635.00	\$ 228,465.00	\$ 37,170.00
Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (16,428.00)	\$ 21,274.00	

Current Cash	
Outstanding Bills	
Loan Balance	\$ 146,857.64

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