



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

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 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 4 through 5th 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.

FORMATION 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 5:30pm 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 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 (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 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

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

PRAYERS AT THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Celebrant We make our prayer to you, O Lord.
People **Be merciful to us.**
Celebrant Create in me a clean heart, O God.
People **And renew a right spirit within me.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Oh God you have created us and called us to draw closer to you, but we have turned away from you and from our faith. Give us grace this Lenten season to repent, to turn back to your love and practice our faith and discipline with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Forgive us when we falter and give us strength to continue on our way, that, following Christ to the cross, we might again rejoice in your creation and faithfully await the day of our return to unity with you. Amen.

COLLECT The Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus 20: 1 - 17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your

God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

Caeli enarrant

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and

foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 2: 13 - 22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Hannah Hooker

THE 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our
Bishop(s) _____ ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all
people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____].
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored
[especially _____ whom we remember today].
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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.

Online giving also available by scanning here, using the [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) mobile app, or going to <http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org>.



Did you
X know?

#LENTENDISCIPLINE

Ground was broken for the Daniel Loberg Memorial Bell Tower in May of 1994 after a generous donation from the Loberg family in memory of Dan. It was completed and dedicated in October that same year, with the Rev. Patrick Murray presiding. By 2006, the tower was in need of maintenance and funds were raised, but then the tower was struck by lightning – insurance covered all the maintenance costs! Because the money raised was designated for the bell tower only, it was invested for safe-keeping. Today, the computer system that keeps our bells ringing has run its course, and we are lucky to have those bell tower funds to replace it. We look forward to new and improved bell music soon, and we are grateful for our continued relationship with the Loberg Family Foundation.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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 say,

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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ 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.

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and people

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Today 8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Holy Eucharist
11:30am- 12:30pm Daughter's of the King
3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:00pm EfM
5:30pm Confirmation Class and Gospel of John Group
6:30pm Compline

Wed 5:30pm EYC
6:00pm Christian Ed
6:15pm Healing Eucharist
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thur 6:00-7:00pm NEABC Bicycle Safety Class in the Parish Hall

Fri 5:30pm Stations of the Cross in the Nave

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 3

SAVE THE DATE

March 25 Palm Sunday Eucharist at 8 & 10 am and Taizé Prayer Service, 6:30pm

March 28 Tenebrae at 7:30pm

March 29 Maundy Thursday Eucharist and striping of the Altar, 7pm

March 30 Good Friday Eucharist, 12 Noon Liturgy and 7pm Stations of the Cross

March 31 Great Easter Vigil and Reception, 8:00 pm

April 1 Easter Sunday Eucharist at 8 & 10 am with Easter Egg Hunt after 10 am

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

03/05 Jody Long

03/10 Wes Wesenrieder

03/10 Nathan Lowe

03/10 Caitlin Stimach

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies and Helping Neighbors Donations for Easter Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex for Easter donations. For \$20 you may choose to donate flowers to decorate our Nave for Easter and/or you may donate gifts of money to Helping Neighbors. Please use your check's memo line to indicate which you are donating, or write on the envelope if you use one for a cash donation. Thanks!

ECW will meet Sat., March 10 at 9:30am for refreshments & meeting at 10am (conference room)

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations of \$68.00.

The Two Saints Kitchen is in need of van drivers! No special training or license is required, and the van is fully insured. We're looking for a few people willing to make a few pick ups on a Saturday morning every 5 to 6 weeks. The van service is a much needed part of our Two Saints ministry, and we don't want to let our friends down. If you are interested and available, please email Rev. Hannah at hannah.hooker@stmarksjonesboro.or

The Great Vigil Reception If you would like to help with decorations or bring refreshments for the Easter Vigil reception on Saturday, March 31, please contact Lori Poston at laposton89@gmail.com.

Pianist Avguste Antonov to Perform at St. Luke's, North Little Rock St. Luke's Festival of the Senses will host pianist Avguste Antonov on **March 13, at 7 p.m.** Antonov, who has played at venues across North America, will perform works including Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Carter Pann's Wagner's Oracle, and Billy Joel's Reverie; Fantasy; and Root Beer Rag. This concert is free and open to the public. A meet-the-artist reception will follow the concert.

Episcopal Men's Retreat The Second Annual Episcopal Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Mitchell, **April 6-8**. The theme will be "Jesus: Toward a Healthy Model of Masculinity," and it will be led by the Revs. Danny Schieffler and Carey Stone. Space is limited. Cost is \$190, which includes lodging and meals. For reservations [e-mail programdirector@campmitchell.org](mailto:programdirector@campmitchell.org) or call [501-727-5451](tel:501-727-5451). For other information [e-mail Harold Hedges](mailto:Harold.Hedges).

Stephens Scholarships for Delta Students Students in certain Delta counties who are either recent high school graduates or current seniors are welcome to apply for a Stephens Scholarship to attend college within Arkansas. [Download an application form](#) and return **no later than March 16, 2018**.

WEEKLY REPORT

| Last week # 8 | | Year Through 2/25/2017 | |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Actual Offering | \$ 5,959.47 | Actual Income | \$ 37,511.23 |
| Needed for Budget | \$ 6,670.00 | Budgeted | \$ 53,360.00 |
| Surplus (Shortage) | \$ (710.53) | Surplus (Shortage) | \$ (15,848.77) |
| Current Cash | \$ 67,775.98 | food pantry | \$68 |
| Loan Balance | \$ 144,398.04 | | |

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