



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 27, 2019**

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**8 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. DR. JOSHUA DANIEL, PRIEST**

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

**FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Children in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ADULT FORMATION AT 9:00AM SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH HALL** This is an Adult Education Group that allows us to engage in conversation, reflect on the diverse points of scripture and go deeper into our faith.

### **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

*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 then continues*

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* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy** (*repeat 3x*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 71:1-6**           *In te, Domine, speravi*

*Read Responsively by half verse*

**1** In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
**let me never be ashamed.**

**2** In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
**incline your ear to me and save me.**

**3** Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
**you are my crag and my stronghold.**

**4** Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
**from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

**5** For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
**my confidence since I was young.**

**6** I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
**my praise shall be always of you.**

## **SECOND LESSON**    A Reading from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 4: 21-30

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

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

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none

of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

**The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.**

### **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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Larry, our Bishop, Joshua, our priest, and Jon, Katherine and Matthew, our seminarians; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**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 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:**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin(s) another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS**

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

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

*The people remain standing.*

*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 the Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*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.

On the night he was handed 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 all 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 Mark, Mary 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People*** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All are invited to share in the bread and wine of holy communion. To receive the bread, place one hand in the other with palms up and extend them to the minister distributing the bread. To receive the wine, please assist the minister with the cup, grasping the base and guiding the cup to your lips; or you may dip the bread in the cup. If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine but instead receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*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 BLESSING**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Adult Formation in the Parish Hall

10:00am Holy Eucharist

\* Baby Shower and Potluck following the late service in the Parish Hall

3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal

5:00pm EfM

6:16pm Compline

Wed 5:30pm EYC

6:00pm Christian Ed

6:15pm Healing Eucharist

7:00pm Choir rehearsal

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team #1

## SAVE THE DATE

Today- Sunday- February 3- Church wide Baby Shower and Potluck for the Daniels after 10am service

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

01/24 Kelly Welch

02/05 Jessica McBride

02/07 Tasha Weeks

02/09 Annette Troutt

### Anniversaries

02/09 Carroll and Ruth Scroggin

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Parishioners:** If you know of someone who is in the hospital, ill, injured, or elderly and they would like to receive home Communion or a visit, please let the church office know. 932-2124*

**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry:** You donated 66 lbs to Helping Neighbors food pantry this week.

**Confirmation Classes for 2019** If you are considering becoming a confirmed member of St. Mark's, or if you just want to learn more about the Episcopal Church, please register for confirmation classes. You may e-mail Father Joshua at [joshua.daniel@stmarksjonesboro.org](mailto:joshua.daniel@stmarksjonesboro.org) by February 17. Classes will be held for 6 consecutive weeks. Date and times will be announced after Feb. 17 when registration is completed to work with schedules.



**Let us all Welcome Baby Daniel with a Baby**

**Shower/Church wide Potluck Celebration-**

For Fr. Joshua and Jenna on Sunday, Feb. 3, after the late service in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited. The Daniel family will be welcoming a baby girl and they are registered at Target.com and Babylist.com ([www.babylist.com/baby-jenna-and-joshua-daniel](http://www.babylist.com/baby-jenna-and-joshua-daniel)). If you would like to contribute to a larger gift of a needed infant car seat, you may give a gift card or you may give a monetary gift to Stephanie Matthews or the church office (just put what is for). There is a potluck sign up sheet in the Narthex, a cake for the shower will be provided.



**Looking for a meaningful way to spend your summer? Apply now to be on summer staff at Camp Mitchell!**

Dear Friends, We want you to be a part of summer camp 2019! If you or someone you know is interested in being on staff at Camp Mitchell this summer, applications are now open. You can apply online to be a Session Director, Camp Counselor or Counselor-in-training (CIT) now. Applications are due by Jan. 31, 2019. Doug Combs, Summer Camp Director



**For Our Children** We are now inviting the children to take a more active role in the church's offering. We're asking our kids to bring a can of food or some other non-perishable item so that during the offertory they can bring the food to altar as an offering. We'll then

**donate the food to Helping Neighbors.** So if you have a child, help remind them to bring a can of food!

Two Saints' Kitchen



**Two Saints Kitchen** On January 19, 2019 Team #8 served a spaghetti, green beans, corn, bread, and bananas to 32 people with about 22 to go plates.

**Altar Flowers for 2019** - If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one for 2019, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$35.00

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



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