



ST MARK'S

Episcopal Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

www.StMarksJonesboro.org

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.

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.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: **Have mercy upon us.** (*repeat 3x*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect: The Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the

unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON A reading from Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

Read Responsively by half verse

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
**for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.

SECOND LESSON A reading from Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Christ.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: In this season of Lent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, preparing our souls and bodies by self-examination, and acknowledging our failures, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, healing and forgiveness. Let us now offer our prayers to God and prepare the way of the Lord saying, Lord, in your mercy; hear our prayer.

Intervenor: We pray for your church. No matter its shape or size, no matter the country it inhabits, no matter the language it speaks, may the heart of your Son—ever gentle and humble—be the heart of the church; grant that church universal may never be too proud to ask for forgiveness and restoration when it inevitably forgets the path of your Son.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Intervenor: We pray for this country. May we be a people defined by mercy and justice; open our ears to your prophets and grant our government the courage to let the oppressed go free, to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, and to welcome the immigrant and stranger; so that our nation may

become like a watered garden and our foundations rebuilt for many generations to come.
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for your created order. Grant us the time and patience to wonder at its beauty and the perseverance to protect it from destruction.
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for this church. Grant unto us genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God so that we may welcome today as the day of your salvation; guide and strengthen the lay ministry of this parish, especially the service of Stephanie, Mathew, Jessica, Lydia, Rose Mary, Marya, Rhonda, and Perry. We pray also for the many faith communities in Jonesboro, may we all be bound by the gifts of your Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for those amongst us who are suffering and in need of your comfort, especially those who wander in desert places and through dark nights ... We pray also for those celebrating your many mercies, may they share your gifts with the community of saints around them... And we pray those who we love but see no longer and now are trusted to your care ...
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord purify our faith. Take away our fear of your rejection, take away our insecurity in speaking with compassion, take away our clamoring for the vain approval of others; but give unto us the infinite depth of your love, give unto us the quiet confidence of your peace, and give unto us the power and freedom of your forgiveness. May we forever be a people that cares not for treasures that pass away and rust, but always a people storing up the eternal gifts you have given to our care.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And with they spirit.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER:

Celebrant:
Let us pray. O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin 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.

and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*. And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Celebrant and people:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE 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: Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The season of Lent is a time of fasting, self-denial, introspection, and repentance; it is a time when we remember Jesus' temptations in the desert and his ultimate sacrifice. During this season, there will be sand in the baptismal font to remind us of the desert of temptation and self-denial. During this season we will use the "King James English" version of the Eucharistic prayer, Rite I. This is the version used, with some changes, in the 1929 Book of Common Prayer; King James English has been apart of religious observances in America for more than four hundred years.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

8:00am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Adult Formation in the Parish Hall
10:00am	Holy Eucharist
3:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
5:00pm	EfM
6:15pm	Compline

Mon 7:00pm Vestry Meeting

Wed No EYC
No Christian Ed
6:15pm Healing Eucharist
7:00pm Choir rehearsal
7:00pm Confirmation Class

Fri 6:00pm Lenten Fish Fry - Presented by St. Mark's Men's Club (*info. below*)

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

03/19 Hope Smith
03/21 Amelia Haynes

Anniversaries

3/17 Robert and Hillary Creech

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3: Confirmation Classes at 7pm in the Conference Room

Friday, March 22, 2019- Lenten Fish Fry, presented by St. Mark's Men's Club

Saturday, March 23, 2019- Elizabeth Henry McKeever, Mark Nabors, and Matthew Richardson will be ordained as deacons in Little Rock * *more info. Below*

Saturday, March 30, 2019- The 143 Community (LGBTQ) Potluck at 6pm at David White's

Sunday, April 7, 2019- Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordination : **On Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m.,** at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock, the Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield will ordain Elizabeth Henry McKeever, Mark Nabors, and Matthew Richardson as deacons. All are invited.

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

Two Saints' Kitchen **Two Saints Kitchen** On March 9, 2019 Team #5 served Chicken and rice casserole, green beans, carn, Texas toast, fruit, and cookies to 26 guest and about 25 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.

Confirmation Classes for 2019 Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.



Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry!

Men's Club will host the 1st Annual Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry on Friday, March 22, 2019 starting at 6pm for the good people of St. Mark's. In the midst of Lent, come and enjoy some delicious hot fried catfish, French fries, hush puppies and coleslaw, all for the low price of \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10. We will provide tea and water, but if you want to bring along a beverage of your choosing, we have corkscrews in the kitchen. This event WILL NOT be open to the public, we are just creating an opportunity for our Parish to gather, eat, and have a good time. **Be sure to sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex, if you are attending or planning to attend, we will need an idea of how many to plan for. Or email perrymoses@yahoo.com**. If you'd like to invite a friend let us know and we'll welcome them also!



For Our Children *Reminder:* Please have your child bring a non perishable food item so they can participate and have an active role in the church's offering. All donations go to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.



Diocesan Events

Camp Mitchell Applications are being accepted for Session Directors, Counselors and CIT's, Summer camp registration is live at www.CampMitchell.org! Sign up now so you don't miss out. Also, Join us for the volunteer workday the second Saturday of every month.

Third Annual Men's Weekend The annual Men's Weekend will be held April 5–7 at Camp Mitchell. The topic of the guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke, will be "Our Shelter From The Stormy Blast." Hoke, formerly a priest at Trinity Church Wall Street, will give his eyewitness account of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the recovery efforts that followed. To register, call 501-727-5451. Men's Weekend at Camp Mitchell, which you might want to put in the Mid Week Announcements.

The Dates: April 5-7

Single Room: \$250.00

Double Room: \$210.00

Six Meals. Meals are supper on Fri., three on Sat., and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys to Perform at Christ Church

Long-time director of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys, Daniel Hyde, will make his final tour with the choir in March and will perform at Christ Church in Little Rock on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for students) and are available Monday–Thursday in the Christ Church office.

ECW Summer Quest 2019

This annual weekend retreat for all women will be held May 31–June 2, at Camp Mitchell. It will begin with a Quiet Day on Friday, and will also feature a guest speaker, workshops, and time to rest. For more information, download a [brochure](#) or visit the [Arkansas ECW website](#).



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

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