



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Ascension Sunday

June 2, 2019

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

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Ascension Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend,

and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

Read responsively by half verse

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

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

Celebrant: Lord, this is the day you have made, let us rejoice in it! Fill us with the joy and hope of your resurrection. With Mary and your disciples, may we courageously carry this good news into all the world. May it transform us in mind and body and spirit. So that we may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you have told us that the world will know us by your love. Fill your church with this calling. May your resurrection be the axis on which the church forever turns. So that in every family, language, and nation the church may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you have promised to create a new heaven and a new earth. May this new creation be evident in our own country and in our own time. Pull the hearts of our leaders into the knowledge of your love. Fill them with mercy and hearts of reconciliation, so that by their lives and actions they may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you have said that in your new earth no more will the sound of weeping be heard. Be with those all over the world who weep this day. Fill us with the presence of mind and a will ready to act so that those in need may know us by your love, so that the whole human race, in one voice, may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord we pray for this church. We lift our voices in thanks for your many gifts. And we pray for those who have died, who join with you today in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Lord from you all things have come and to you all things will return. May our time in between be a time of joy and peace and thanksgiving. May we be known to you and may we be a people by which you are made known. Lord be resurrected in us so that throughout eternity our voices will never fail to boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER:

Celebrant and People

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 OFFERTORY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- RITE II, PRAYER D

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.**

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 sing,

All

**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. 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.**

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 Mark and Mary 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, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior 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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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.

BLESSING

May the resurrected Christ be known in all that you are. May you walk as one for whom the tomb is empty. May the love of God transform you and the peace and mercy of God forever guide and strengthen you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and among you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*The flowers on the altar today are given by Dennis Zolpher in loving memory of
Linda and Debe Zolpher.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Adult Formation
10:00am Holy Eucharist
5:00pm EfM
6:30pm Compline

Wed 6:15pm Evening Prayer
7:00pm Choir Practice

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

SAVE THE DATE

Today May 26 -Blessing of the Bicycles

May 28 - Theology by the Pint

June 1- Worship Leader Training

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

6/03 Janet Marks
6/05 Erik Gilbert

Anniversaries

6/04 Father Joshua and Jenna Daniel

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parishioners: If you ,or anyone you know is in the hospital, ill, injured, elderly. or would just like to receive a visit, a phone call, or they would like to receive home Communion, please let the church office know. We would love to minister to them.
Church Office: 932-2124 or secretary@stmarksjonesboro.com

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.

Large Printed Bulletins: If you are in need of a large print bulletin, there are some printed for the 10:00 am service, just ask our greeters.



Church Nursery If you or anyone you know would like to work in our church nursery, please contact the church office at 932-2124 Or email secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org

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



Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations this week . **There is a need at the food pantry for canned beef ravioli cereal bars, granola bars, microwaveable mac-n-cheese, individual fruit cups, individual applesauce, cereal, peanut butter, and coffee.** Also, as some of you will start traveling soon for vacation, please start saving **hotel size shampoo, lotion, etc. ,** this makes a great donation for Helping Neighbors. Thank you for all of the donations!

Two Saints' Kitchen



Two Saints Kitchen On May, 25 2019 Team #6 served 57 guest chicken strips, green beans, corn bread, bananas, and cookies, and 29 to go plates. Thank you to the ladies of Valley View Christian Church for providing dessert.

Need - During the summer time, we have a need for “spare hands”.

Due to summer conflicts and vacations, sometimes our teams can be a short-handed. Have you ever thought about volunteering with 'Two Saints', but just didn't have the time to devote to joining a forever team? This is your chance! During the summer months, our group almost doubles the amount of people that we normally feed. If helping out here and there sounds like something you would like to do, email mlangford@ricetec.com or the church office at secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org. I will add you to a list ,so when the need arises, you will know when we are needing help and you may sign up at your convenience. Other than that, have an awesome summer and enjoy yourselves!



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

WEEKLY FINANCIALS

Last week #	20
Attendance	95
Actual Offering	\$2,418.20
Needed for Budget	\$5,624.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$3,205.80
Current Cash	\$32,842.10
Loan Balance	\$134,143.41

Through 05/26/19	
Actual Income	\$85,159.71
Needed for Budget	\$112,480.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$27,320.29
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Two Saints	\$160.65

ST. MARK'S STAFF

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