



ST MARK'S

Episcopal Church

**The Season of Pentecost
2019**

8A.M. and 10A.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 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

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, 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.**

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.
(said 3 times)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Genesis 15:1-6

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the /Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his /own!
- 13 **The Lord looks down from /heaven, ***
and beholds all the people in the /world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his /gaze *
on all who dwell on the /earth.
- 15 **He fashions all the hearts of /them ***
and understands all their /works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty /army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great /strength.
- 17 **The horse is a vain hope for de/liverance; ***
for all its strength it cannot /save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who /fear him, *
on those who wait upon his /love,
- 19 **To pluck their lives from /death, ***
and to feed them in time of /famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the /Lord; *
he is our help and our /shield.
- 21 **Indeed, our heart re/joices in him, ***
for in his holy Name we put our /trust.
- † 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be up/on us, *
as we have put our trust in /you.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one

person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12: 32-40

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who 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: From our very first days, the prophets have taught us to speak to the Lord, to bring our prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings and lay them at the feet of God; and Jesus himself taught that anyone who asks in the name of the Lord will receive; that when we knock at God's door, it will be opened. So let us pray, let us search out the will of God and be transformed by the renewing of the Spirit stirring in our midst.

Leader: We pray for the Church, the great cloud of witnesses who have testified and continue to testify to the power of your Word from century to century in countless places and tongues; fill the Church, disbursed to the four corners of the earth, with courage and strength to speak in your Name. Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Leader: We pray for our nation. We pray for Donald our president, Asa our governor, Harold our mayor, and all those charged with administering justice and peace. Let us, a people with many differences, be united in cords of human kindness and bands of love and may we never grow weary in doing what is right. Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Leader: We pray for all people no matter their nationality, or ethnicity, or faith. Draw us together, as a mother who cares for her children, and protect us from war, floods, famine, and anything else that threatens the dignity of your created order. May we be faithful stewards of this earth and all that live in it. Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Leader: We pray for this parish and the work you have given us to do. Fill us with spiritual wisdom and understanding so that we may be One Body nourished and held together by the mystery of Christ in our midst. We pray Michael our Presiding Bishop, Larry our bishop, and Joshua our priest. We pray for all the lay ministers of this church and for the ministry they carry with them wherever they go. We thank you for all your gifts to us . Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Leader: Lord you have promised that if we offer our food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted your light shall rise in the darkness, that you will make our bones strong, and that we will become like a watered garden. May we share the gift of time with those in need of care and affection Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Leader: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation and the firstborn from the dead; he himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together; and so, in his name, we pray for those who have died that they may all share a place in his God's kingdom. Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people. You know our needs before we ask; strengthen us to receive all that is in your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The 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 our Savior 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 the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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 HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by the water of the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 SANCTUS

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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.

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

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 Christ**,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; in the name of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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or going to <http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org>.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

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

Wed 6:15pm Healing Eucharist

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thur 6:00pm Men's Club

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

SAVE THE DATE

Aug 15- Men's Club

Aug 18- Blessing of the Backpacks

Aug 25 - Daughters of the King

Aug 28- EYC Roundtable

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

8/11 David Jacobs

8/13 Tracy Neves

8/14 Eva Coe

8/17 Quiara Hazelwood

8/17 Murray Pringle

Anniversaries

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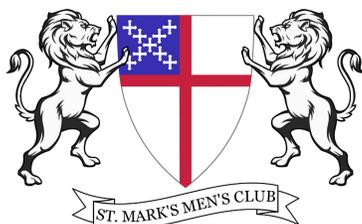
6:30pm Compline

Wed 6:15pm Evening Prayer

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Men's Club - Thursday, August 15 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will eat together and then play Bingo. There will be prizes of high perceived value! Come and join us!

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 or insert, there are some printed for the 10:00 am service, just ask our greeters

Greeters- We have a need for more greeters on Sunday mornings, if you would like to serve as a greeter, contact Steve Replogle at stephen.replogle@gmail.com

EYC Roundtable- August 28th at 6pm. This is for anyone interested in the future of our youth group ministry. If you are a teenager, or the parent of a teenager, or interested

in ministry with teenagers please come so we can put our heads together and keep this as a flourishing ministry of our church. Father Joshua Daniel

Church Photo Albums: We are looking for a person or persons to keep up the St. Mark's Photo Album that documents our Parish Life. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Janice Kroeter or Dana in the office. Supplies will be provided. Contact Janice Kroeter at djkroeter@yahoo.com

Zip Change- If your residence in Jonesboro has had their zip code changed to 72405, please let the church office know, so we may update our records.

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



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.



Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations of 51 pounds 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! **Request- reusable shopping bags, many clients carry their groceries home and sturdy bags would help.**

Two Saints' Kitchen



Two Saints Kitchen On August 3, 2019 Team #6 served 42 guest hot dogs, pasta salad, chips, fruit , and cookies with 27 to go plates. .

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WEEKLY FINANCIALS

Last week #	31
Attendance	111
Actual Offering	\$4,525.78
Needed for Budget	\$5,624.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$1,098.22
Current Cash	\$19,082.73
Loan Balance	\$131,381.54

08/04/19/2019	
Actual Income	\$119,063.83
Needed for Budgeted Exp	\$174,344.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$55,280.17
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Two Saints	\$0.00

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