



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15

August 18, 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

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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 9:30 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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets

ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82 *Deus stetit* *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?"**

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND LESSON A Reading from Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell

after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

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, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to

rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joshua Daniel

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.

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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 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 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Celebrant

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

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.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday/ Blessing of the Backpacks

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Adult Formation

10:00am Holy Eucharist

6:30pm Compline

Mon 6:30pm Vestry Meeting

Wed 6:15pm Healing Eucharist

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thur 6:00pm Men's Club

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 9

SAVE THE DATE

Aug 25 - Daughters of the King

Aug 28- EYC Roundtable

Sept 4 - Christian Ed Roundtable

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

8/24 Jane Bradbury

8/24 Rachel Barnett

Anniversaries

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EfM (Education for Ministry) St. Mark's is offering an Education for Ministry - EfM - class this fall. EFM is a deep, guided theological study for lay people interested in creating a stronger Biblical and theological foundation for their ministry in their church

and in the world (www.efm.sewanee.edu). EFM is a four year program that covers the Old Testament, the New Testament, Church history, and theology, but participants enroll in it one year at a time. The cost for one year of EFM is \$375. Scholarships will be available. If you are interested in enrolling in EFM for the 2019-2020 cycle or if you are in need of financial assistance or a scholarship or would be interested in making a donation, please contact Father Joshua (joshua.daniel@stmarksjonesboro.org) or St. Mark's' EFM mentor, Jane Gill (mjgill386@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

On September 4th at 6pm / Christian Ed Father Joshua and Rose Mary will host a Christian Education roundtable for anyone interested in the future of our ministry to the children of our church. We are blessed to have to many children at our worship services and at our Wednesday night gathering. We want to continue this vital ministry and expand our ability to support, encourage, and strengthen the children (and their parents!) that God has entrusted to us.

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

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

Two Saints' Kitchen



Two Saints Kitchen On August 10, 2019 Team #7 served 39 guests, spaghetti with 20 to go plates and 15 to go plates .



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. Also, if you

would like to help provide non perishable food items for the children's offering, please let Rose Mary know. This is a great way to make sure that a child is not left out during the offering, in case they forget their food item at home.



Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations of 119 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.**

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

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



WEEKLY FINANCIALS

Last week #	32
Attendance	110
Actual Offering	\$2,046.48
Needed for Budget	\$5,624.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$3,577.52
Current Cash	\$18,782.84
Loan Balance	\$132,785.93

08/04/19/2019	
Actual Income	\$121,110.31
Needed for Budgeted Exp	\$179,968.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$58,857.69

Food Pantry	\$50.00
Two Saints	\$0.00

The Episcopal Church welcomes you!



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