



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

8:00 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

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are so 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 4 through 5th grade. Children process out during the first hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace (under 30 minutes). Also we invite all children to bring a food donation during the offering each week.

FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Children in kindergarten through 6th grade meet from 6 p.m - 7 p.m. every Wednesday for snacks and fellowship, then split up by age. Youth in grades 7-12 meet every Sunday at 4:30pm.

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 am 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 office 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

SUNDAY Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)
EYC- 4:30pm
Sung Compline Service at 6:30 p.m. Sundays (John Roberts Chapel)

WEDNESDAY *Christian Ed 6-7pm

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

The people stand as the ministers process in silence

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

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

THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant: God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

*Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.

*Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.

*Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us,

and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

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*

Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins against God unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us

***People:* Christ have mercy upon us**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect: The Second Sunday in Lent

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O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121 *Levavi oculos* *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND LESSON A reading from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about

heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Scott Trotter

THE NICENE CREED

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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 PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE I, PRAYER II

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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,

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.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

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.*

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 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

Grant Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weaknesses and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SAVE THE DATE

March 22— No Liturgy of the Word for Children and No EYC/ Spring Break

March 25—No Christian Ed

March 29 - Fifth Sunday Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

03/05 Chase Jenkins

03/11 Phillip Wells

Anniversaries

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Formation: 9:00am Sunday Mornings in the Parish Hall



Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations.

Winterstar 2020 - This is the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas' annual Spring Retreat for youth in the 6th-12th grade. The weekend begins at [Camp Mitchell](#) on Friday March 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm with registration and ends Sunday, March 15th at 11:00am.

The weekend includes games, music, worship services, hiking, sports, and hammocking.





Memorial Reception for Elizabeth Jeanette Lamberth

(July 23, 1937 - February 14, 2020)

The family of Jeanette Lamberth invites you to join them for a memorial reception in her memory today, Sunday, March 8 at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall

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Ordination: Bishop Larry Benfield and the Diocese of Arkansas are pleased to announce the upcoming ordinations of Laurie Bridewell, Emmanuel, Lake Village/

Katherine Wren, St. Mark's, Jonesboro/ Brandon Hudson, St. Thomas, Springdale/Murdock Jones, Christ Church, Little Rock

Teresa Cantrell, Good Shepherd, Forrest City/ to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock, Arkansas on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 11:00am with a reception to follow. Please join us.



Altar Flowers for 2020 - If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one for 2020, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$35.00

Stewardship Corner: *Stew·ard·ship/ noun/ noun: stewardship; plural noun: stewardships*

The job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property. As defined by Webster's Dictionary

There are many ways we can "take care of something" or in other words take care of St.Mark's.

- We can contribute time and talents, and volunteer for ministry and mission. Ministries such as choir, Christian Education, visiting sick members of the church, or even church clean up days. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.
- We can pledge financially to St.Mark's. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). We can also contribute to the Building Fund which helps pay for the loan which was used to remodel the Nave. Contributions can also be made to the St. Mark's Endowment, funds from which we can use for any need of the church.

To find out more information about any ministry or financial contribution to the church please contact a vestry member or you may contact the church office.



We want to encourage each of our Parishioners to have a more active role with Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Bring a non perishable food item with you to church on Sunday mornings and place it in the shopping cart when you come in. *Canned items, instant oatmeal in individual packets, granola/cereal bars, can soups, coffee, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, individual applesauce and fruit cups, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, shampoo, laundry detergent, bath soap, and magazines.* Helping Neighbors feeds many many families and also feeds school age children on weekends when they cannot eat at school, this is a great way for us to be involved in our community and be thankful for our many blessings.

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For Diocesan Events: Please check the weekly Mid- Week announcements that are sent out via email every week. If you would like to sign up, contact the office at secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org and Dana will sign you up. This is a great way for you to keep updated on events at St. Mark's and the Diocesan!



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. 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.

Two Saints' Kitchen



Two Saints Kitchen: February 29, 2020 Team # 6 served 80 meals Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn and mac-n-cheese, bananas, cookies and toast.

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