



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7 , 2021

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.

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THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP

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THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Ev'ry day, ev'ry day,
Gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday, He gave me the gift of love; On Tuesday, peace came from above. On Wednesday told me
to have more faith; On Thursday, gave me a little more grace. On Friday, told me to watch and pray
On Saturday, told me just what to say, On Sunday, gave the power divine Just to let my little light shine.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Ev'ry day, ev'ry day,
Gonna let my little light shine.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Isaiah 40:21-31

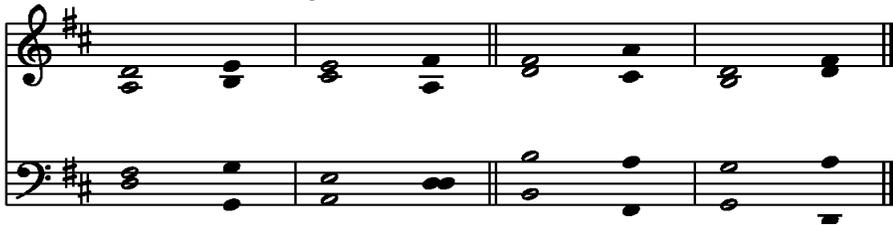
Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:1-12, 21c *Laudate Dominum*



1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;*
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Larry, our Bishop, and Brandon, our seminarian; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with 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*

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

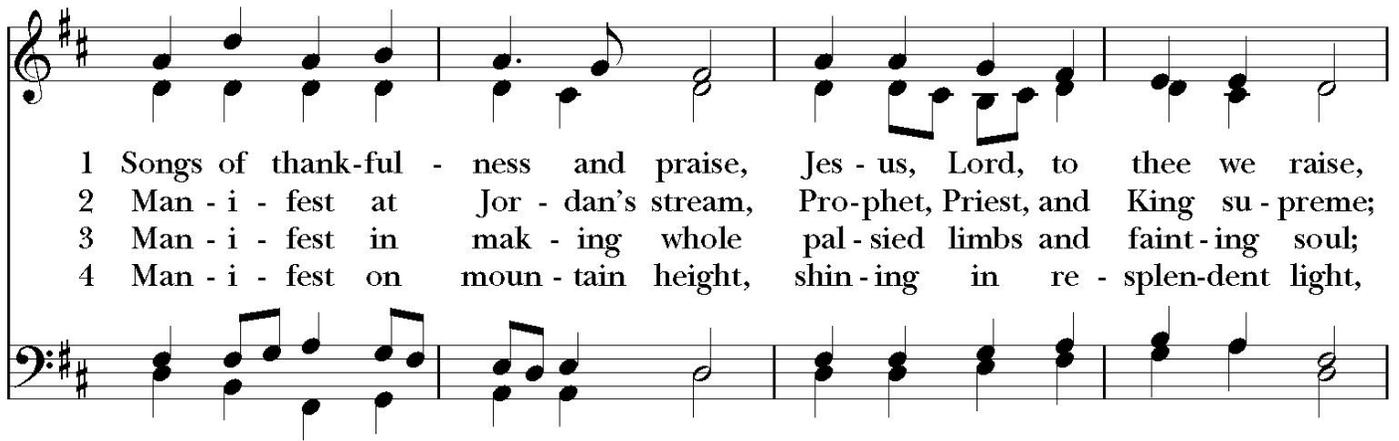
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those

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.

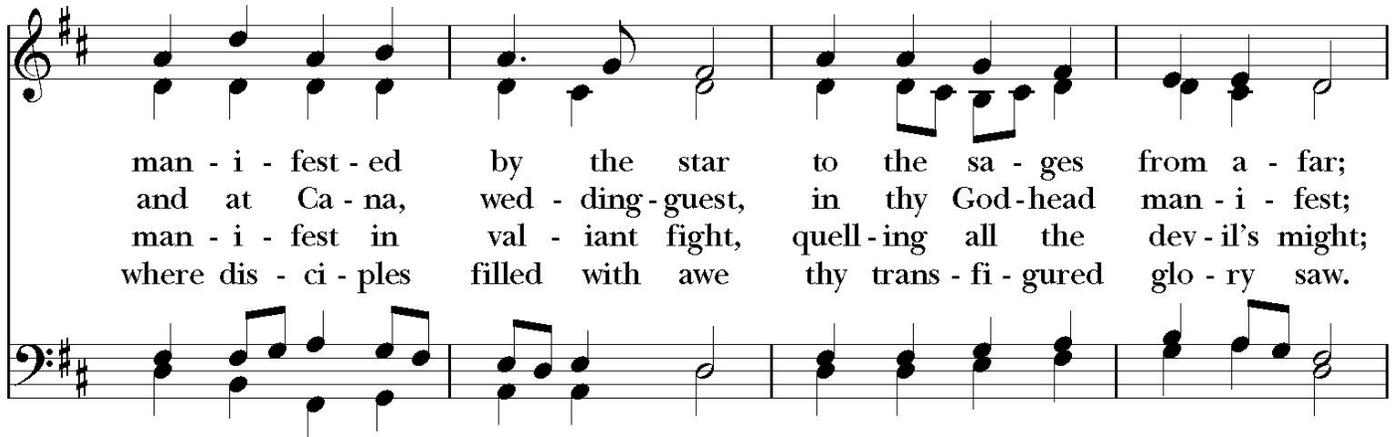
BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

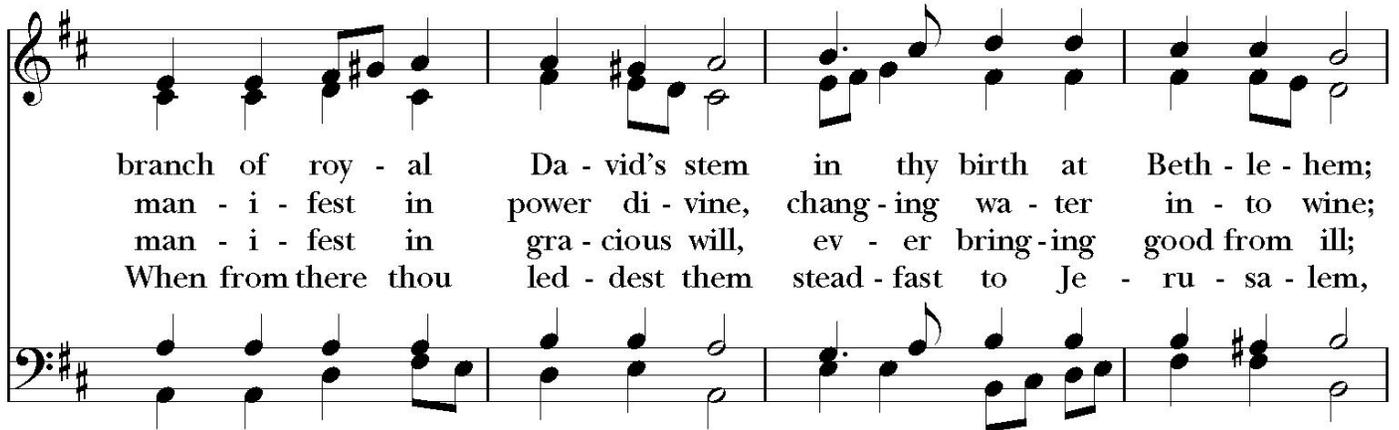
May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The Rev. Katherine Wren

Musicians: Rhonda Dauer, Crystal Kachevas, Zachary Lynn, Joy Sanford, Taylor Watkins, and Jacqueline Young

Lector: Danny Kee



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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Tasha Weeks

Annette Troutt

Avery Toombs

Anniversaries

Ruth and Carroll Scroggin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two Saints' Kitchen



Two Saints Kitchen: Last week: Jan. 30, 2021. Team 4 served

51 hot meals to- go. They served chicken strips, red beans and rice, green beans, hot rolls, bananas, oranges, and bottled water.

Guests also took home bakery desserts and sweets.

A volunteer took Home Chef microwaveable meals, oven ready meals, bakery bread, and sweets to 11 homebound families.

The remainder of the Home Chef meals were donated to Reclamation House of Jonesboro.

We thank Kroger for their donations.

Please let people know that we serve lunch every Saturday at Two Saints' Kitchen.



Two Saints' Kitchen is still serving the community during the pandemic: Two Saints Kitchen has had to change the way that they serve meals on Saturdays during the pandemic, they now serve food to go from the wrought iron gates. This has presented some challenges and new needs for them. Richard Owens has communicated with the church on some items that you could give and will help out. Dana has set up a box marked Two Saints immediately to your left when you enter the church from the double red doors, there is also a box on the island in the church kitchen. A mask is required to enter the building.

Items for donation: plastic grocery sacks, bottled water, variety packs of individual chips, knife/fork/spoon packs (the kind found in take out meals is great) , all purpose spray cleaners, liquid dish soap, dishwasher tabs, dish scrubbers with handles, paper towels, extra large black trash bags, paper napkins, take out containers with lids, plastic gloves for food service, ziploc sandwich bags, and hand sanitizer.

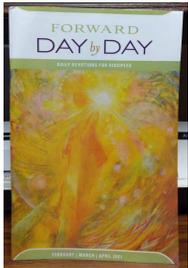
To those of you that have responded to the announcement that Perry Moses put on his FaceBook page, thank you! Remember, we serve every week, so we do go through items quickly.

Your donation will always be much appreciated! You may also make a monetary donation to Two Saints Kitchen. Make a memo on your check or make a note if you give through Tithely . Two Saints' is honored to help provide food to so many during this time and we are grateful to Kroger for providing food to our program. Volunteers are always needed: email the church and we will find you a spot at Two Saints' Kitchen! - Thank you, Richard Owens, Two Saints' Co- Director

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All Kroger Shoppers : Donating to Two Saints' Kitchen Inc. through your Kroger App. cost you nothing! Kroger donates to an organization of your choice, through their Community Rewards program. If you have a Kroger card and use the app or have an account please add our Two Saints' Kitchen to your Community Rewards Program. From the home page go to the three lines at the upper left of the page and select Rewards and then select Community Rewards. Type In Two Saints' Kitchen Inc . Each quarter of the year, Kroger will send this program a donation check. This does not cost you money, and it does not impact your Kroger Points, but it does help our program feed people who are food insecure. Every little bit helps! Also, pass on this information to your friends and family!



Forward Day by Day devotionals for Feb. March and April 2021

are now available. You may pick one up from the basket on the table immediately to the left when you enter through the double red doors. You may leave your \$1.00 donation in the basket.



Helping Neighbors:

We can always use volunteers! We open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. We are in need of relief people for the scales, a card person on Thursday afternoon and runners every day as well as people to go out to the cars and fill out the service slips . If you can volunteer text Gary Latanich at 870-926-5476. Thank you.

FYI Prayer List and Announcements : All through these past months our own chapter of Daughters of the King has continued to pray for St. Mark's, and for those who are on our prayer list. If you have someone that you would like to add to our church prayer list, you may contact Dana at secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org and she will be happy to add your prayer request to our list. Also, if you would like to include an announcement or a praise in the weekly announcements, you may email Dana and she will post your announcement.

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