



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Jan 4, 2015

10 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. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR
THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE

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Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a **Welcome** 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

Children's Chapel is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 7 in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Sanctuary during the processional hymn and will return from Chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Children's Chapel is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through high school meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m.

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. Nursery hours are 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 in the Sanctuary Foyer, through the Parish Offices door, on the right-hand side.

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 7:30 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 98

Unto us a boy is born

Puer nobis nascitur

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

THE KYRIE, S-96

All

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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COLLECT 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 214

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Jeremiah [31:7-14]

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they

shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,” says the Lord.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84



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1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of /hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living /God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her /young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my /God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your /house! *
they will always be /praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in /you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' /way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of /springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of /water.

6 They will climb from height to /height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in /Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my /prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O /God; *
and look upon the face of your A/nointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than
a thousand in my own /room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the /wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and /shield; *
he will give grace and /glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with in/tegrity.

12 O Lord of /hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in /you!

SECOND LESSON A Reading from Ephesians [1:3-6, 15-19a]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

A la ru

arr. John Donald Robb

*Duérmete, Niño lindo, en los brazos del a mor mientras que duerme y descansa la pena de mi dolor.
Oh, sleep now, holy baby, with your head against y breast: meanwhile th epangs of my sorrow are soothed
and put to rest. A la ru, a la mé.*

*You need not fear King Herod, he will bring no harm to you; so rest in the arms of your mother who sings
you a la ru. A la ru, a la mé.*

All stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 618 Doxology with Alleluias Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al-le-
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER D

BCP 372

The people remain standing. The Celebrant sings

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes, and rests.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing ,

The people stand or kneel.

S-129 SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Celebrant may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All

Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.

HYMN 114

'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Une jeune pucelle

HYMN 115

What child is this

Greensleeves

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

Celebrant

HYMN 93

Angels from the realms of glory

Regent Square

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Christmas

Christmas season begins on Christmas day, and continues for twelve days through January 5. It is simply a time of rejoicing, that through our Savior's birth, God has redeemed us. The Word that was with God is now with us, made flesh. Over the next few months, we will hear as Jesus grows up, begins his ministry, and eventually heads toward Jerusalem and Good Friday.

Today's Worship Leaders:
Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins
Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim and Deb McInturff
Lectors: Lise Cater and Scott Darwin
Intercessor: Phillip Wells
Ushers: Steve Replogle, Steve Thompson, Jim McInturff
Vergers: Katie Cole and Johnny Stayton
Acolytes: Gabe and Alex Looney, Kayden Gillis, Darren Moore
Eucharistic Visitor: Steve Replogle
Greeters: Patrick and Sara Land; Steve and Frannie Replogle
Children's Chapel: Sara and Patrick Land
Vestry Counters: Blake Coe

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today 7:30p Compline
Mon
Tue 7:00p Epiphany Service of Light
Wed 6:00p Christian Education
6:15p Healing Eucharist
7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Thurs
Friday
Saturday 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team #8

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 18 Annual Meeting and Potluck
Jan 24 Robert Burns' Night
Jan 31 Pancake Day

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1/04 Bill McCaughn	1/07 Dennis Zolper
1/04 Linda Cobb	1/07 Donna Gilbert
1/06 Ann Fritz	1/07 Ashlyn-Holland Moore

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your contributions of \$130 and 49 lbs. of food last week; your support is important to a lot of people.

Vestry Elections

Our annual vestry election will be on Jan. 18, and we are looking for seven or eight candidates to run for election. We will elect four new vestry members to serve a three-year term and one member to fill a vacancy. If you are interested or willing to serve, please contact Father Jesse at rector@stmarksjonesboro.org.

Annual Meeting Reports

Ministry leaders: your reports for the annual meeting need to be emailed to the office by January 12. Please send to secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org. Thank you.

Annual Donation Statements

Statements of giving for 2014 are in a box on the table in the narthex; please remember to pick up your statement.

WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Attendance
Offering 12/28/14	\$ 3,813	\$ 273,717	\$269,945	Last Week 107
Needed	<u>5,409</u>	<u>273,973</u>	<u>281,234</u>	2014 Average 138
Difference	(\$ 1,596)	(\$ 256)	(\$ 11,289)	2013 Average 119
Current Cash	\$ 4,202			
Outstanding bills	(- \$ 4,480)		Loan Balance	\$ 174,660

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