

**MARCH 29, 2015
10:00 AM**

PALM SUNDAY



**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JONESBORO, ARKANSAS**

**THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP
THE REV. JESSE PERKINS, RECTOR
THE REV. AMBER CARSWELL, CURATE**

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 (Nave)

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 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Palms

The people gather in the parish hall so that all may process into the church.

The people standing the Celebrant says

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest then reads the story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark [11:1-11]

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSION

The people will process from the parish hall through the street and into the church, all holding palm branches in their hands while bagpipes play.

At the entrance to the church the people stop and the celebrant prays:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession enters the church.

HYMN 154 The Opening Hymn *Thou art the King of Israel* Valet will ich dir geben

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Sunday of the Passion

BCP 272

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Isaiah [50:4-9a]

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

Antiphon



In - cline your ear to me, O LORD; make haste to de - liv - er me.

Antiphon: Sung by choir

Antiphon: Sung by all

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

Antiphon: Sung by all

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, “You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Antiphon: Sung by all

SECOND LESSON A reading from Philippians [2:5-11]

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 435 **Sequence Hymn** *At the name of Jesus* King's Weston

THE GOSPEL

Mark 11:15-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.
People **Glory be to thee, O Christ**

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? But you have made it a den of robbers.' And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

SERMON

The Rev. Amber Carswell

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| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM I | BCP 383 |
| CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION | BCP 330 |
| PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | BCP 332 |
| BIRTHDAY PRAYER | BCP 380 |

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

Sing a Loud Hosanna

Mark Schweizer

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. The company of angels are praising Thee on High, And mortal men and all things created make reply. The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present. Hosanna in the Highest! To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. Come, sing a loud Hosanna!

380 (V 3) THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF ALMS

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise Him all crea-tures here be -

low; pssraise Him a-bove ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Hol - ly Ghost.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.

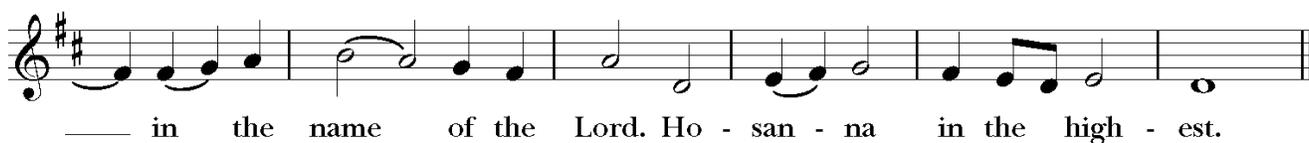
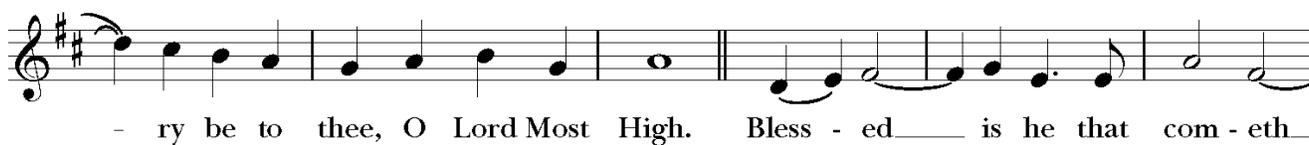
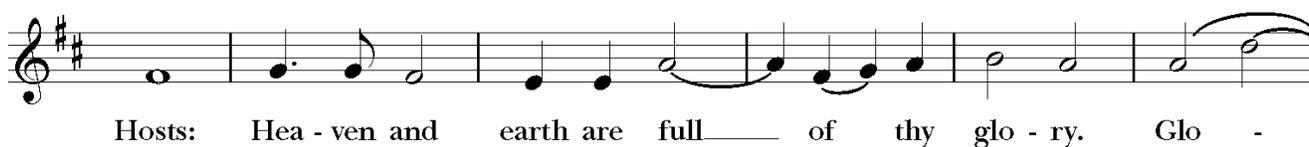
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant says a proper preface.

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

S114 SANCTUS



The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in 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

**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.

S 158 THE FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and people:

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

HYMN 38 (from Lift Every Voice and Sing) *The Old Rugged Cross*

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

The first system of musical notation for 'The Old Rugged Cross' is in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world, 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;
4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

The second system of musical notation continues the hymn. It features the same treble and bass clef staves. The lyrics are: 1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame; 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me; 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see; 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross
 So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

old rug - ged cross, _____

I will cling to the cross, — the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown. _____

HYMN 168

O sacred head, sore wounded

Herliz tut mich verlangen

HYMN 164

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord

Bangor

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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

HYMN 158 The Closing Hymn *Ab, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended* *Herzliebster Jesu*

THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

All may be seated for the chanting of the Passion Gospel by the choir. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Retiring procession leaves in silence.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week; the week leading up to Easter. It is an intense week of meditation and prayer as we remember Christ's journey to the cross, tomb, and ultimately his resurrection. On this Sunday, we usually begin outside and carry palm branches to remember that it is often we who, like the people in Jerusalem, claim "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord" and then turn again to our own sinful ways. Yet Christ still chose to sacrifice everything to bring us back to God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rector: The Rev. Jesse Perkins

Curate: The Rev. Amber Carswell

Eucharistic Ministers: Rusty Guinn and Hope Smith

Lectors: Laura Thompson and Rhinda Kesselring

Intercessor: Beth Smith

Ushers: Erik and Donna Gilbert, Terry Barnett, Terry Gairhan

Vergers: Barbara Keller and Katie Cole

Acolytes: Darren Moore and Timothy Penley, Thurifers

Donald Mankin, Cameron Poston, Kayden Gillis

Eucharistic Visitor: Steve Replogle

Greeters: Jim and Deb McInturff, Perry and Dana Moses

Children's Chapel: No Children's Chapel

Vestry Counters: Blake Coe, Mike Engelken, Steve Thompson

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today

9:00a Fifth Sunday Breakfast
10:00a Palm Procession with Bagpipes
11:30a Confirmation Class #6
5:00p EfM
7:30p Compline

Tues 6:00p Liturgical Rehearsal

Wed 7:00p Taizé
No Christian Education
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service

Fri 12:00p Good Friday Eucharist and Stations of the Cross
7:00p Good Friday Eucharist

Sat 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 10
8:00p The Great Vigil and Reception

SAVE THE DATE

April 26 Bishop Benfield's Visit and Confirmation

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

3/29 Celeste Robinette 4/01 Lisa Bohn
3/30 Carol Hinck 4/04 Denver McJunkin
3/30 Kerry Tew

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your blessings of \$133 and 15 pounds of food for Helping Neighbors last week.

Liturgical Rehearsal On Tuesday at 6:00pm we will have a liturgical rehearsal for vergers, altar guild, acolyte master, and Eucharistic ministers.

WEEKLY REPORT

| | Weekly Budget | Year to Date | Annual Budget | Attendance |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Offering 03/22/15 | \$ 5,417 | \$ 77,777 | \$321,170 | Last Week 129 |
| Needed | <u>6,178</u> | <u>73,271</u> | <u>321,312</u> | 2015 Average 148 |
| Difference | \$ (761) | \$ 4,506 | (\$ 142) | 2014 Average 138 |
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| Current Cash | \$ 7,631 | | | |
| Outstanding bills | (-\$ 7,899) | | Loan Balance | \$ 172,348 |

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