



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

Ordinary Time, Proper 29

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2016

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**8:00 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. HANNAH HOOKER, 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.

### **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

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

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

*The Celebrant then continues*

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.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, Proper 29**

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*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

**FIRST LESSON** A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 4** *Read responsively by half verse.*

**4 The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*

**for he hath visited and redeemed his people;**

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*

**in the house of his servant David,**

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*

**which have been since the world began:**

That we should be saved from our enemies, \*

**and from the hand of all that hate us;**

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*

**and to remember his holy covenant;**

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, \*

**that he would give us,**

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*

**might serve him without fear,**

In holiness and righteousness before him, \*

**all the days of our life.**

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*

**for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord**

**to prepare his ways;**

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*

**for the remission of their sins,**

Through the tender mercy of our God, \*

**whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;**

**To give light to them that sit in darkness**

and in the shadow of death, \*

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**SECOND LESSON** A reading from Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 23: 33-43

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Hannah Hooker

## NICENE CREED

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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, and Larry, our Bishop; 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*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*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 your Son 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 PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

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

## THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

**O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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



## THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS

*All: All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

**EOW**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

*Here a proper preface is said or sung.*

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

*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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues:*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior has 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **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

*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.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
You have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
In the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Flowers on the altar today are given by Alexis and Austin Zamora to the glory of God in thanksgiving for their parents and by Frannie and Steve Replogle in honor of son-in-law Eric's birthday.*

### Season after Pentecost

The seeds of the church planted by Jesus, the disciples, and the Holy Spirit are now growing. The Season after Pentecost is the time for Christians to learn and grow, to mature as people of faith. This season is often called the "green season" or "growing season." We have come full circle: we heard about Christ's birth, his life and death, his resurrection, and the birth of the church inspired by the Holy Spirit. Now it's our turn! We are that church still following God's lead, and God is still moving and working within us.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Today** 3:30p Handbell Rehearsal  
5:00p EYC  
6:30p Compline

**Mon** 7:00p Vestry Meeting

**Wed** 6:00p Christian Formation  
6:15p Evening Prayer

**Sat** 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 6  
5:00p Katherine Cole and Craig Wren Wedding

## SAVE THE DATE

**Nov 27** First Sunday of Advent  
**Nov 30** Soup Supper at 6 pm

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

11/20 Jacqueline Boyd  
11/20 Melissa Donner  
11/22 Georgia Guinn  
11/22 Rusty Guinn  
11/23 Brandon Johnson  
11/23 Jeri Lynn Mays  
11/23 Eric Oliver  
11/24 Erika Cohen  
11/25 Adam Simmons

### Anniversaries

11/25 Ryker & Candace  
Robinson

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Soup Suppers** If you are interested in participating in the Advent Soup Suppers, please sign up for a Wednesday meal on the table in the narthex. Individuals may piece together a team, or a ministry group may elect to cover one whole meal. If you choose to sign up, please take an instruction sheet next to the sign-up sheets. The meals will begin at 6pm, and our weekly Wednesday Healing Eucharist will be pushed back to 6:30pm for these four weeks. The meals will also serve as dinner for Christian Education participants. It's going to be wonderful, hope to see you all there!

**United Thank Offering** On Sunday, **November 27**, St. Mark's will take up the envelopes and boxes for the United Thank Offering to send to the Diocese of Arkansas from our church.

**Christian Education** We will not have classes for elementary students on Wednesday, November 23 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Wednesday, November 30 at our regularly scheduled time.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children** will not be provided on Sunday, November 27th during the 10:00am service. Our staff will be spending the Thanksgiving holidays with their families.

**Money Wall** St. Mark's EYC is sponsoring the money wall to collect money for Christmas for Teens in foster care. Please take an envelope and when you have put money in it, leave it in the office or give it to Stephanie Matthews. Thank you!

**Children's Christmas Pageant** is scheduled this year on December 24th at the 5:00 pm service. All school age children are encouraged to participate. Please contact Rose Mary ([rosemarylatanich@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarylatanich@gmail.com) or [870-935-0236](tel:870-935-0236)) for more information and about required practice times.

**Vestry Election** Four positions will be filled this year at the Annual Meeting on January 22, 2017. If you are interested in being one of the four new members, please contact Rev. Hannah or Blake Coe.

### WEEKLY REPORT

	Weekly Budget	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget, Wk 46	Attendance
Offering 11/13/16	\$ 7,614	\$264,439	\$264,439	Last Week 148
Needed	6,086	264,596	279,956	2016 52 Wk Av 151
Shortage	\$ 1,528	(\$ 157)	(\$ 15,517)	2015 Average 153
Current Cash	\$ 12,802			
Outstanding bills	(\$ 7,907)		Loan Balance	\$ 153,548

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