



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**Ordinary Time, Proper 25**

**October 29, 2017**

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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 mobil 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 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet at 6 p.m. for snacks and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m. Youth in grades 7-12 meet at 5:30pm on Wednesdays.

### **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 6:30 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 are available; to download please visit <http://stmj.us>. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

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 25**

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost

command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### **FIRST LESSON** A Reading from Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 90: 1-6, 13-17** *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.

**14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

**16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.**

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

**SECOND LESSON** A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for

her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:34-46

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

## **THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Benjamin Badgett**

## **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.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Larry, our own Bishop, for Hannah, our curate, and Jon and Katherine, our seminarians, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our president, Asa, our governor, and Harold, our mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do. For \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, especially \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*All stand.*

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

## **THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* 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.**

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

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER B**

*Celebrant* 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,**

now and forever. Amen.

*Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. Please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.*

## **CONSECRATION OF GIFTS**

The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

*After prayerfully considering your gift next year, please bring it to the altar.*

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today

8:00a Holy Eucharist  
10:00a Holy Eucharist  
3:30p Handbell Rehearsal  
5:00p EfM  
6:30p Compline

**Wed** 5:30p EYC  
6:00p Christian Formation  
6:15p All Saints' Eucharist  
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

**Thurs** 7:00p All Souls' Requiem Mass

**Sat** 10:00a Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 5

## SAVE THE DATE

**Nov 5** All Saints' Day Observed, Garden Dedication

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

10/29 Ryan Boyd  
10/29 Brandi Workman  
10/30 James McIntosh  
10/31 Todd Welch

11/01 Jill Davis  
11/01 Jonathan Jacobs  
11/01 Emma Sairls  
11/02 David Worlow  
11/03 Crystal Kachevas

### Anniversaries

11/03 Reneilia & Julie Hampton

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All Souls' Requiem Mass** At 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 2, we will have a high solemn All Souls' Eucharist. During this reverent service the choir will present Mozart's Requiem Mass. It is a somber service in memory of loved ones we have lost, especially in the past year. A necrology (list of the dead) will be read, so if you would like to have a friend or

family member's name included in the necrology, please email Rev. Hannah or write their name on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

**No Christian Formation on Nov 1** There will be no Christian Ed sessions scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, so children and their parents can attend All Saints Services together.

**Wish List for Holiday Meals at Helping Neighbors Food Pantry**

We are looking ahead to distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas food for our clients at Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. We are asking all our friends to help us collect the following: -Chicken Broth --Cream of Mushroom soup-(or cream of chicken)

Turkeys (or money to purchase them)

Please don't hesitate to call, text or email if you would like a pick-up of the items.

**Andrea Levy**

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**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry** Thank you for your generous donations last week! St. Mark's donated 55 pounds of food items and \$50 to Helping Neighbors.

**Nursery Worker Needed** If you or someone you know might be interested in working in St. Mark's nursery on Sunday mornings, please contact the office. We like to keep four people on staff so that no one has to work every Sunday. Right now we are one short.

**On Sunday November 5th**, as part of our celebration of the Feast of All Saints, we will rededicate our bell garden in honor of Claire Nix immediately following the 10am service. Claire's family will be present, and her St. Mark's family is encouraged to follow the exiting procession out to the garden at the end of the service as we remember and celebrate all that she offered to this wonderful place.

WEEKLY REPORT					
Week of 10/22/2017 wk 43		Year thru 10/22/17			Surplus (Shortage)
Actual Offering	\$3,771		Income	Expense	
Budgeted Offering	\$5,903	Actual	\$234,720	\$198,681	\$36,039
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$2,132)	Budgeted	\$253,829	\$218,311	\$35,518
		Surplus (Shortage)	\$(19,109)	\$19,630	
Current Cash	\$47,445				
Outstanding Bills		Attendance	Last Week	52-wk avg	2016
Loan Balance	\$146,858		108	135	153

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