



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

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 Visitor 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

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 4 through 5th grade in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Nave during the processional hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Liturgy of the Word for Children is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade meet at 6 p.m. for dinner 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 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 to the left of the main entrance, through the Parish Offices door.

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 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 Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

PRAYERS AT THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Celebrant We make our prayer to you, O Lord.
People **Be merciful to us.**
Celebrant Create in me a clean heart, O God.
People **And renew a right spirit within me.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Oh God you have created us and called us to draw closer to you, but we have turned away from you and from our faith. Give us grace this Lenten season to repent, to turn back to your love and practice our faith and discipline with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Forgive us when we falter and give us strength to continue on our way, that, following Christ to the cross, we might again rejoice in your creation and faithfully await the day of our return to unity with you. Amen.

COLLECT The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of

them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:9-16 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.

**10 With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.**

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.

**12 Blessed are you, O LORD; *
instruct me in your statutes.**

13 With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.

**14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.**

15 I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.

**16 My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.**

SECOND LESSON A reading from Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of this reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Hannah Hooker

THE 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 II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our
Bishop(s) _____; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, RITE II, PRAYER D

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 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 forever.

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 (say),

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 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.

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.

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.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]
[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]
[Remember _____.]
[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) 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.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



Did you
X know?

#LENTENDISCIPLINE

The Choral Scholars Program has been a vital part of the music at St. Mark's for over 10 years. Each year, we pay four students a small stipend to sing in our choir. The students get exposed to a variety of music not often available outside the professional realm, and we, in turn, benefit from their voices and leadership in worship. Past choral scholars have gone on to prestigious graduate programs in music, and some even have careers as professional musicians. We are grateful for their gifts. Their skills allow our choir to be a place where all are welcome to participate, no matter what skill level. Speaking of which – we could use some fresh faces! If you're interested in singing with our choir, please reach out to Rhonda Dauer at music@stmarksjonesboro.org.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today 8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Holy Eucharist
3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:00pm EfM
5:30pm Confirmation Class and Gospel of John Group
6:30pm Compline

Wed 5:30pm EYC
6:00pm Christian Ed
6:15pm Healing Eucharist
7:00pm Choir Practice

Fri 5:30pm Stations of the Cross in the Nave

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

SAVE THE DATE

March 25 Palm Sunday Eucharist at 8 & 10 am and Taizé Prayer Service, 6:30pm

- March 28 Prayer Service officiated by Christian Ed at 7:00pm in the Nave/followed by Tenebrae at 7:30pm
- March 29 Maundy Thursday Eucharist and striping of the Altar, 7pm
- March 30 Good Friday Eucharist, 12 Noon Liturgy and 7pm Stations of the Cross
- March 31 Great Easter Vigil and Reception, 8:00 pm
- April 1 Easter Sunday Eucharist at 8 & 10 am with Easter egg Hunt after 10 am
- April 8 Baptisms and Confirmation with Reception to follow for the Bishop

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

03/19 Hope Smith
03/21 Amelia Haynes

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Baptism On Saturday, March 31, we will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter at 8pm. Traditionally, this is a service that includes baptisms. If you are interested in baptism for you or your child, or know someone else who is, please email Rev. Hannah at hannah.hooker@stmarksjonesboro.org. There is nothing more central to our common life in Christ than celebrating baptism together!

Easter Lilies and Helping Neighbors Donations for Easter Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex for Easter donations. For \$20 you may choose to donate flowers to decorate our Nave for Easter and/or you may donate gifts of money to Helping Neighbors. Please use your check's memo line to indicate which you are donating, or write on the envelope if you use one for a cash donation. Thanks!



Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil - The Sign-up sheet for the Overnight Vigil is on the table in the Narthex. A beloved tradition at St. Mark's is our all-night vigil from the end of the Maundy Thursday service to the start of our noon Good Friday service. Members of our congregation can sign up to sit for an hour in solitude and prayer in the John Roberts Chapel, along with our unconsumed, consecrated bread and wine. On his final night on earth, Christ asked his disciples to stay awake with him while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Part of our commemoration of that night is that we too keep vigil.

Silver Polishing Altar Guild will be polishing silver and brass on Saturday, March 24. We will also make the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. We will begin at 9:30 am in the conference room and in the EYC room. Extra hands are always welcome. Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!

Christian Ed/ Prayer Service The older grade group subset in *Christian Education is officiating a 20 min. prayer service at 7pm on March 28, the Wednesday in Holy Week, before the 7:30 service in the nave.* This is an opportunity to showcase what your

children have learned to appreciate in Lent, an opportunity to show the greater congregation the importance prayer has become in the lives of some of our youngest members at St. Mark's, and is a call of action to practice Christ's love. What better way to learn of our faith's simple call than to witness it through the eyes of our children? The service includes collects, psalms, litanies, and confessions of sin from different nationalities in our Anglican Communion, from Ireland to South Africa.

The Great Vigil Reception If you would like to help with decorations or bring refreshments for the Easter Vigil reception on Saturday, March 31, please contact Lori Poston at laposton89@gmail.com.

Spring Break Vacation Spring Break is the week of March 19 through the 23, and we will not have Christian Education or EYC that Wednesday, March 21.

Candy and Easter Eggs- We are collecting plastic Easter eggs and Easter candy for the Children's Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1, following the 10 am service. There is a container in the Narthex for your donations.



Please Be Mindful of our Linens! It's almost Holy Week, and our altar guild is working around the clock. We often take for granted how hard they work to make our worship experience beautiful and meaningful. One way to be kind to them is to wait until after communion to reapply your lipstick. We have amazing wine-removal products, but they've yet to invent something that gets lipstick stains out of the white linens we use to wipe the chalice between communicants. Just one or two fewer red layers will make a huge difference for our linen cleaners. Don't worry, you look great!

Good Friday Offering On Good Friday, offerings are invited from across The Episcopal Church to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Funds are used to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and education programs throughout the region. To learn more about our Church's work in the Middle East, please visit www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering

EYC- We are going to the trampoline park on April 8th, at 6-8pm. The cost is \$15 and includes 2 hours of jumping, socks, and water.

Episcopal Men's Retreat The Second Annual Episcopal Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Mitchell, **April 6-8**. The theme will be "Jesus: Toward a Healthy Model of Masculinity," and it will be led by the Revs. Danny Schieffler and Carey Stone. Space is limited. Cost is \$190, which includes lodging and meals. For reservations [e-mail programdirector@campmitchell.org](mailto:programdirector@campmitchell.org) or call [501-727-5451](tel:501-727-5451). For other information [e-mail Harold Hedges](mailto:Harold Hedges).

Parish Retreat Registration is open! Please download the registration form and schedule from our website, or pick up a hard copy on the table in the Narthex, and turn them in along with payment to the office by April 11th. If you have already paid, please complete a registration form as well!



The Northeast Arkansas Bicycle Coalition Fri., March 23 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. This is Smart Cycling 101 course. Covering bike basics, riding technique, road safety and basic traffic law and skills, Smart Cycling has something for every level of rider. Cost is \$20 for this League of American Bicyclists sanctioned 9hr course. *Contact Bill Smith or go to Facebook.com/NEABC.*

WEEKLY REPORT

Last week #9		Year Through 2/25/2017	
Actual Offering	\$ 2,869.42	Actual Income	\$ 49,426.37
Needed for Budget	\$ 6,670.00	Budgeted	\$ 60,030.00
Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (3,800.58)	Surplus (Shortage)	\$ (10,603.63)
Current Cash	\$ 64,079.00	food pantry	\$40
Loan Balance	\$ 144,398.04		

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations of \$40.00 and 64 pounds of food items!

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