



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**First Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 13, 2019**

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**8 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. DR. JOSHUA DANIEL, PRIEST**

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ADULT FORMATION AT 9:00AM SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH HALL** This is an Adult Education Group that allows us to engage in conversation, reflect on the diverse points of scripture and go deeper into our faith.

#### **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

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy**

*All* **Lord, have mercy.** (*repeat 3x*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## SECOND LESSON    A Reading from Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.**

## 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.

## **THE 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, Larry, our Bishop, Joshua, our priest, and Jon, Katherine and Matthew, our seminarians; 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*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*A moment of silence is observed*

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**

*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:**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin(s) another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS**

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

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

*The people remain standing.*

*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 the Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*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.

On the night he was handed 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 all 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 Mark, Mary 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.*

*Priest*

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*All are invited to share in the bread and wine of holy communion. To receive the bread, place one hand in the other with palms up and extend them to the minister distributing the bread. To receive the wine, please assist the minister with the cup, grasping the base and guiding the cup to your lips; or you may dip the bread in the cup. If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine but instead receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*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.***

## THE BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Andrew Latanich, given by Gary and Rose Mary Latanich.*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today Sunday

8:00am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Adult Formation in the Parish Hall
10:00am	Holy Eucharist
3:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal

	5:00pm	EfM
	6:16pm	Compline
<b>Wed</b>	5:30pm	EYC
	6:00pm	Christian Ed
	6:15pm	Healing Eucharist
	7:00pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>Sat</b>	10:00am	Two Saints' Kitchen, Team #8

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday- January 26-** 53rd Annual Pancake Day

**Sunday- January 27 after late service** - Annual Meeting and Potluck in the Parish Hall

*(Please plan on attending, we will be voting on new Vestry members)*

**Sunday- February 3-** Church wide Baby Shower and Potluck for the Daniels after 10am service

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

1/18 Ava Grace Elam

### Anniversaries

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parishioners:** *If you know of someone who is in the hospital, ill, injured, or elderly and they would like to receive home Communion or a visit, please let the church office know. 932-2124*

**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry** : Helping Neighbors was closed this week

**Vestry Elections** St. Mark's has four vestry members ending their terms in January, and will need to elect four new members. The vestry functions as the leadership council of the church, caring for facilities upkeep, financial endeavors, and church policies. Serving on the vestry can be a very fulfilling way to offer your gifts of creativity and service to our St. Mark's community. We are looking for positive, dependable folks who are passionate about St. Mark's to run for vestry at our annual meeting in January. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please call or email the church office.



### **Let us all Welcome Baby Daniel with a Baby Shower/Church wide**

**Potluck Celebration-** For Fr. Joshua and Jenna on Sunday, Feb. 3, after the late service in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited. The Daniel family will be welcoming a baby girl and they are registered at Target.com and Babylist.com ([www.babylist.com/baby-jenna-and-joshua-daniel](http://www.babylist.com/baby-jenna-and-joshua-daniel)) . If you would like to

contribute to a larger gift of a needed infant car seat, you may give a gift card or you may give a monetary gift to Stephanie Matthews or the church office (just put what is

is for). There is a potluck sign up sheet in the Narthex, a cake for the shower will be provided.

**Men's Club** - we will meet on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> this month at 6:00 pm to begin preparations for Pancake Day, which is on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have the customary bacon sandwiches and set up the Parish Hall on Friday night. All men of the church are invited!

**ECW's annual Book and Bake** sale will be held again this year in conjunction with the Men's Club's Pancake Breakfast. Please consider baking something for us to sell, or donating used books, CDs, Puzzles or Videos. If you are setting aside items for donation, please do not bring them to Church until the week before the sale, since storage space is limited.

**53rd Annual Pancake Day is January 26 from 6:30 am - 12:00 pm** Tickets have been mailed this week and we are asking you to buy or sell 10 tickets to help us with this year's breakfast. Some people prefer to buy the tickets and give some away to friends or family. You may return your ticket money to Al Poston, Perry Moses, Steve Thompson or the church office. Tickets are \$6.00 each. We look forward to having a fun and successful event this year!



**For Our Children** We are now inviting the children to take a more active role in the church's offering. We're asking our kids to bring a can of food or some other non-perishable item so that during the offertory they can bring the food to altar as an offering. We'll then donate the food to Helping Neighbors. So if you have a child, help remind them to bring a can of food!

Two Saints' Kitchen



**Two Saints Kitchen** On January 5, 2019 Team #6 served spaghetti, green beans, corn, bread, and bananas to 27 people with about 12 to go plates.

**Altar Flowers for 2019-** If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one for 2019, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$35.00

**Folks! FYI If you shop at Kroger** and have a Kroger Card, you can add Two Saints Kitchen Inc. to your Community Rewards. Kroger will make a donation to Two Saints based on the amount you spend! ***This does not cost you anything and does not affect your other Kroger rewards, such as Fuel Points!*** To sign up: log on to your Kroger card account and then look on the top left for

the menu tab. Scroll down until you find “Community Rewards” tab, enter the enrollment number for Two Saints. Inc. : UY029.

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



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