



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

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

www.StMarksJonesboro.org

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.

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can

desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Deus misereatur

Read responsively by half verse

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him

SECOND LESSON A Reading from Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for

thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

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

Celebrant: Lord, this is the day you have made, let us rejoice in it! Fill us with the joy and hope of your resurrection. With Mary and your disciples, may we courageously carry this good news into all the world. May it transform us in mind and body and spirit. So that we may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you have told us that the world will know us by your love. Fill your church with this calling. May your resurrection be the axis on which the church forever turns. So that in every family, language, and nation the church may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you have promised to create a new heaven and a new earth. May this new creation be evident in our own country and in our own time. Pull the hearts of our leaders into the knowledge of your love. Fill them with mercy and hearts of reconciliation, so that by their lives and actions they may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you have said that in your new earth no more will the sound of weeping be heard. Be with those all over the world who weep this day. Fill us with the presence of mind and a will ready to act so that those in need may know us by your love, so that the whole human race, in one voice, may boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord we pray for this church. We lift our voices in thanks for your many gifts. And we pray for those who have died, who join with you today in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Lord from you all things have come and to you all things will return. May our time in between be a time of joy and peace and thanksgiving. May we be known to you and may we be a people by which you are made known. Lord be resurrected in us so that throughout eternity our voices will never fail to boldly proclaim,

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

THE PEACE, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER:

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin 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.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION AND BLESSING

Celebrant:

Almighty God, we thank you for all your gifts to us; for the gift of family and friendship and for calling us to be your people. Look with love on our graduate, Zane, and bless him as he continues on his journey. May your Spirit watch over him as he grows, ever deepening his skills and talents and capacity for wisdom and love; help him to use these gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. In your mercy remain with him always; give him peace when there is sorrow and fill him with thanksgiving when there is joy; and give unto him the endurance and courage he will need for the road ahead. We ask all this in your Holy Name, **Amen.**

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

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.**

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 for ever. 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,

All

**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. 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.

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.**

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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Mark and Mary 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, 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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

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.

BLESSING

May the resurrected Christ be known in all that you are. May you walk as one for whom the tomb is empty. May the love of God transform you and the peace and mercy of God forever guide and strengthen you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and among you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday/ Blessing of the Bicycles

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Adult Formation

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Blessing of the Bicycles in the large parking lot after the late service

11:30am Daughters of the King

5:00pm EfM

6:30pm Compline

Wed No EYC

No Christian Ed

6:15pm Evening Prayer

7:00pm Choir Practice

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 7

SAVE THE DATE

Today May 26 -Blessing of the Bicycles

May 28 - Theology by the Pint

June 1- Worship Leader Training

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

5/28 MG Meyering

06/01 Holden Welch

06/01 Candee Robinson

06/01 Mat Stone

Anniversaries

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



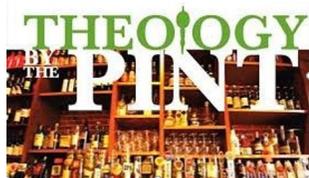
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blessing of the Bicycles- Today after the late service, Father Joshua will bless the bikes and riders for safety for this bike riding season in the large parking lot. There will also be a neighborhood ride and a brief safety reminder given by Bill Smith of NEABC. All cyclists are welcomed to participate in the Blessing of the Bicycles. Bikes of every kind are welcomed, bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, or motorcycles.

Parishioners: If you ,or anyone you know is in the hospital, ill, injured, elderly. or would just like to receive a visit, a phone call, or they would like to receive home Communion, please let the church office know. We would love to minister to them. Church Office: 932-2124 or secretary@stmarksjonesboro.com

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.



Theology by the Pint- May 28, 2019 at 6:30pm at Lost Pizza Co.(906 Southwest Dr.)

Training for Worship Leaders- On Saturday June 1st at 10am there will be a brief training seminar for all Sunday morning worship leaders. This includes lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, acolytes and Eucharistic visitors. We'll discuss some of the fundamental and orienting values of each position and either license or re-license each person for their ministries. For those who can't make the training session on June 1st, another training session will be offered at the beginning of the school year (September 14th--also a Saturday). Our church depends on so many people to help lead worship and this is an opportunity to learn and grow in our ability to proclaim the gospel!

Large Printed Bulletins: If you are in need of a large print bulletin, there are some printed for the 10:00 am service, just ask our greeters.

Church Nursery If you or anyone you know would like to work in our church nursery, please contact the church office at 932-2124 Or email secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org

Nursery

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations of 341 pounds this week . **There is a need at the food pantry for canned beef ravioli cereal bars, granola bars, microwaveable mac-n-cheese, individual fruit cups,**



individual applesauce, cereal, peanut butter, and coffee. Also, as some of you will start traveling soon for vacation, please start saving **hotel size shampoo, lotion, etc. ,** this makes a great donation for Helping Neighbors. Thank you for all of the donations! We would like to thank Shane Odom of Unilever for their generous donations of personal care items and to Post cereal for their generous donations.



Two Saints Kitchen On May 18, 2019 Team #5 served 32 guest breakfast casserole, toast, fruit, and muffins, and 23 to go plates. Thank you to the ladies of Valley View Christian Church for providing dessert.

Two Saints Need- Marya Langford is in need of shelving to store and organize food that has been purchased from the food pantry for Two Saints. If you are able to donate shelving, please contact Marya at 870-530-5866 or mlangford@ricetec.com.



For Our Children *Reminder:* Please have your child bring a non perishable food item so the can participate and have an active role in the church's offering. All donations go to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

WEEKLY FINANCIALS

Last week # 19		Through 05/19/19	
Attendance	117		
Actual Offering	\$4,321.48	Actual Income	\$82,741.51
Needed for Budget	\$5,624.00	Budgeted	\$75,107.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$1,302.52	Surplus (Shortage)	\$7,634.51
Current Cash	\$32,561.25	Food Pantry	\$42.00
Loan Balance	\$134,143.41	Two Saints	\$97.50

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