



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 16, 2020**

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**8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.*

**THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP**

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**Welcome** to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are so 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.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children process out during the first hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace (under 30 minutes). Also we invite all children to bring a food donation during the offering each week.

**FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Children in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet from 6 p.m - 7 p.m. every Wednesday for snacks and fellowship, then split up by age. Youth in grades 7-12 meet every Sunday at 4:30pm.

### **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 9:30 am 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 office 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**

**SUNDAY** Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)  
EYC- 4:30pm  
Sung Compline Service at 6:30 p.m. Sundays (John Roberts Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY** \*Christian Ed 6-7pm

### **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 stand as the cross enters.*

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 **Happy are they who observe his decrees \***  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 **You laid down your commandments, \***  
**that we should fully keep them.**
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 **Then I should not be put to shame, \***  
**when I regard all your commandments.**
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 **I will keep your statutes; \***  
**do not utterly forsake me**

**SECOND LESSON** A Reading from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.” “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.” “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**The Rev. Karen Cherwin**

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and  
was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in  
accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the  
dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

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, and Jon, Katherine and Brandon, 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 AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

*The celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Celebrant 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 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.**

## **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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*People:* All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

*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.

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:

### SANCTUS

*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.

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 [all] for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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 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 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.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*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.

## **BLESSING**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light in the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

## **DISMISSAL**

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

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

## SAVE THE DATE

**February 16:** EYC will not meet today

**February 17:** 6:30pm Vestry Meeting

**February 22:** ECW Meeting 9:30am at Sue's Kitchen

**February 26:** Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7:00pm

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

2/17 Mike Cobb

2/17 Sarah Gore

2/17 Aylia Poston

2/17 Becky Wells

2/18 Stephanie Matthews

2/21 Gary Edward II

2/22 Bo Lindley

### Anniversaries

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Stewardship Corner:** Stewardship is not about fundraising. Stewardship is about mission - God's mission in the world, and our mission as followers of Jesus Christ. The vestry, along with the finance committee, are currently working on the budget for 2020. We would like for those who haven't yet pledged to consider doing so and return the pledge cards to the church office as soon as possible. If you haven't received a pledge card or need another please contact the church office or a vestry member. The vestry would also like to thank those who have already made a pledge commitment to St. Mark's.



**EYC** will be going to see the musical Newsies at The Forum on February 23 at 2:00.

**Adult Formation:** 9:00am Sunday Mornings in the Parish Hall

**Winterstar 2020** - This is the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas' annual Spring Retreat for youth in the 6th-12th grade. The weekend begins at [Camp Mitchell](#) on Friday March 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm with registration and ends Sunday, March 15th at 11:00am. The weekend includes games, music, worship services, hiking, sports, and hammocking.



**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry:** Thank you for your donations of 25 pounds this week.

**Ordination:**

Bishop Larry Benfield and the Diocese of Arkansas are pleased to announce the upcoming ordinations of

Laurie Bridewell, Emmanuel, Lake Village

Katherine Wren, St. Mark's, Jonesboro

Brandon Hudson, St. Thomas, Springdale

Murdock Jones, Christ Church, Little Rock

Teresa Cantrell, Good Shepherd, Forrest City

to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 11:00am

with a reception to follow.

Please join us.



**Altar  
Flowers**

**Altar Flowers for 2020** - If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one for 2020, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$35.00



**We want to encourage each of our Parishioners to have a more active role**

**with Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.** Bring a non perishable food item

with you to church on Sunday mornings and place it in the shopping cart when

you come in. *Canned items, instant oatmeal in individual packets,*

*granola/cereal bars, can soups, coffee, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and*

*cheese, individual applesauce and fruit cups, pasta, rice, pasta sauce,*

*shampoo, laundry detergent, bath soap, and magazines.* Helping Neighbors feeds many

many families and also feeds school age children on weekends when they cannot eat at

school, this is a great way for us to be involved in our community and be thankful for our

many blessings.

**For Diocesan Events:** Please check the weekly Mid- Week

announcements that are sent out via email every week. If you would

like to sign up, contact the office at [secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org](mailto:secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org) and Dana will sign

you up. This is a great way for you to keep updated on events at St. Mark's and the

Diocesan!



**For Our Children:** *Reminder:* Please have your child bring a non perishable food item so they can participate and have an active role in the church's offering. All donations go to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Also, if you would like to help provide non perishable food items for the children's offering, please let Rose Mary know. This is a great way to make sure that a child is not left out during the offering, in case they forget their food item at home.



**Two Saints Kitchen:** February 8, 2020 Team #3- This week 59 guests were ham & bean soup, french bread pizzas, fruit cocktail, bananas, and cookies.

### ST. MARK'S STAFF

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### ST. MARK'S VESTRY

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**WEEKLY FINANCIAL**

| Last week # 6      |              | 02/09/2020         |             |
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| Attendance         | 96           | Actual Income      | \$27,972.46 |
| Actual Offering    | \$6,556.80   | Actual Expenses    | \$23,552.62 |
| Needed for Budget  | \$5,179.00   | Surplus (Shortage) | \$4,419.84  |
| Surplus (Shortage) | \$1,377.80   |                    |             |
| Current Cash       | \$13,825.01  | Food Pantry        | \$80.00     |
| Loan Balance       | \$127,547.45 | Two Saints         | \$500.00    |

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



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