



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14 , 2021

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.

REV. KATHERINE WREN, CELEBRANT
THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP

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THE WORD OF GOD

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said,

“Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-6 *Deus deorum*



- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has /spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its /setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its /beauty, *
God reveals himself in /glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep /silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging /storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from a/bove *
to witness the judgment of his /people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal /followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with /sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his /cause; *
for God himself is /judge.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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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

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 Brandon, our seminarian; 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.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to 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.**

Officiant: The Rev. Katherine Wren

Musicians: Rhonda Dauer, Crystal Kachevas, Zachary Lynn, Joy Sanford, Taylor Watkins, and Jacqueline Young

Lector: Steve Replogle



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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Mike Cobb

Sarah Gore

Aylia Poston

Becky Wells

Christopher Russell

Kay Faulkner

Rebecca Penley

Stephanie Matthews

Anniversaries

ANNOUNCEMENTS



If anyone from Northeast Arkansas with a birthdate before February 11, 1951 would like a Covid vaccine, they may schedule one by calling 207-7302 or 351-7171 or on-line at stbernards.info/covid-vaccine. There is no charge.

Two Saints' Kitchen



Two Saints Kitchen: Last week: February 6, 2021. Team 5 served 48 meals to- go. They served sandwiches, chips, fruit , dessert , and bottled water. .

The remainder was picked up by Breaking Bonds of Jonesboro.

A total of 88 meals were served.

We thank Kroger for their donations.

Please let people know that we serve lunch every Saturday at Two Saints' Kitchen.



Two Saints' Kitchen is still serving the community during the pandemic: Two Saints Kitchen has had to change the way that they serve meals on Saturdays during the pandemic, they now serve food to go from the wrought iron gates. This has presented some challenges and new needs for them. Richard Owens has communicated with the church on some items that you could give and will help out. Dana has

set up a box marked Two Saints immediately to your left when you enter the church from the double red doors, there is also a box on the island in the church kitchen. A mask is required to enter the building.

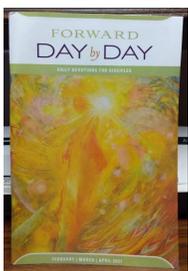
Items for donation: plastic grocery sacks, bottled water, variety packs of individual chips, knife/fork/spoon packs (the kind found in take out meals is great) , all purpose spray cleaners, liquid dish soap, dishwasher tabs, dish scrubbers with handles, paper towels, extra large black trash bags, paper napkins, take out containers with lids, plastic gloves for food service, ziploc sandwich bags, and hand sanitizer.

To those of you that have responded to the announcement that Perry Moses put on his FaceBook page, thank you! Remember, Two Saints' Kitchen serves every week, so we do go through items quickly.

Your donation will always be much appreciated! You may also make a monetary donation to Two Saints Kitchen. Make a memo on your check or make a note if you give through Tithely . Two Saints' is honored to help provide food to so many during this time and we are grateful to Kroger for providing food to our program. Volunteers are always needed: email the church and we will find you a spot at Two Saints' Kitchen! - Thank you, Richard Owens, Two Saints' Co- Director



All Kroger Shoppers : Donating to Two Saints' Kitchen Inc. through your Kroger App. cost you nothing! Kroger donates to an organization of your choice, through their Community Rewards program. If you have a Kroger card and use the app or have an account please add our Two Saints' Kitchen to your Community Rewards Program. From the home page go to the three lines at the upper left of the page and select Rewards and then select Community Rewards. Type In Two Saints' Kitchen Inc . Each quarter of the year, Kroger will send this program a donation check. This does not cost you money, and it does not impact your Kroger Points, but it does help our program feed people who are food insecure. Every little bit helps! Also, pass on this information to your friends and family!



Forward Day by Day devotionals for Feb. March and April 2021 are now available. You may pick one up from the basket on the table immediately to the left when you enter through the double red doors. You may leave your \$1.00 donation in the basket.



Helping Neighbors:

We can always use volunteers! We open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. We are in need of relief people for the scales, a card person on Thursday afternoon and runners every day as well as people to go out to the cars and fill out the service slips . If you can volunteer text Gary Latanich at 870-926-5476. Thank you.

FYI Prayer List and Announcements : All through these past months our own chapter of Daughters of the King has continued to pray for St. Mark's, and for those who are on our prayer list. If you have someone that you would like to add to our church prayer list, you may contact Dana at secretary@stmarksjonesboro.org and she will be happy to add your prayer request to our list. Also, if you would like to include an announcement or a praise in the weekly announcements, you may email Dana and she will post your announcement.

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