

Third Sunday after Epiphany



“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.” ~ *Mark 1:15*

January 21, 2024 at 10AM



ST. JOHN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Celebrating faith, sharing community



Welcome to St. John!

This service bulletin will guide your participation in our worship service. You may also follow along in the (red) Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355.

We say together the text in **bold**.

Our liturgy welcomes people of all ages. For those who desire it, the **Nursery** is open and staffed by our professional team. An Usher can direct you to the location.

Hearing devices are available at the ushers' table. An usher will be happy to assist you.

The Sundays between Epiphany (Jan. 6) and Lent (Feb. 14) represent a season of increasing interest, understanding, and communal response to the light and life that Jesus brings. Now that God's living presence has become Incarnate in our midst, we begin to see the world and ourselves in a new Light. We soon learn, this Light also beckons a response.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude *Organ Sonata in D, mvmt. 1*

C. P. E. Bach

Announcements

Processional *Please stand* O Zion, haste

Hymn 539

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to that tell to all the world that God is Light;
give God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
make known to wealth to speed them on their way;
ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901).

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Gloria S277

Hurd

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Every service of the **Eucharist, or Mass**, is divided into two sections: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of Holy Communion. The first section borrows from Jewish synagogue patterns of readings, teaching & prayer. The second section is a gathering – a literal a “re-remembering” – of the Body of Christ around the table of Christ as we celebrate the Last Supper. Jesus instructed us to, “do this in remembrance of me” (Lk 22:19).

This opening prayer, or **Collect**, is meant to gather themes from the current season, scripture readings, or experiences of our lives, and to incorporate all of them into our journey toward Eucharistic fellowship with God.

Today's **First Reading** tells of Jonah's grudging obedience to God's *second* call to go and prophesy. Nineveh's military aggression and spiritual depravity are the source of Jonah's resistance. He cannot believe that God would forgive such wicked enemies, yet the serious message underlying Jonah's humorous story is God's stunning offer of forgiveness to all – from the sinister Ninevites to self-righteous Jonah.

Today's **Psalm** is a grateful response to God's aid in a time of trouble. God's people are encouraged not to trust in status or wealth, but rather God's steadfast love and justice for all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:6-14

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



For God alone my soul in silence **waits**; *
truly, my hope is in **him**.

He alone is my rock and my **salvation**, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be **shaken**.

For God alone my soul in silence **waits**; *
truly, my hope is in **him**.
He alone is my rock and my **salvation**, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be **shaken**.
In God is my safety and my **honor**; *
God is my strong rock and my **refuge**.
Put your trust in him always, O **people**, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our **refuge**.
Those of high degree are but a fleeting **breath**, *
even those of low estate cannot be **trusted**.
On the scales they are lighter than a **breath**, *
all of them **together**.
Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty **pride**; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart **upon it**.
God has spoken once, twice have I **heard it**, *
that power belongs to **God**.
Steadfast love is yours, O **Lord**, *
for you repay everyone according to his **deeds**.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Today's **Second Reading** falls within Paul's longer response to a question about marriage. In the ancient world, marriage was primarily focused on the continuation of the family, which Paul believed would soon become irrelevant in light of the new age that had dawned with Jesus.

The absolute directives in these verses are not meant to be normative rules for all of life. They do, however, introduce a healthy Christian perspective for contemporary life. Christians in every age cannot behave as if there is no future age with Christ.

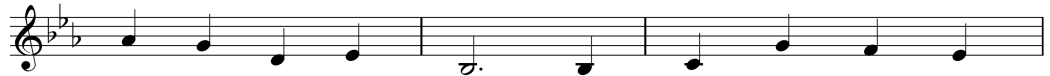
Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Hymn 653

Please stand



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

Today's **Gospel** recounts the beginning of Jesus' ministry, proclaiming the good news that the "kingdom of God has come near." In other words, God's promised rule over creation is now coming to fruition.

The appropriate response to the arrival of God's kingdom is conversion, or repentance. In the underlying Greek and Hebrew languages, repentance is less about feeling sorry and more about the act of turning around. It entails a full-scale reorientation to the reality of God's announcement.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark +

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in

their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Eric Hillegas

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

BCP 358

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 III

Please stand or kneel

BCP 387

O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; Eric our Rector; and Martha, our Deacon;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joseph our President, Josh our Governor, and all our local officials;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Julie, Austin, Jeanine, Rich, Dan, Randy, Dave, Alex, Bill, Beverly, Elaine, Greg, Steve, Tim, Bud, Vickie, Barb, Larry, MaryEllen, Ryan, Steve, Susan, Kathy, Donna, Marilyn, Kathy, Adrienne, Kevin, Gerald, Sue, Lea, Gordon, Alvina, and Milton.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Richard, Reid, Salinda, William and Patricia.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

Pause for petitions from the People.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin *Please kneel or stand*

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Absolution

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*
The Presentation of Eucharistic Elements

Shepherd

What star is this?

Hymn 124

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902.

The word **Eucharist** is a Greek term for “thanksgiving.” This is the family meal of the Church. We thank the Father for sending the Son to heal and to reconcile a broken world.

The prayer begins with the opening dialogue, the **sursum corda** (“Lift up your hearts...”).

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

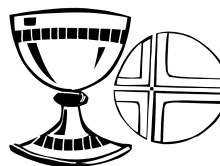
People **And also with you.**

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 God thanks and praise.**



Sanctus, Benedictus

This proclamation includes two songs of praise. “Holy, Holy, Holy” is the song of angels surrounding God’s throne (Rev. 4:8). “Hosanna!” is the song of pilgrims who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Matt. 21:9). We join with both the angels of heaven and all those looking for God’s deliverance in our world.

Bread and wine are offered in remembrance of the Last Supper in which Jesus took bread and wine and gave to his disciples, instructing them to “do this in remembrance of me.”

At the **altar** we offer ourselves to God, allowing ourselves to be broken & shared, like bread and wine, for the world. Finally, we receive the bread & wine – the Body & Blood of Christ – our spiritual food & drink, which unites us to Christ and his risen life.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in the courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S124

Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please stand or kneel

The Celebrant continues with a summoning the Holy Spirit and Jesus' Words of Institution at the Last Supper, until:

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues with prayers of preparation, concluding with the following petition for unity:

Celebrant Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name:

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei S161

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion and Godly Play

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Ushers will invite each row. Please notify an usher to receive Communion at your pew. Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians. Please come to the altar rail when invited; either kneel or stand. To receive the **bread** place one hand cupped on top of the other with palms facing up. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. **Wine** may be received either from the common chalice or from a tray of individual cups which follows the chalice. **Children** are invited to receive Communion first, or a blessing if not yet receiving Communion, and then dismiss to Godly Play.*

Communion Music

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Gladden/Smith

Ablutions *My God, thy table now is spread*

Hymn 321

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

*The response is: **Amen.***

Recessional *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

Hymn 530

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,
1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Organ Sonata in D, mvmt. 3*

C. P. E. Bach

**The flowers on the High Altar are given to the
glory of God and in loving memory and celebration of:
Richard, Reid, Salinda, William, and Patricia.**



Parish Prayer List

Please Pray For: Julie, Austin, Jeanine, Rich, Dan, Randy, Dave, Alex, Bill, Beverly, Elaine, Greg, Steve, Tim, Bud, Vickie, Barb, Larry, MaryEllen, Ryan, Steve, Susan, Kathy, Donna, Marilyn, Kathy, Adrienne, Kevin, Gerald, Sue, Lea, Gordon, Alvina, and Milton.

The Departed: Richard J. Corcoran, Reid Evans Menzer, Salinda Heisler, William Arnold Sands, and Patricia S. Kehr.

Birthdays: Peggy Ruth (1/21), Penny Hillegas (1/23), Mark Hennessy (1/24), and Scout Miller (1/25).

Worship Schedule This Week

Wednesday, 10AM: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 8AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite I; **10AM:** Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Announcements

Adult Forum continues next Sunday at 9am in the Chapel. Ivan Ruiz-Swartz continues a series entitled: Living the Spirit-Filled Life.

1/28 – Christianity and being countercultural

2/04 – Being radically open to the presence of God.

The **Annual Business Meeting of the Parish** will take place after the 10AM Eucharist **next Sunday, January 28th**. The Annual Meeting is an important opportunity to focus on our spiritual life, financial operations and parish property. We will also hold annual elections for Parish Leadership.

2023 Leadership Nominations

Vestry: Mike Dellinger, Megan Dietz, Scott Hamilton, Brian Hershner, and Claudia Parks.

Nominating Committee: Bill Ariail, Lynn Conant, and Carolyn Warman.

Delegates for Diocesan Convention: Daniel Blakemore, Wanda Blakemore, Dorothy Kennedy, and Charlie Marino. Alternate: Felicia Marino.

Nourishing Soul and Body: Please join us on **Tuesday, January 30, at 6PM** for an evening of prayer and fellowship, including a potluck dinner, a brief presentation on a spiritual topic and open conversation and Evening Prayer.



The Rev. Eric Hillegas, Rector
The Rev. Martha Ambrose, Deacon
Mr. Rodney Barnett, Organist and Choir Director

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that welcomes all people to celebrate
God's presence in today's world.

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