

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2017 — LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.*

**GATHERING MUSIC** *Romance* Leoš Janáček

*Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMNAL # 117** *Brightest and Best* MORNING STAR

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** *said by all*

*All* 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.**

**BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE (CANTICLE 13)** John Rutter

*The music is found at S 236 in the front section of the hymnal.*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers:  
 you are worthy of praise, glory to you.  
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple,  
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
 Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.** *Please be seated after the Collect.*

**FIRST READING** **Exodus 24: 12-18** *(pew Bible, pp. 69-70)*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 2** *sung by all*

Robert Knox Kennedy



*Choir* 1 Why are the nations in an / uproar? \*

Why do the peoples mutter empty / threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
 and the princes plot to- / gether, \*  
 against the LORD and against his A- / noointed?

*All* 3 "Let us break their yoke," they / say; \*

"let us cast off their bonds from / us."

4 He whose throne is in heaven is / laughing; \*  
 the Lord has them in de- / rision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his / wrath, \*  
 and his rage fills them with / terror.

6 "I myself have set my / king \*  
 upon my holy hill of / Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the / LORD: \*  
 he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I be- / gotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in- / heritance \*  
 and the ends of the earth for your pos- / session.

9 You shall crush them with an iron / rod \*  
 and shatter them like a piece of / pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be / wise; \*  
 be warned, you rulers of the / earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with / fear, \*  
 and with trembling bow be- / fore him;

12 Lest he be angry and you / perish; \*  
 for his wrath is quickly / kindled.

*(second half)* 13 Happy are they / all \* who take refuge in / him!

**SECOND READING** **2 Peter 1: 16-21** *(pew Bible, p. 1109)*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand, as able, for the Alleluia verse and Gospel.*

**Antiphon**

*Cantor, then All*



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 17: 1-9** *(pew Bible, p. 896)*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*A period of silence is observed following the sermon.*

*Please stand, if able.*

**NICENE CREED** Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Gracious God:

*All* **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *(Collect for St. John's)*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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 our selves. 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please stand, if able.*

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

WELCOME

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM Light Everlasting Olaf Christiansen
O light everlasting, O love never failing, illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee. May we from thy Spirit receive inspiration, that brethren together thy wisdom may see. Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation, and help us, O Father, thy temple to be.

PRESENTATION sung by all, standing if able MORNING STAR
Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would his favor secure; Richer by far is the heart's adoration, Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 367.

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.
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS sung by all David Hurd
Musical notation for Sanctus and Benedictus with lyrics: 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.

Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

Celebrant 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 you Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. ...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant 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.... 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.

People AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Antiphon: Cantor; then All
Musical notation for the antiphon with lyrics: Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

- SOLO Largo from Concerto in G minor J. S. Bach
HYMNAL # 137 O Wondrous Type! WAREHAM
HYMNAL # 134 O Light of Light JESU DULCIS MEMORIA
HYMNAL # 129 Christ Upon the Mountain Peak MOWSLEY
HYMNAL # 118 Brightest and Best STAR OF THE EAST

SENDING FORTH OUR EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS (as applicable)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER said by all, kneeling or standing

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.

Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL # 461 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ALLELUIA

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Alleluyas Simon Preston

You are invited to listen to the voluntary in the choir stalls.

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TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Chase, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Ben, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Ann, and those you would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Mary W. & Paul K. Pinkerton; Frederick Wigginton.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

- CELEBRANT The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
ASSISTING PRIEST The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
PREACHER The Reverend Barbara Mraz
ADULT CHOIR Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist
SOLOIST John MacBain, Violin
ALTAR GUILD Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey, Colleen Swope
ACOLYTES Caroline Krall, Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall
READERS Judy Southwick, John Graham
VERGER Eli Weinkauf
USHERS Terri Fishel, Barbara Lindeke, John MacBain, Shirley Sailors
GREETERS Lea Anne Schmidt, Ella Slade, Don Weinkauf
COFFEE HOUR Laura O'Brien Smith

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