SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JANUARY 29, 2017 — FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 AM.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC Epiphany Alleluia John Weaver

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 #477 All Praise to Thee ENGLBERG

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 § 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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both
in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of
your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated after the Collect.

FIRST READING Micah 6: 1-8 (pew Bible, p. 850)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 sung by all Robert Knox Kennedy

Choir 1 LORD, who may dwell in your / tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy / hill?
2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is / right, *
who speaks the truth from his / heart.

All 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his / friend; *
his neighbor.
4 In his sight the wicked is re- / jected, *
but he honors those who fear the / LORD.
5 He has sworn to do no / wrong *
and does not take back his / word.
6 He does not give his money in hope of / gain, *
and does not heap contempt upon his / neighbor.

(second half) 7 Whoever does these / things *
shall never be over- / thrown. (slow at end)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (pew Bible, p. 1040)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 1-12 (pew Bible, p. 882)

Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GRACE Blessing the People, according to the pew Bible, p. 53.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED Book of Common Prayer, p. 358 standing, if able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE standing or kneeling

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.
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 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 be seated.

Those serving on the Stewardship Commission are invited forward.

THE COMMISSIONING

Celebrant Let us pray.
People There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit,
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God
who inspires them all in everyone.

Celebrant Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly;
People Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Celebrant Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord,
to call forth the generosity of your people; and grant that they may be
so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory, they may
minister your Word with steadfast devotion, through Christ our Savior.

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.

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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 your 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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMNAL #441 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
HYMNAL #656 Blest Are the Pure in Heart
HYMNAL #542 Christ Is the World’s True Light
HYMNAL #554 ‘Tis the Gift To Be Simple

SENDING FORTH OUR EUCHARISTIC 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.