

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JANUARY 29, 2017 — FOURTH 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 *Epiphany Alleluias* 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* ENGELBERG

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 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; *
he does not heap contempt upon 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, ***
nor does he take a bribe against the / innocent.

(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.**

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



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

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

Gospeller 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.
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 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.**

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.

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 *Out of the Orient* Richard Zgodava

Out of the Orient crystal skies a blazing star did shine,
Showing the place where poorly lies a blessed babe divine.
This shining star three kings did guide even from the farthest east
To Bethlehem where it betide this blessed bab did rest.
He was born of a maid of royal blood who Mary was called by name,
A sacred rose which once did bud by grace of heav'nly flame.
And for the joy of his great birth a thousand angels sing,
Glory and peace unto the earth, where born is this heav'nly King. Alleluia.
(English, ca. 1610)

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

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

- HYMNAL #441** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN
- HYMNAL #656** *Blest Are the Pure in Heart* FRANCONIA
- HYMNAL #542** *Christ Is the World's True Light* ST. JOAN
- HYMNAL #554** *'Tis the Gift To Be Simple* SIMPLE GIFTS

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 #616 *Hail To the Lord's Anointed* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

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 *Epiphany Lights* Calvin Hampton

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, Burt, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Mary Ellen, Fred, Ben, Marsha, Ellen, John, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Mildred, Ann, and those you would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Nathaniel P & Theodosia Langford, Nathaniel P & Mildred Milton Langford, Joseph & Louise Milton, Ted Lottsfeldt, Phyllis & Allen Acosta.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

- CELEBRANT** *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*
- ASSISTING PRIEST** *The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller*
- PREACHER** *Mary Parmer*
- DEACON** *The Reverend Margaret Thor*
- ADULT CHOIR** *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist*
- PERCUSSIONIST** *Kevin Wall*
- ACOLYTES** *Madeline Jacobs, Tessa Johnson, Maren Johnson, Thea Bischof*
- READERS** *Cammie Beattie, Chris Howie*
- VERGER** *Carole Selin*
- USHERS & GREETERS** *Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff, Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Jennifer & Peter Rosendale, Sally Sand*
- COFFEE HOUR** *Annual Meeting*

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