THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

JANUARY 19, 2020
10:00 AM
WELCOME

Thank you for coming to St. John’s to worship this morning. We believe everyone who passes through our doors is a blessing from God. We’re glad you’re here.

Below are answers to some of the questions you might have about St. John’s. If you don’t see the information you need, please ask an usher and we’ll help you out!

First time at St. John’s? Introduce yourself to any of the clergy or a greeter after worship. We would love to meet you! Interested in more information about our music program or ministries? We’d be glad to connect you with someone. Fill out the welcome book at the back of the church, or fill out a visitor card found in the pew rack, and then place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. We’ll drop off some bread to thank you for visiting!

Assistive Devices: Everyone needs a little help sometimes. Large-print Bibles and hearing-assist devices are available at the back of the church. Just ask an usher!

Communion: All are invited to take Communion, no matter your age or religious background. The loaf is gluten-free. If, due to mobility issues, you cannot walk to the altar rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought down to you.

Children: We welcome everyone, including children of all ages, to participate in all our worship services and to take Communion.
  - In the back of the church, there is a rocking chair and a soft space where children can sit and play on the floor. There are also “Busy Bags” with activities for kids to take into the pews.
  - If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service over the speakers in the lower level below the worship space.
  - At the 10am service, parents can also choose to use the nursery, on the lower level below the worship space, for children up to age 4.

Godly Play: Most Sundays we offer Godly Play (children’s Sunday school) during the 10am service. Children may join the procession down to their classrooms during the Opening Hymn. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an Usher or Greeter and they will point you in the right direction.

Coffee Hour: After 10am worship, come share treats and beverages in the gymnasium.

Restrooms: Located on the lower level down any set of stairs. We also have an elevator and handicap-accessible restrooms on the lower level—ask an usher for directions.

Electronics: Please silence your cell phone and refrain from using flash cameras during the worship service. Thank you!
Responses in **bold** are spoken by everyone.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the **black book** in the pews.

Hymns can be found in the **blue hymnal** in the pew rack. Hymn numbers that start with “S” come from the front section of the hymnal.

You can simply listen to the Scripture readings, or follow along in the **red pew Bible** on the given page number.

You can always remain seated if you are not comfortable standing or kneeling.

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**About today’s Worship: Seeing, Noticing, and Welcoming God in Epiphany Season**

Beginning at sundown on January 5 (Twelfth Night), the Christmas Season ends and the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6) focuses our hearts and minds on the Magi who followed the Star to Bethlehem and visited the Christ child bearing precious gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. The Season after the Epiphany celebrates the various ways God is made known to us through the life, teachings, miracles, and ministry of Jesus Christ. The Season after the Epiphany ends on Shrove Tuesday.

**Liturgical Color:** For the Feasts of the Epiphany of Our Lord, the Baptism of Our Lord, the Presentation of Our Lord, and the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the White, Gold, and Festal Coronation embroidery symbolize the majesty, glory, and splendor of God revealed in the fully human and fully divine Christ. On Sundays that are not feast days, the color green reminds us of the renewal of our Baptismal promises as we continue growing together in worship, service, and fellowship.

If you have any questions about liturgies at St. John’s, please email our Associate Rector at craig.lemming@stjohnsstpaul.org

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**

*Grazioso*  
G.P. Telemann

**Hymn #401**  
The God of Abraham Praise  
Leoni

**Opening Acclamation and Response**

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

*People*  
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.
COLLECT FOR PURITY                                          BCP, p. 355

SONG OF PRAISE                                             Hymnal S280

THE 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, worshipped, 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.

FIRST READING       Isaiah 49:1-7                                      Pew Bible, p. 665
Reader             The Word of the Lord.
People             Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-12          Please join the choir, as indicated in bold.
1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come."

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,
SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN #439 What wondrous love is this

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Barbara Mraz, Writer in Residence

Musical Meditation “Blessed Assurance”

Nicholas Swanson, soloist

NICENE CREED said by all, standing as you are able

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader Christ, Redeemer of the World,
All We walk with you.

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. — The 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All  Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People  And also with you.

WELCOME  The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, Rector

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

ANTHEM  Behold the tabernacle of God  William Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And the Spirit of God dwelleth within you.
For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple
With a season of festivity. Alleluia.
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty…

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 AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all…

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Celebrant  We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts…

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People  Amen.

The 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

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant  Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People  Therefore let us keep the feast.

Distribution

All are welcome at the Lord’s table. You may kneel or stand to receive communion. The common loaf is gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms. There is a standing station to receive Holy Communion.
ANTHEM

“Lamb of God, Most Holy” Cathy Moklebust, arr.

_The St. John’s Handbell Ensemble_
Haley Olson, Director

Hymn #324
Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

Sending forth Eucharistic Visitors (as applicable)

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we 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

standing or kneeling, as is your custom

All 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.

Hymn #381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Ton-y-botel

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now our service begins. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in C, BWV 531

J.S. Bach
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Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the lives of:
Debbie Pilacinski, Tom Woelfel, Bert Smith; Phyllis & Edward C. Brown

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