

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

10:00 AM



ST. JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE	Two Hymn Preludes	Healey Willan
HYMN #410	Praise, my soul, the king of heaven	<i>Lauda Anima</i>

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

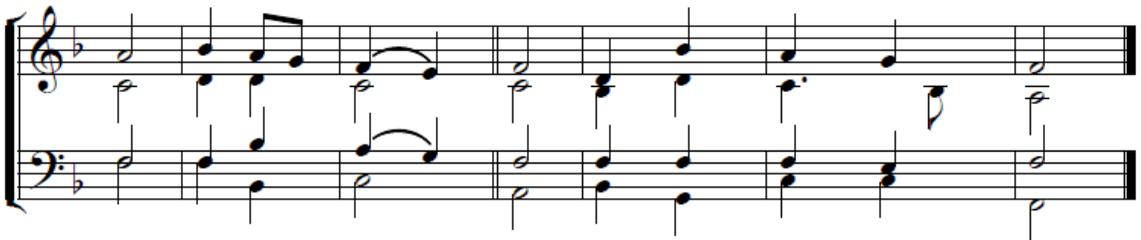
FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible, pp. 185-186

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8 *The congregation is invited to join the choir as indicated in bold.*



1. Happy are those whose | way is | blameless, *
who | walk • in the | law • of the | LORD!
2. **Happy are they who ob- | serve his | decrees ***
and | seek him • with | all their | hearts!

3. Who never do | any | wrong, *
but always | walk | in his | ways.
4. You laid down | your com- | mandments, *
that | we should | fully | keep them.
5. Oh, that my ways were made | so di- | rect *
That | I might | keep your | statutes.
6. Then I should not be | put to | shame, *
when I re- | gard all | your com- | mandments.
7. I will thank you with an | unfeigned | heart, *
when I have | learned your | righteous | judgments.
8. I will | keep your | statutes; *
do not | utter- | ly for- | sake me.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 *Pew Bible, p. 1041*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #660 O Master, let me walk with thee *Maryton*

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

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

GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-37 *Pew Bible, pp. 882-83*

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Writer in Residence*

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 God of Compassion,
All **Enlighten our hearts.**

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 our Lord 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. Craig Lemming, *Associate Rector*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

ANTHEM Holy God, We Praise Thy Name John Ferguson, arr.

Te Deum laudamus: te dominum confitemur.

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee.
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train, join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set the sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit three we name thee,
While in essence only one; Undivided God we claim thee.
And, adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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

BCP, p. 362

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

Hymnal S127

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

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.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Colin Mawby, arr.



Sing to the Lord new songs, songs of peace and love, songs of joy,
songs of hope, songs of joy and hope,
songs, songs of peace, songs of hope.

HANDBELL MEDITATION There is a balm in Gilead

The St. John's Handbell Ensemble

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.**

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.**

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Celebrant	The Reverend Craig Lemming
Preacher	The Reverend Barbara Mraz
Deacon	The Reverend Margaret Thor
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Music Assistant	Haley Olson
Altar Guild	Terri Fishel, Nan Lightner, Gwen Odney, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson
Acolytes	Thea Bischof, Mugeegbaykola & Hawah Sharon Koroma
Readers	Paige Hagstrom, Keith Davis
Vergers	Jayan Koshy
Ushers	Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard, Gary & Paige Hagstrom
Greeters	Jeff & Peggy Olsen
Coffee Hour	Colleen & Charles Swope

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the lives of:

Nathaniel P. & Theodosia Langford, Nathaniel P. & Mildred Milton Langford,
Joseph & Louise Milton, Ted Lottsfeldt

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