

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

FEBRUARY 23, 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 *Nimrod* from Enigma Variations Edward Elgar

HYMN #137 O wondrous type! O vision fair *Wareham*

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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible, pp. 69-70

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 *Please join the choir, as indicated in bold. The verses in italics will be sung by those on the pulpit side. The final verse is sung by all.*



1. The LORD is King; let the | people | tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the | cheru- • bim; | let the • earth | shake.

2. The LORD is | great in | Zion; *
he is | high a- | bove all | peoples.

3. Let them confess his | Name, • which is | great and | awesome; *
he is | high a- | bove all | peoples.

4. "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have est- / ablished / equity; *
you have executed justice and / righteous- / ness in / Jacob."

5. Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down be- | fore his |
footstool; *
he | is the | Holy | One.

6. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call up- / on
his / Name, *

they called upon the | LORD, | and he | answered them.

7. He spoke to them out of the | pillar • of | cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the de- | cree | that he | gave them

8. "O LORD our God, you answered / them in- / deed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them / for their / evil / deeds.

9. Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his | holy |
hill; *
for the LORD our | God | is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

Pew Bible, pp. 1109-1110

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #530

Spread, o spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible, p. 896

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

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 Anointed One,
All **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. — *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. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

ANTHEM

I was glad when they said unto me
(text from Psalm 122)

C.H.H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem is builded as a city: That is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls: And plenteousness within thy palaces.

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.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

Laudate Dominum

Musical score for 'Laudate Dominum' in 3/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics: 'Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' and includes first and second endings, with a 'D.C.' (Da Capo) instruction at the end.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

HYMN #337

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Unde et memores

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 #400

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

SENDING FORTH OF KEVIN & MATT SEITZ-PAQUETTE

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

Processional

William Mathias

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Celebrant	The Reverend Craig Lemming
Preacher	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Deacon	The Reverend Margaret Thor
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Altar Guild	Diane Power, Sue MacIntosh, Ginnie Schauss, Sarah K. Smith
Acolytes	Maggie Baxter, Charlie Docherty, Sabine Krall & Elliot Wall
Readers	John Graham, Kevin Seitz-Paquette
Verger	Theodora Bischof
Ushers	Shirley Sailors, Gary & Paige Hagstrom, Lynn Hertz
Greeters	Eric Odney, Otto Paier
Coffee Hour	Brad & Laura Smith

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the life of Norma Thor.

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