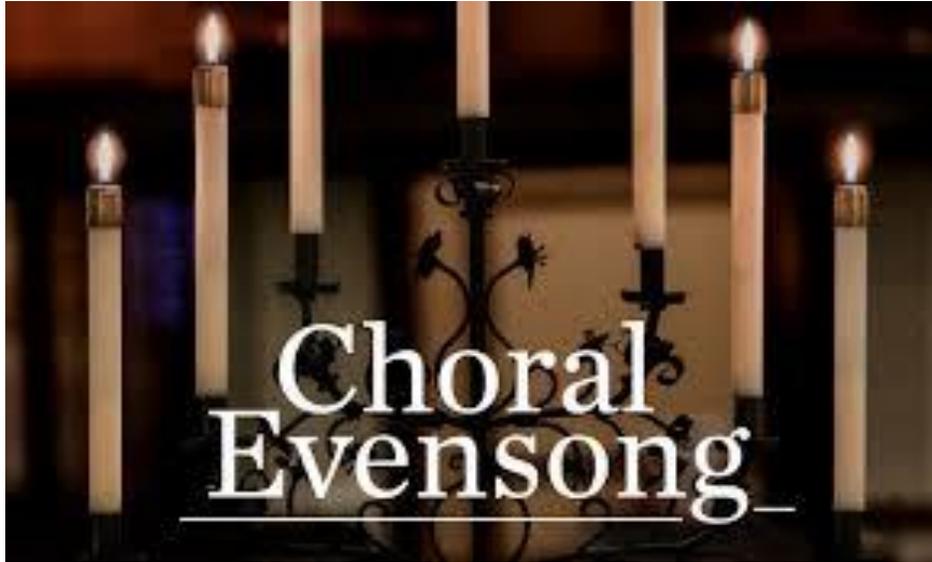


Welcome to St. John's Church



The Last Sunday After The Epiphany

February 27, 2022

4:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO HYBRID WORSHIP

The health and safety of the most vulnerable in our congregation and community remains the highest concern to St. John's. Remember that many in our communities are not vaccinated; most of those under 5 years old, those who are immuno-compromised, and those who have chosen not to be fully vaccinated for other reasons. While many are now vaccinated, remember that a percentage of those vaccinated can contract the corona virus, and while their symptoms may be milder, they can also spread the virus to loved ones and friends back home. We have not quite yet reached herd immunity as a nation. So please remain vigilant in safety protocols, mindful of the risk in our community, masked indoors, social distancing and getting fully vaccinated if possible. And be assured that we will continue to 'live stream' our worship to both our St. John's YouTube Page and our St. John's Facebook page.

EVENSONG

In accordance with the guidelines of the CDC and the CT Department of Health for areas with 'substantial' or 'high' risk of infection, St. John's asks everyone to wear masks inside the church, whether vaccinated or not.

Choral Prelude *Resplenduit facies ejus* Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Translation: "His face shone like the sun, and his clothes likewise became as white as snow. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, speaking with Jesus."

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Processional Hymn # 29 *O Trinity Of Blessèd Light*

- 1 O Trinity of blessèd light,
O Unity of princely might,
the fiery sun now goes his way;
shed thou within our hearts thy ray.*
- 2 To thee our morning song of praise,
to thee our evening prayer we raise;
O grant us with thy saints on high
to praise thee through eternity.*
- 3 To God the Father, heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Preces & Responses

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Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir *And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.*

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Officiant and Choir

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said

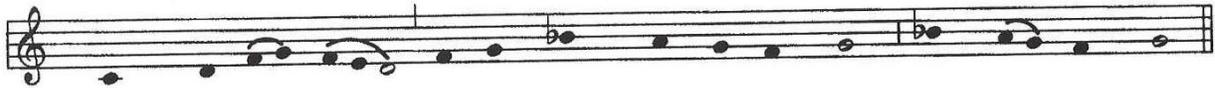
Hymn # 26 *Phos Hilaron*

- 1 *O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.*
- 2 *Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God
who dwells in the eternal light.*
- 3 *Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.*

The congregation may be seated for the Psalm

Psalm # 114, 115

On other Sundays and Weekdays



Trem - ble, O earth, at the pres - ence of the Lord, hal - le - lu - jah.

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

12 The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, *
both small and great together.

14 May the Lord increase you more and more, *
you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the Lord's, *
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the Lord, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

The Lessons

INTRODUCTION: This reading from Book of Sirach (often known in the Church as Ecclesiasticus) recounts the great deeds of the prophet Elijah.

A Reading from the Book of Sirach (48:1-11)

Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire, and his word burned like a torch. He brought a famine upon them, and by his zeal he made them few in number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens, and also three times brought down fire. How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds! Whose glory is equal to yours? You raised a corpse from death and from Hades, by the word of the Most High. You sent kings down to destruction, and famous men, from their sickbeds. You heard rebuke at Sinai and judgments of vengeance at Horeb. You anointed kings to inflict retribution, and prophets to succeed you. You were taken up by a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with horses of fire. At the appointed time, it is written, you are destined to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Happy are those who saw you and were adorned with your love! For we also shall surely live.

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

My soul doth magnify the Lord.
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded:
 the lowliness of his handmaiden:
For behold, from henceforth:
 all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
 and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
 throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

INTRODUCTION: The second reading is the story of the Confession of St. Peter at Caesarea Philippi.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (9:18-27)

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God." He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of

Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis* T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
 according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

The Prayers

The Officiant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

*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.*

The Suffrages

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V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

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. *Amen.*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem

God Be in My Head

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*An offering for the St. John's Music Program will be taken during this anthem,
please be generous in your support*

Final Prayers

said by the priest at the High Altar

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

Final Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn # 24

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

- 1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*
- 2 We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.*
- 3 As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.*
- 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.*

Organ Postlude:

Eventide Variations (Improvisation)

The flowers on the High Altar today are given to the Glory of God

Worship Ministers Today:

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Tom Brand, *Organist & Choir Master*

Laura Daly, *Reader*

Joseph Claro, *Veejay (VJ)*

Susie Magee, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

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