



Welcome to St. John's Church



The Feast Of The Holy Name

January 1, 2023

10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God
and the Celebration of the Holy Communion*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

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

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our opening reading, Moses, by God's command, instructs those set aside for priestly ministry to bless the people of Israel, putting God's own name upon them.

A Reading from the Book of Numbers (6:22-27)

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the

LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 8:

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!*
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.*
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.*
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,*
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?*
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;*
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:*
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,*
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.*
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!*

INTRODUCTION: In this reading, St. Paul declares that God sent his own Son, born under the law, to redeem those under the law and to give them a new status as children of God.

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: The Gospel reading this morning tells the story of the birth of Jesus, and his circumcision on the eighth day.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:15-21)

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

The Nicene Creed

*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.*

The Prayers of the People

Plant within our hearts, O Lord, the love of our Savior, as we lift our voices in prayer, responding to each petition by saying, "Holy is your Name."

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the Prayers of the People

+ O Key of David, unlock our greed and love of material goods, that we may be generous to the hungry, poor, unemployed, and homeless; for this we pray.

Holy is your Name.

+ O Emmanuel, God with us, visit us in the dark season of the year, revealing your everlasting light, and making us beacons of your grace and integrity in the world about us; for this we pray.

Holy is your Name.

+ O Prince of Peace, send your Spirit upon the face of the earth, changing weapons of war into resources for peace, revealing the gift of new life when hope has dimmed, and uniting peoples of every language, race, nation, and tribe; for this we pray.

Holy is your Name.

+ O Savior of the world, reach down from your heavenly throne and grasp our imaginations, that we may bring freshness and vitality to age-old problems, revealing to others the reality of your kingdom; for this we pray.

Holy is your Name.

+ O Root of Jesse, help us to honor the traditions of our Church and nation, learning from the past to welcome the future with openness and expectancy; for this we pray.

Holy is your Name.

+ O Giver of life, reveal your eternal promises to those who have died as followers of Jesus, and look with compassion upon those whose faith is unknown or uncertain; for this we pray.

Holy is your Name.

+ O Cup of Salvation, we thank you for this Eucharistic Meal which we share this day; may the bread we break reveal our participation in the Body of Christ; for this we pray.

Holy is your Name.

Finding our strength in the Holy Name of Jesus, we join with all the apostles and saints in continuing our prayers and thanksgivings, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession unto Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

***Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,***

*by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Priest, stands and says

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting

God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

***“Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts.,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.”***

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*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 Breaking of the Bread S # 153

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*
O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*
O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord

whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Behold the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours.

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.

Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.

If you need to receive Communion in the pews, just let the ushers know

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

May 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.***

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant*

Sara Coles: *Reader*

Fr. Geoff: *VJ*

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's Episcopal Church

Friday, January 13, 2023

12:00-6:30

On behalf of the Washington Council of Congregations, St. John's will be hosting a Blood Drive in January. The Red Cross will soon be taking appointments for that event. To make an appointment, go online:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

