

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Second Sunday After The Epiphany:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY COMMUNION

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.
Please return them after the Service.*

*There is a furnished children's room downstairs with soft toys and rugs,
and audio of the Service if parents wish to use it.*

Prelude *One Candle, One Flame* Linda Sobo (b. 1950)

*Light one candle, light one flame,
Light one candle on a long winter's night.
In a world full of darkness, in a world full of pain,
All it takes is a sparkle,, all it takes is a flame
To make joy out of sadness, to bring hope to a life,
Like the promise of the dawn on a long winter's night.*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn LEVAS # 1 *Lift Every Voice And Sing*

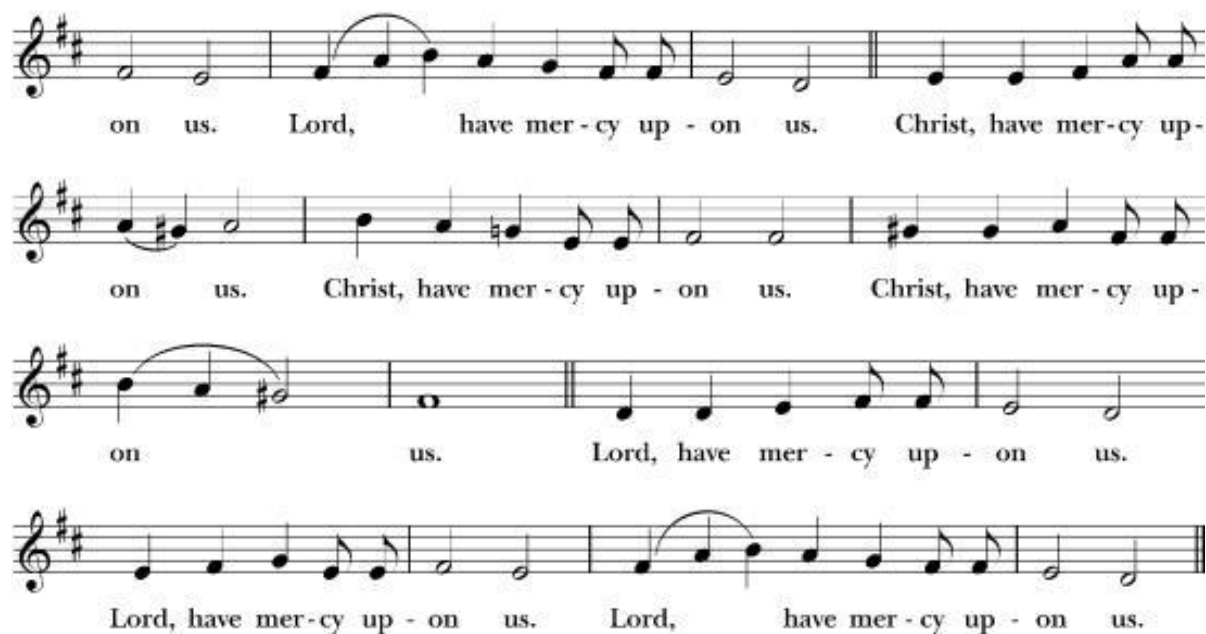
*I Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People ***For ever and ever. Amen.***

The Kyrie S# 91 *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*
Healey Willan (1880-1968)





The Gloria *Missa O Magnum Mysterium* Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Translation: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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. **Amen.**

The Readings

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Samuel served God by helping Eli the priest, who was by that time almost blind and could not see well. In those days, God hardly ever spoke directly to people anymore, and God did not appear to them in dreams very often. But one night, Eli was asleep in his room, and Samuel was sleeping on a mat near the sacred chest in God's house. Eli and Samuel had not been asleep very long when God called out Samuel's name. "Here I am!" Samuel answered. Then he ran to Eli the priest and said, "Here I am. What do you want?" "I didn't call you," Eli answered. "Go back to bed." Samuel went back. Again, God called out Samuel's name. Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "What do you want?" Eli told him, "Son, I didn't call you. Go back to sleep." God had not spoken to Samuel before, and Samuel did not recognize the voice. When God called out his name for the third time, Samuel went to Eli again and said, "Here I am. What do you want?" Eli finally realized that it was God who was speaking to Samuel. So he said, "Go back and lie down! If someone speaks to you again, answer, 'I'm listening, God. What do you want me to do?'" Once again Samuel went back and lay down. God then stood beside Samuel and called out as God had done before, "Samuel! Samuel!" "I'm listening," Samuel answered. "What do you want me to do?"

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Metrical Psalm 139:1-5, 12-7

the congregation is invited to stand and sing the Psalm

1. Lord, you have searched me out and known

Whatever you have wrought:

My rising up and sitting down,

You know my every thought.

2. You trace my journeys and my rests

And everything I do;

And no word forms upon my lips

Which is not known to you.

3. You formed me, Lord, within the womb

When I began to grow;

*I marvel at your handiwork:
How wonderful I know.*

*4. My frame was not concealed from you
Before I came to birth,
When I was woven secretly
And fashioned in the earth.*

*5. You saw me there, and in your book
You wrote down all my days;
How deep I find your thoughts, O God;
How vast beyond all praise.*

*6. To try to count them all would be
Like counting grains of sand;
To count them all my years should be
As long as yours in span*

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

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew (25:14-30)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. There he met Philip, who was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Jesus said to Philip, "Follow me." Philip then found Nathanael and said, "We have found the one that Moses and the Prophets wrote about. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip answered, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said, "Here is a true descendant of our ancestor Israel. And he isn't deceitful." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God and the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Did you believe me just because I said that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see something even greater. I tell you for certain you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A Children's Homily

Fr. Geoffrey, Priest-in-Charge

The children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the homily.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Officiant: May Almighty God grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of God's holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of God be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem

There Is A Star

Tom Brand

There is a star, a star shining in the sky,

*Oh the joy, oh the beauty, a star so bright.
 The star can lead us and we will follow.
 Star of wonder, star of night, bringing beauty, bringing light.
 By the glowing light of a bright-shining star,
 Three magi came from country far.
 To seek for a King was their intent,
 And to fol-low the star wherever it went.
 Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel!*

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to God.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 S#

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



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

Then the Celebrant continues

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. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.*

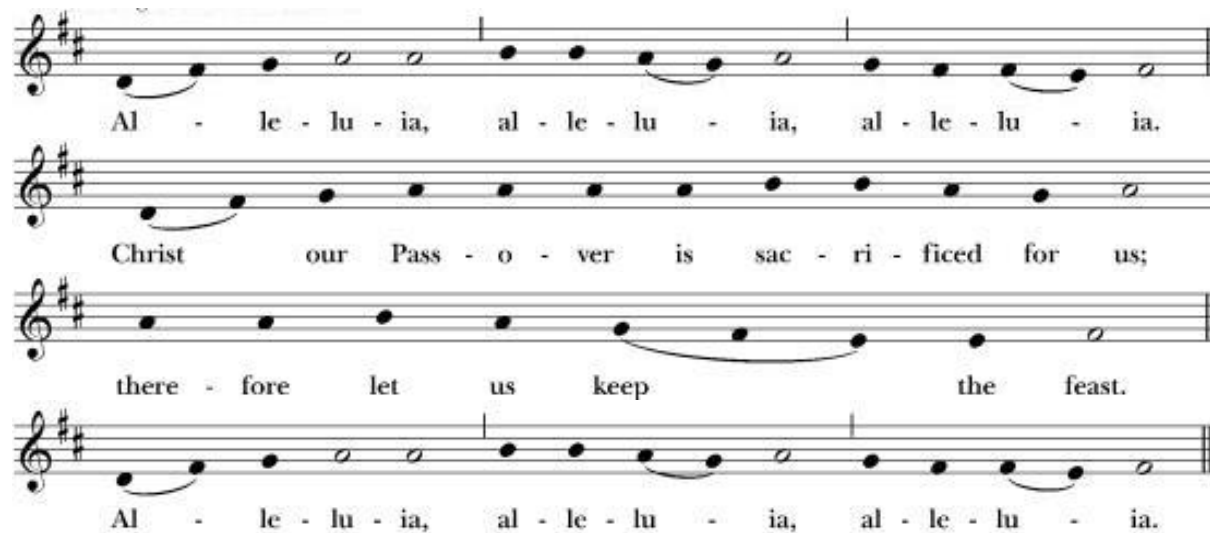
*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread S # 154

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said



Agnus Dei

"In Dulci Jubilo" Communion Service

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for you, the Beloved 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

INSTRUCTIONS: *Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest so to indicate.*

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

Communion LEVAS # 152 *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands.

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our



1. knees).
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).



Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us



praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I



fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—



Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

May the peace of God, which passes 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.***

Closing Hymn LEVAS # 221

This Little Light Of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

Oh

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,
2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,
3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to

Oh

1. mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 2. go, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 3. me, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it

Oh

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

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Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

Organist & Choirmaster: Tom Brand

10:00 Reader: MJ Del Nin

VeeJay & Chalice: Fr. Geoff

Altar Guild: MB Witt, Ginny Reynolds

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer, Hezekiah Gum

Coffee Hour Hosts: MB Witt



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's Episcopal Church

Friday, January 19, 2024

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>





FOOD DRIVE

Helping our neighbors in need



January 15
9:00-11:00 am



THE JUDY BLACK
MEMORIAL PARK
AND GARDENS

**"Life's most persistent
and urgent question
is: what are you doing
for others?"
-Martin Luther King Jr.**

WASHINGTON GIVES
Make MLK Day a Day On, Not a Day Off