

Welcome to St. John's Church



Edward Armitage (1817–1896)

The Third Sunday After The Epiphany:

*January 21, 2024
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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MORNING PRAYER

Organ Prelude
(1532-1594)

Beati Pauperes

Orlando di Lasso

Translation: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 7

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written in three lines between the staves. The first system covers the first three lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining three lines. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with block chords and moving lines in both hands.

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
 till they in-ward light im-part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy-self dis-play, shin-ing to the per-fect day.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People *And your glory all the day long.*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite S # 4 *the congregation joins in the singing*
 Monk

- 1 O come, let us ¹sing unto the ¹Lord; *
 let us heartily rejoice in the ¹strength of ¹our sal¹vation.
- 2 Let us come before his ¹presence with thanks ¹giving, *
 and show ourselves ¹glad in ¹him with ¹psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a ¹great ¹God, *
 and a great ¹King a ¹bove all ¹gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the ¹corners of the ¹earth, *
 and the strength of the ¹hills is ¹his ¹also.
- 5 The sea is ¹his and he ¹made it, *
 and his hands pre¹pared the ¹dry ¹land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and ¹fall ¹down *
 and ¹kneel before the ¹Lord our ¹Maker.
- 7 For he is the ¹Lord our ¹God, *
 and we are the people of his ¹pasture
 and the ¹sheep of his ¹hand. [Ant.]

- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen. [Ant.]

Psalm # 62:6-14 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*

Refrain

3 For God a - lone my soul in si - lence waits.

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our Hebrew scripture, the prophet Jonah, following his ordeal in the belly of a great fish, receives a second summons to prophesy to the heathen city of Ninevah.

A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Jonah: (3:1-5, 10)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle: Jubilate Deo

John Baptiste Caulkin (1827-1905)

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

INTRODUCTION: In this second reading, Paul encourages the Corinthians to manage their temporal affairs in light of the eternal realities.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians: (7:29-31)

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they

were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 126 *The People Who In Darkness Walked*

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

INTRODUCTION: In our third Reading, Mark records the beginning of Jesus' ministry, his proclamation of the coming kingdom, and the calling of his first disciples.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark: (1:14-20)

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat

mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Ann Hodgman, *Licensed Preacher*

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

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People *And listen of our prayer.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

*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

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. *Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. *Give to your people the blessing of peace.*
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. *And your wonders among all peoples.*
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. *Never forget the lives of your poor.*
V. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;
R. *And your favor to those who are true of heart.*
V. Satisfy us by your kindness in the morning;
R. *So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love you: for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem

Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

*Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Thee.
God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 436

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Organ Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Officiant*
Ann Hodgeman: *8:00 Officiant*
Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*
Ann Hodgman: *Preacher*
Jay Bauer: *8:00 Reader*
Sara Coles: *10:00 Reader*
Sara Coles: *Veejay (VJ)*
Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*
Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*
Rebecca Bent, Susan McFeeley: *Coffee Hour*

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This notice is endorsed by the Clerk of the Parish



Sunday, January 28, 2024

in the Parish Hall

following the 10:00 Service

This is a time for the congregation to elect their representatives on the Vestry, including a Warden, a Clerk, three Vestry members, and Diocesan delegates, as well as a time to ask questions about the published Annual Reports and the 2024 Budget, and to respond to Fr. Geoff's "State of the Parish" address. Mark your calendars now!