

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Last Sunday After The Epiphany:

Sunday, February 11, 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.*

Prelude *Funga Alafia* West African Welcome Song, arr. Tom Brand)
Text: *Funga Alafia, Ashay Ashay. We're here to welcome you. We're here to greet you now.*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn *We Are Marching in the Light of Peace* (Siyahamba)
South African

*Verse 1: We are marching in the light of peace.
Verse 2: We are marching in the light of hope.
Verse 3: We are marching in the light of love.*



The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

The Kyrie S# 91

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Gloria

Missa Prima Sexti Toni

Giovanni Croce (c. 1557-1609)

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

God be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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.***

The Readings

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

Not long before the LORD took Elijah up into heaven in a strong wind, Elijah and Elisha were leaving Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "The LORD wants me to go to Bethel, but you must stay here." Elisha replied, "I swear by the living LORD and by your own life that I will stay with you no matter what!" And he went with Elijah to Bethel. A group of prophets who lived there asked Elisha, "Do you know that today the LORD is going to take away your master?" "Yes, I do," Elisha answered. "But don't remind me of it." Elijah then said, "Elisha, now the LORD wants me to go to Jericho, but you must stay here." Elisha replied, "I swear by the living LORD and by your own life, that I will stay with you no matter what!" And he went with Elijah to Jericho. A group of prophets who lived there asked Elisha, "Do you know that today the LORD is going to take away your master?" "Yes, I do," Elisha answered. "But don't remind me of it." Elijah then said to Elisha, "Now the LORD wants me to go to the Jordan River, but you must stay here." Elisha replied, "I swear by the living LORD and by your own life that I will never leave you!" So the two of them walked on together. Fifty prophets followed Elijah and Elisha from Jericho, then stood at a distance and watched as the two men walked toward the river. When they got there, Elijah took off his coat, then he rolled it up and struck the water with it. At once a path opened up through the river, and the two of them walked across on dry ground. After they had reached the other side, Elijah said, "Elisha, the LORD will soon take me away. What can I do for you before that happens?" Elisha answered, "Please give me twice as much of your power as you give the other prophets, so I can be the one who takes your place as their leader." "It won't be easy," Elijah answered. "It can happen only if you see me as I am being taken away." Elijah and Elisha were walking along and talking, when

suddenly there appeared between them a flaming chariot pulled by fiery horses. At once, a strong wind took Elijah up into heaven. Elisha saw this and shouted, "Israel's cavalry and chariots have taken my master away!" After Elijah had gone, Elisha tore his clothes in sorrow.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

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

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

Metrical Psalm 50:1-6

the congregation is invited to stand and sing the Psalm

1. ***The Lord has spoken, God of gods,
And calls the earth from east to west;
From Zion, perfect in its grace,
God's glory will be manifest.***
2. ***Our God will come with raging storm,
Consuming flame and not be still;
God calls the heavens above and earth
That all may know God's righteous will.***
3. ***"Assemble all my followers
Who sealed the bond with sacrifice";
For God the righteous Lord is judge;
Let heaven declare God's cause is right.***

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

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead."

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 *Inside of You There is a Light (traditional)* arr. Tom Brand

Inside of you there is a light, within your heart it's shining bright. I wish for you the same as me: to live your life in harmony. Now shine, now glow, now live, now know.

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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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."

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.***

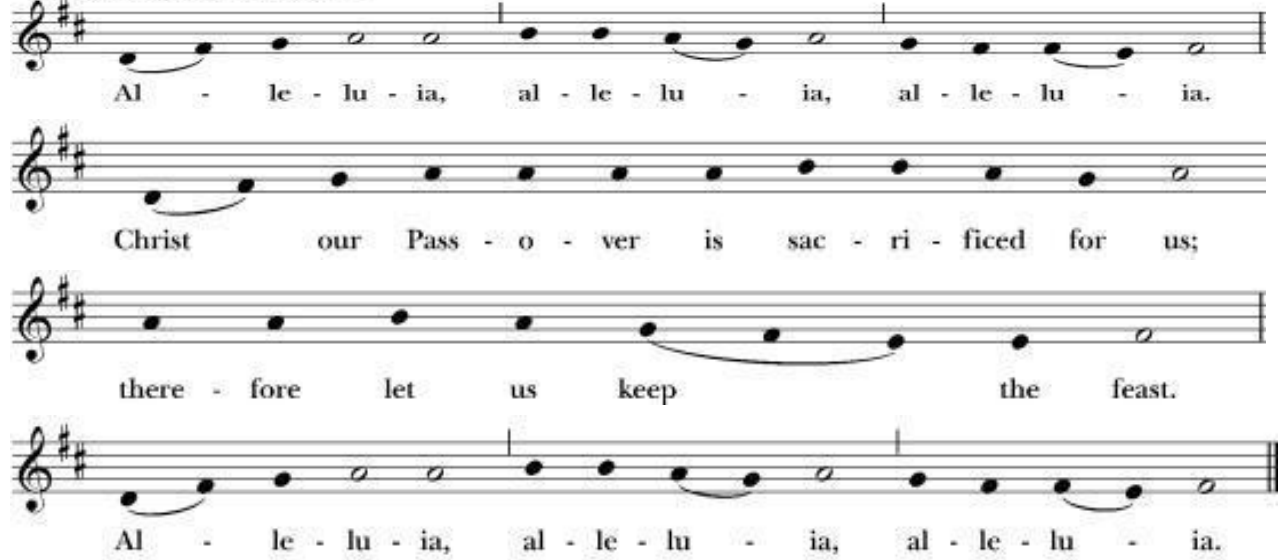
*Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

This setting is not used in Lent.



Agnus Dei

Gospel Mass

Tom Brand

*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 # 325 *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*

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

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

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

Verse 1: ***Women only***

Verse 2: ***Men only***

Verse 1: ***All voices***

Interlude: ***Choir only***

Verse 1: ***All voices***

This lit-tle light of mine
Ev-'ry-where I go—
I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!
Gon-na let it shine!
Gon-na let it shine!

3
This lit-tle light of mine
Ev-'ry-where I go—
I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!
shine!
Gon-na let it shine, shine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

5
This lit-tle light of mine
Ev-'ry-where I go—
I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!
shine!
Gon-na let it shine, shine, shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Conor Fergus, Organist

Worship Ministers Today:

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman
Organist & Choirmaster: Tom Brand
Associate Organist: Conor Fergus
10:00 Reader: Emily D'Souza
Chalicer: Laura Daly
VeeJay: Laura Daly
Altar Guild: MB Witt, Ginny Reynolds
Ushers/Greeters: Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer, Hezekiah Gum
Reception: MB Witt



Coffee Hour Reception

*There is a Reception in the Parish Hall following the Service.
All are invited. Please join us for a time of fellowship.*



Evensong

EVENSONG
Sunday, February 11th
4:00 p.m.

*featuring the St. John's Choir, Saecula
Schola Cantorum, and The Frederick Gunn School
Vocal Ensemble*

All are welcome to join us!

***A Reception
follows to thank the singers!***



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

***February 14th, 2024
6:00 p.m.***

Sung Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

In-person and online live streaming

