

Welcome to St. John's Church



Jesus Teaching, *Cosimo Rosselli, 1439–1507*

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. canceled due to weather

10:00 a.m. will be held

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

Choral Prelude

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Text: *I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

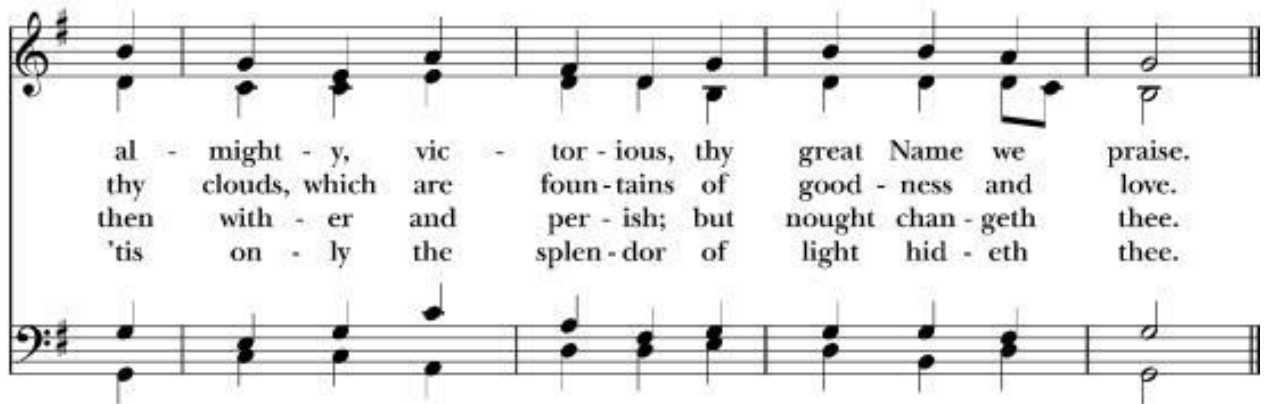
Opening Hymn # 423

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

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.

Venite S # 4 *The congregation is invited to join in the chant* 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 pre ¹pared the ¹dry ¹land. [Ant.]

- 6 O come, let us worship and 'fall' down *
and 'kneel' before the 'Lord our' Maker.
- 7 For he is the 'Lord our' God, *
and we are the people of his 'pasture'
and the 'sheep' of his 'hand. [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 be'ginning, is' now, *
and 'will be for' ever. A' men. [Ant.]

The congregation may wish to be seated for the Psalm.

Psalm 1 *The congregation is invited to join in the Refrain.*

Refrain

Hap - py are they whose de - light is in the law of the Lord.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

INTRODUCTION: In the Hebrew Reading, the prophet urges each individual to trust solely in the Lord, who alone can search out human motivations.

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah (17:5-10)

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse -- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Canticle *Jubilate Deo in G*

John Blow (c.1649-1708)

Text: *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 New Testament reading, Paul commends spiritual gifts, but instructs the Corinthians in their proper use in the service of Jesus' lordship.

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:12-20)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ -- whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have

perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 492 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

INTRODUCTION: In our Gospel passage, Jesus heals many of their illnesses and teaches his disciples that the values of the kingdom of God are quite different from worldly standards.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Luke: (6:17-26)

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Laura Daly, Lay 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 God be with you.

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

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our

worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem *Steal Away* - Spiritual, arr. Tom Brand

Text: Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord calls me; He calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

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 thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved

Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 544 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Doth Shine*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throught to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Laura Daly: *Lay Preacher*

Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Lay Worship Leader*

Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Lay Worship Leader*

Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Reader*

Sara Coles: *10:00 Reader*

MB Witt, Camille Gillespie, Corrine Johnson: *Altar Guild*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*

Penny Bardel, Carolyn MacDonald, Susie Markert: *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Rector*

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Andris Kalnins: *Assistant Treasurer*

Justin Ormand: *Clerk*

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Laura Daly: **Alternate**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah”

*10:30 a.m. Fridays
in the Parish Library*



The Rector, Fr. Geoff, is leading a serious weekly study of the Christian Bible. *The class is open to all interested people in the community.* BYOB, bring your own Bible!

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