

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST — 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

THE GATHERING

Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence.

Prelude **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

Wayne L. Wold

All rise at the sound of the bell.

Hymn **Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

Blue Hymnal 7

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

BCP p. 355

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

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

Glory to God

Blue Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10

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5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.**

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

**10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn All praise to you, O Lord

Blue Hymnal 138

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed, *standing*

**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 worshipped 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.**

Prayers of the People, standing

Intercessor The kingdom of God is near at hand. Let us earnestly call on God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples. For the church of Jesus Christ in every place.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For Ian and Laura our bishops, for presbyters, deacons, and all the baptized who minister in Christ.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this holy gathering and for all who are called to follow Jesus.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for those who guard the peace. For ourselves, our families, and those we love. For the safety of those from our parish who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Douglas Hamilton, Carl Heise, Molly and Jon Hilzinger, Andy Morgado, Andrew Roemhild, Spencer Russo, Tullie St. John, and Brian Tewart.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all those in danger and need; the sick and suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, and those in prison. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Eileen Aiken, Kathy Arthur, Peter Bierrrie, Helen Chatman, Arnie Chester, Connie Cliffe, Sandra and Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, David Evangelisti, the Geshel Family, Nancy Gould, Stacie Padelli, Raymond and Pam Ryan, John Schumacher, Rob van der Horst and for those we name silently or aloud.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and invite your thanksgivings either silently or aloud. Let us give thanks for the work of our global ministry partners in Mozambique and the Diocese of Lebombo; for Bishop Carlos, Father David, Deacon Jose, and the congregation of St. Bernard's. For the work of Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti and Sister Cities Essex Haiti. And we give thanks for the ongoing work of our local ministry partners: the Shoreline Soup Kitchen, Middlesex Habitat for Humanity, the Old Lyme VFW, and for the Connecticut ministries that serve the incarcerated, children, and seeking adults: A Sacred Place, Camp Washington, and the Incarnation Center.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, including those we now name either silently or aloud.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the people of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
The people kneel as able. A moment of reflective silence is kept.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace, *all standing*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements, you may be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.
The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem **Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor** **George Frideric Handel**

Presentation, *standing*

The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer from The Church of England*

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

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels, and all the powers of heaven, we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S-128

The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends, and, taking bread, he gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

People

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Presider

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

People

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

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

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal S-163

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hand across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask an usher or someone nearby to request that Communion be brought to you.

Communion Hymn From God Christ's deity came forth

Blue Hymnal 443

Postcommunion Prayer, *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing, *standing*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn Songs of thankfulness and praise

Blue Hymnal 135

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

Serving Today at 10:15 A.M.

Organist & Choir Director	Anthony Pandolfe, Jr.
Ushers & Greeters	David Evangelisti and Dan Taylor-Stypa
Lectors	Dan Taylor-Stypa and Scott Konrad
Intercessor	Stephanie Patterson
Crucifer	Stephanie Patterson
Verger	Allison Fresher
Acolyte	William Tewart and Avery Wesch
Videographer	Allison Fresher
Counters	Bill Chatman and Clio Coles
Altar Guild	Susan Guernsey and Peggy Tuttle
Deacon	The Rev. Geoffrey T. Smith
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CLERGY AND STAFF: The Rev. Kate E. Wesch, *The Rector*; The Rev. Geoffrey T. Smith, *Deacon*; Chelsea DiDonato, *Parish Administrator & Communications Director*; Anthony Pandolfe, Jr., *Music and Choir Director*, Mairi Graham-Shaw, *Family Life Minister*, Deborah Jones, *Sexton*; Dayle Larson, *Bookkeeper*

VESTRY: Brian Fresher, *Warden*; Karen Kaestle, *Warden*; Anne Littlefield, *Vestry Clerk*; Howard Tuttle, *Treasurer*; Mary Bowers, Lee Gaby, Darrell Jones, Scott Konrad, Stacie Padelli, Patricia Pittsinger, Paulette Rider, Dan Taylor-Stypa

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer — 10 A.M.

SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist — 8 A.M.

Holy Eucharist— 10:15 A.M.

“Come As You Are” Worship Service — 5 P.M.

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