

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST — 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

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 **Variations on "GOTT SEI DANK"** **P. Cattaneo**

All rise at the sound of the bell.

Hymn 530 **Spread, O spread, thou mighty word** **GOTT SEI DANK**

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.**

Canticle 13 S-236 *Benedictus es, Domine* **J. Rutter**
Found in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face," *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Hymn 661 They cast their nets in Galilee

GEORGETOWN

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23, *standing*

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sermon

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

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 Jeff and Laura our bishops, for presbyters, liturgical ministers, 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 all who serve in the Armed Forces, especially those from our parish including; Douglas Hamillton, Carl Heise,

Molly and Jon Hilzinger, Andrew Moeller, Andy Morgado, Joshua Robeson, Spencer Russo, Brian Tewart, and Kyle Webb.
Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor For all those in danger and need; the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, and those in prison. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Kathy Arthur, Jinny Buracchi, Helen Chatman, Connie Cliffe, Sandra and Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Erica, Robert Fresher, Nancy Gould, Mike Hawley, Kelly Kimball, Glenn Jacobsen, Michaela, John Schumacher, Joan Squelia, Donna Stutts, Kathy Wesch, and those now named either silently or aloud.

Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for the work of our ministry partners, locally and abroad, and we give thanks for the abundant blessings of this life.

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, especially Albie Meyer and those we now name either silently aloud.

Lord of Light,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples 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

Presider 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 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.

Anthem Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come

H. Willan

Presentation, standing

The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S-129

R. Powell

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The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for 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 S-163

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R. Powell

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. We are not allowing intinction at this time.

Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

Hymn 125 The people who in darkness walked

PERRY

Prayer after Communion, *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

People **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, *as requested*

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing, *standing*

Presider Let us depart from this place in peace, and as we go on our way, forget not those who are poor, pray for those who are sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another in God as Christ has loved us, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 550 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

RESTORATION

The Dismissal, *standing*

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

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

Postlude Dialogue & Plein Jeu *from Suite No. 1*

J.A. Guilain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Announcement for Pledge Envelopes

2023 Pledge Envelopes | Pledge envelopes have arrived and are in the Parish Hall. Please **DO NOT** pick up your pledge envelopes by your usual number. In the summer, we merged our database into a new system. Due to the merger, pledge numbers have changed. Please check the sign-out sheet for your envelopes to find your new number. Thank you!

Visio Divina | Join us for Visio Divina with *The Saint John's Bible* on Saturday, January 21st, from 12:30-3 PM in the Parish Hall. Jennifer Miller, Bible Core Team member leads the workshop with images of the Bible and art supplies. This workshop is open to anyone interested in creating art and you can stop by any time during the class to learn and create. Stay for 30 minutes, an hour, or the whole time. This is also a wonderful time to stop by with friends who would like to see the Bible.

2023 Food Pantry Needs | The Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries continues to need support for those in need. As winter approaches, please donate any non-perishable food items to the pantry. Their current wish list is for the following items: Cereal, juice, soup, peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, canned corn, pasta, pasta sauce, oatmeal, white rice, dried beans, protein bars, breakfast items.

Sunday Altar Flowers | There are many dates available for 2023! If you are interested in celebrating an anniversary, birthday, or remembering a loved one with your church family, please contact Chelsea DiDonato at 860-767-8095 ext. 10 or chelsea@stjohnsessex.org. *The cost of altar flowers has increased a couple of times over the past year. St. John's covered that increase in 2022. The actual cost in 2023 is \$150/week for the two large altar arrangements.

We recognize that this is a significant increase. Going forward, we invite people to make a donation between \$100-150 as you are able when reserving a date for commemorative altar flowers. Thank you!

Here Are Some Upcoming Dates to Choose From: January 29, February 5 and February 12.

Middlesex Habitat for Humanity Made It's Match | Thank you to everyone who contributed to MHFH's "DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT - DOUBLE YOUR GOOD" funding appeal! Thanks to YOU they reached their \$50,000 matching donation goal! All donations will be matched dollar for dollar through a generous gift from The Peach Pit Foundation.

ANNUAL MEETING

St. John's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 9 AM, and will be held in the church sanctuary. All are welcome. The meeting will also be accessible remotely, via Zoom.

Child Care Available for Parents Attending Annual Meeting

St. John's parents, the nursery is open and available for all children who are nursery and elementary age during the Annual Meeting so you may discuss the health of our parish and what we look forward to this upcoming year.

At this meeting, we will review the past year's finances while also looking ahead to 2023. In addition, we elect new members to the vestry and delegates to the diocesan convention. Last but certainly not least, we celebrate the mission and ministry of the parish and the many people who contribute to the vitality of this congregation. This meeting is essential for those who are long-time members and those who are new and want to learn more.

Vestry Candidates

Part of the business of our Annual Meeting is the election of our newest Vestry members and delegates to Diocesan Convention. With joy, the Nominations Committee, with support of the Vestry, nominates the following candidates.

Vestry Nominees

Warden: Dan Taylor-Stypa (For a 2nd consecutive 1-year term)

Warden: Scott Konrad (For a 1- year term)

Clerk: Anne Littlefield (For a 1-year term)

Treasurer: Dave Rogers (For a 1-year term)

Vestry members at-large (3-year terms)

Stephanie Patterson, Patti Pickering, Nat Eddy

Vestry member at-large (1-year term)

Jim Myslik

Diocesan Convention Delegates (2 year term)

Kirsten Wendell and Mark Hedge-Terreri

To read about our candidates, please visit (<https://stjohnsessex.org/about/vestry-and-delegate-candidate-nominations/>)

Save the Date: Taizé Service
Thursday, February 2 at 7 PM

The Taizé service is a uniquely contemplative and gorgeous experience of worshipping God. St. John's had the first one this past September and it is back by popular demand. You are invited to observe the Feast of the Presentation with this exquisite service, a feast of voice and song. This service is not-to-be-missed.

Patricia Pittsinger says, "This is a welcome respite from our busy lives and the chaos of the world. Experiencing the meditative evening prayer that is a Taize Service is to engage in a peaceful and restful form of worshipping God. I love sitting quietly in the candlelit pews of St John's, listening to, and participating in chant-like music and prayers. It is one of my favorite services."

Save the Date:
Valentines Card and Dove Making
Sunday, February 5 at 6 PM

Join us for intergenerational Valentine's Day card and Dove Making! We will be making Valentine's Day cards and doves for Pentecost on Sunday, February 5th, at 6 PM following the 5 PM service in the Parish Hall. We will make Valentine's Day cards for St. John's parishioners with pastoral care needs and doves for our dove mobile in June. Supplies and dinner will be provided but feel free to bring supplies from home to share as well. We hope to see you there!

CLERGY & PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Kate E. Wesch, *Rector*
 Chelsea DiDonato, *Parish Administrator & Communications Director*
 Anthony Pandolfe, Jr., *Director of Music*
 Mairi Graham-Shaw, *Intern for Liturgy & Preaching*
 Manuel Matute, *Sexton*
 Dayle Larson, *Bookkeeper*

VOLUNTEER PROFESSIONALS

Allison Fresher, *Liturgical Coordinator & Serving Ministry*
 Bill Scharfenstein, *Building and Grounds*
 Greg Perruccio, *Stewardship Chair*
 Howard Tuttle, *Treasurer*

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY LEADERS

Barbara Stacks, *Prayer Shawl Ministry*
 Mary Bowers & Paulette Rider, *Rummage Sale*
 Marlene Going, *Weekly Food Collection*
 Stephanie Patterson, *Altar Guild*
 Peggy Tuttle, *Pastoral Care Card Ministry*
 Jennifer Miller, *Meal Ministry*

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE CORE TEAM

The Rev. Kate E. Wesch
 Allison Fresher
 Dan Taylor-Stypa
 Jennifer Miller
 Maggie Walden

OUTREACH PARTNERS

Mary Bowers	<i>Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries</i>
David Evangelisti	<i>Middlesex Habitat for Humanity</i>
Ed Shyloski & Charlie Walden	<i>Ministry to Veterans and Active Military Personal</i>
Jenifer Grant	<i>Sister Cities Essex Haiti</i>
Jim Myslik	<i>The Witness Stones Project</i>
Karen van der Horst	<i>Nursing Ministry</i>
Rhode van Gessel	<i>A Sacred Place</i>

VESTRY

Karen Kaestle, *Warden*; Dan Taylor-Stypa, *Warden*; Nat Eddy, *Vestry Clerk*; Howard Tuttle, *Treasurer*; Carol Beisser, Lee Gaby, Darrell Jones, Scott Konrad, Sandy Loether, Stacie Padelli, Ellen Pfarr, Patricia Pittsinger, Rob van der Horst

Serving Today at 10:15 AM

Organist & Choir Director	Anthony Pandolfe, Jr
Lectors	Phred Mileski & Sharon Craig
Intercessor	Kelsey Tewart
Ushers	Dan Taylor-Stypa & David Evangelisti
Eucharistic Minister & Crucifer	Karen van der Horst
Videographer	
Saint John's Gospel Bearers	Maggie Walden & Arnie Chester
Altar Guild	Rob & Karen van der Horst
Counters	Rob van der Horst & Michael Furgueson
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

WORSHIP & STUDY TIMES

TUESDAYS | Bible Study — 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAYS | Morning Prayer — 10 AM
SUNDAYS | Holy Eucharist — 8 & 10:15 AM
 "Come As You Are" Worship Service — 5 PM

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