

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*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. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.*

**Prelude This Endris Night**

**H. Willan**

*All rise at the sound of the church bell.*

**Hymn 448, standing O love, how deep, how broad, how high**  
Verses 1-3 & 6

**DEUS TUORUM MILITUM**

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

*People* **And blessed be his 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**



1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*Presider*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*You may be seated.*

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7**

Thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

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

**Psalm 29**      *Afferte Domino*  
*Sung by the choir.*

**P. Buck**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**The Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

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

**Hymn 121, standing Christ, when for us you were baptized**

**CAITHNESS**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, standing**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Wilk Miller**

*Silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.*

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People, *standing*

*Intercessor* In the waters of Baptism, we were called to be God's children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers.

Let us pray for the Church, for Sean our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura our bishops, and for the work of the church within the lives of women, men and children around the world. Fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we can bring light to the darkness in the world. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those in conflict and for people who live in constant fear of losing their homes or being killed. We pray for a resolution to these conflicts so that all people may live in peace. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those who are blind to the injustices of our world. Open our eyes so that we can work towards the end of oppression and injustices in our community. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the lonely, destitute, the unloved and the sick. We especially pray for Amanda Archangelo, Jen Benevento, Jinny Buracchi, Connie Cliffe, Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Pedro Frigola, Raymond Guarino, James Gurnell, Nancy Gould, Mindy Hoffman, Erna Jensen, Vicki Morrison, Gianna Porcelli, Marguerite Quigley, Dorothy Rider, Chantal Volcy, Jerry Williams and others whom we name, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Help us to bring some light and comfort to them at this difficult time. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all those who have died. May they rest in peace and may those who mourn their death be comforted. Lord in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same spirit, that we may continue his transforming work through action and acts of love in your name. **Amen.**

**The Peace, 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**

## 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 The Blessed Son of God**

**R. Vaughan Williams**

*The blessed son of God only  
In a crib full poor did lie;  
With our poor flesh and our poor blood  
Was clothed that everlasting good.  
Kuri'eleison.*

*The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,  
Was a guest and a stranger here;  
Us for to bring from misery,  
That we might live eternally.  
Kuri'eleison.*

*All this did he for us freely,  
For to declare his great mercy;  
All Christendom be merry therefore,  
And give him thanks for evermore.  
Kuri'eleison.*

**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: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where 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** from *Deutsche Messe* **F. Schubert**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

*Presider*            And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



The Lord's Prayer, *said by all*

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem *from Deutsche Messe*

F. Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**The Invitation to Communion**

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. 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 116** "I come," the great Redeemer cries

**THIS ENDRIS NYGHT**

**The Prayer after Communion, standing**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*People* 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.**

**Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, as requested**

**The Blessing, standing**

**Hymn 120, standing** The sinless one to Jordan came

**SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS**

**The Dismissal, standing**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Menuet from Suite Gothique

**L. Boëllmann**

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*Coffee Hour*

*Directly following the service, all are invited to attend coffee hour in the Parish Hall.*

**St. John's 2025 Lenten Devotional Booklet**  
**Sunday, January 12, directly following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Services**

St. John's is going to create our own 2025 Lenten booklet. This booklet will walk through the Passion story according to Saint Luke.

What will be exciting about this devotional piece is that it will be created by St. John's members. You are invited to offer a devotional writing (170 words), drawing, or picture for a day in Lent and also a brief prayer (20 words).

You are invited to join a discussion about this booklet and to sign up for one of the dates. Chris Woodside and Wilk Miller will lead these discussions and answer any questions you might have.

**Upcoming Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
**10 - 11 a.m.**

**The Spectacular Aha Moments of Epiphany - Tuesday, January 14**

Join Interim Co-Pastor Wilk Miller in an examination of the Gospel readings for the season of Epiphany where the glory of God is revealed here on earth. In advance of class, please read these texts: John 2:1-11; Luke 4:14-21; Luke 2:22-40; Luke 5:1-11; Luke 6:17-26; Luke 6:27-38; Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a].

**The Apocrypha - Tuesday, January 21 & 28, February 4**

Jim Scalia will lead the class in a look at Bible's Apocryphal literature. This should provide many with a fascinating glimpse at what, for many, is unexplored territory.

**Upcoming Tuesday Evening Bible Study**  
**5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**  
**By Nat Eddy**

Tuesday night Bible Study will return starting January 7 at 5:30 p.m. We will be studying the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) using Matthew as our text and Gospel Parallels to introduce the other gospels. The one I have is Gospel Parallels, New Fourth Edition edited by Burton Throckmorton, Jr., which can be found for less than ten dollars on the internet. A copy of the Parallels is not required to participate in the class, and all are welcome.

**Class Schedule**

**January 14:** Genealogy, birth narratives, childhood, and John the Baptist.

**January 21:** The miracles (the sermon on the mount / plains will fit in somewhere, either here or the next week or two).

**January 28:** The Parables

**February 4:** Disciples / Discipleship, Transfiguration

**February 11:** Towards Jerusalem, the Last Supper

**February 18:** Trial, crucifixion

**February 25:** Resurrection, later appearances

The class will run for 8 weeks, though we may not need that many meetings. For questions regarding the class, please contact Nat Eddy by email [nbtddy55@gmail.com](mailto:nbtddy55@gmail.com).

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**WORSHIP**

**SUNDAYS** | Holy Eucharist — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

**TUESDAYS** | Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAYS** | Midweek Holy Eucharist — 12:00 p.m.

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