

St. John's Church

Henrico Parish

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2020
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you are here. If you are new to us today and have any questions about our worship, do not hesitate to ask our ushers or one of our members in the pews. Here is some information to assist you:

The Nursery is located in the Parish Hall and is available during Adult Forum and the 10:30 a.m. service.

Children's Chapel School-aged children are invited to spend the first part of the 10:30 a.m. service in Children's Chapel in the Keeper's Cottage. Ask an usher for directions. Children are always welcome to remain in church during service.

Children's activity backpacks are available in the back of the church. Help yourself, and enjoy! Ask an usher if you need help.

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall and behind the church.

The Book of Common Prayer is red.

The Hymnal is blue. Numbers preceded by "S" are in the front of the hymnal. There is no music at the 8:15 a.m. service.

Communion—Everyone is welcome to take communion; this is Christ's table.

Individual Prayers—During communion at the 10:30 a.m. service you may go to the side altar for prayer with a prayer minister.

Food and Beverages—We thank you for not eating or drinking in the church.

Large Print Copies of the Bulletin and Book of Common Prayer are available. Please ask an usher for one.

Our Mission

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all;
serving God, each other, and the community.

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Prelude

Processional "Praise to the living God"

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Collect for Purity

The Gloria

At the 8:15 service

At the 10:30 service "What star is this, with beams so bright" vs 1,4, & 5

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

At the 8:15 service

At the 10:30 service, the cantor sings the antiphon, and the congregation repeats it. The cantor sings the first psalm verse, and the congregation joins in on the following verses and on the antiphon, where indicated.

Antiphon

Tone

Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who / fear the Lord *
and have great delight in / his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty / in the land; *
the generation of the upright / will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be / in their house, *
and their righteousness will / last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness / for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and / full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be / generous in lending *
and to manage their af-/airs with justice.

6 For they will / never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in ever-/lasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any / evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust / in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and / will not shrink, *
until they see their desire u-/pon their enemies.

9 They have given freely / to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

Hymnal 372

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

BCP 355

BCP 356

Hymnal 124

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 112:1-9

BCP 755

Antiphon

they will hold up their / head with honor.

Antiphon

The Second Reading

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "O day of God, draw nigh"

The Holy Gospel *Please stand*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People *(Please stand or kneel.)*

During the season of Epiphany, we look for the manifestation of Jesus to the world and the light which he brings.

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

We pray for all houses of worship, especially Buck Mountain, Earlysville; St. Mary's, Arlington; and St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station; that they may be places of light and of love.

Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

We pray for Susan and Jennifer, our bishops, for all who minister in God's holy name, and the people of God. Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

We pray for all elected and unelected persons and all in authority.

Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

We pray for those experiencing hunger and homelessness, for those who are grieving and for those who are numb, for those who seek your light and those who hide from it.

Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

We pray for the sick and the suffering, especially Virginia, Susan, Amanda, Steve, Dan, Rhonda, Ellen, Orchid, Torrence, Helen, June, Angie, Mac, Faye, Virginia, the Terrell Family, Bill, and the Ward family.

Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

We pray for the dying and the dead, especially for Joseph Wilmer, who died this past week, and for Adelaide Kennedy McReynolds,

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Hymnal 601

Matthew 5:13-20

The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

BCP 358

whom we remember on her birthday, with the flowers at the altar. Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

Having prayed for these needs, and the secret needs of our hearts, empower us to change this world and to help usher in the Reign of God. Loving God, in your goodness: **Let your light shine on all people.**

I invite your own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

BCP 360

Announcements

The Offertory Anthem *God Be in My Head*

Grayson Warren Brown

The Presentation of the Offering

At 8:15 *Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

At 10:30, all sing "We three kings of Orient are" (verse 5)

Hymnal 128

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Sanctus

At 8:15

BCP 367

At 10:30

Hymnal S 125

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 368

The Great Amen

Hymnal S 147

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem

At 8:15

BCP 364

At 10:30

Hymnal S 164

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at Christ's table. If you do not take communion, you may receive a blessing; simply cross your arms over your chest. Some choose to receive bread only, and those who are allergic to gluten may have a gluten-free wafer. Some prefer to dip their bread in the wine rather than sip from the cup. If you would like communion to be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymns

"Make me a channel of your peace"

"Longing for light, we wait in darkness"

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Recessional "We are marching in the light of God" or "This little light of mine"

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth with joy and wonder in all God's works!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The flowers at the altar are in memory of Adelaide Kennedy McReynolds on her birthday, given by Ashley, Reeves, and John McCune.

Welcome to St. John's Church

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John's Church your spiritual home. Please complete a visitor card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate to receive our weekly email.

We invite you to join us at our coffee hour in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We are eager to tell you about the life and ministries of St. John's Church.

Prayer for St. John's Church

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

Serving this Morning

8:15 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Amelie A. Wilmer
Preacher The Rev. Amelie A. Wilmer
Deacon The Venerable David Curtis
LEM Reeves McCune
Lector Reeves McCune
Prayers Debbie Solyan
Usher Doug & Debbie Solyan

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Amelie A. Wilmer
Preacher The Rev. Amelie A. Wilmer
Deacon The Venerable David Curtis
Minister of Music Jim Bennett
LEMs Irvin Dallas & Laura Dixon
Lectors Katherine Dunlap & Ryan Smith
Prayers Victoria Hauser
Crucifer Irvin Dallas
Acolyte Emmit Morgan
Ushers Sue Schutt & Neill Goff
Tellers Rita Driscoll & Mary Garner DeVoe
Greeter
Sound System Andrew Pekarek
Children's Chaplain The Rev. Anne Lane Witt
Chapel Assistant Bella Smith
Coffee Hour Fifth Annual Chili Cook-off, supported by Young Adults
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