



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

*The Second Sunday after Epiphany*  
January 18, 2026 10am

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** Variations on the choral *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn #543** *O Zion, tune thy voice*

EASTVIEW

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### Collect for Purity

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.**

### Gloria S-277

*Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## The Collect of the Day

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Presider      The Lord be with you  
People        **And also with you.**  
Presider      Let us pray.

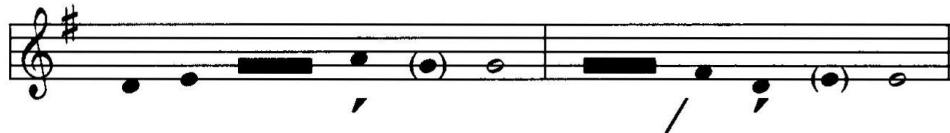
## The First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

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Reader              The Word of the Lord.  
People              **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40    *Expectans, expectavi*

*Tone II.1*



- 1 *I waited patiently upon the LORD; \**  
    he stooped to me / and heard my cry.
- 2 *He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \**  
    he set my feet upon a high cliff and made / my footing sure.
- 3 *He put a new song in my mouth,*  
    a song of praise to our God; \*  
    many shall see, and stand in awe,  
    and put their / trust in the LORD.
- 4 *Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \**  
    they do not resort to evil spirits or turn / to false gods.
- 5 *Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!*  
    how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
    there is none who can be / compared with you.
- 6 *Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \**  
    but they are more / than I can count.
- 7 *In a sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \**  
    (you have given me ears / to hear you);
- 8 *Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \**  
    and so I said, “Be/hold, I come.
- 9 *In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \**  
    ‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
    your law is deep / in my heart.’”

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, / O LÓRD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from  
the great con/gregation.

12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe / for ever,

## The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 insert

## **Gradual Hymn #440** *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

## LIEBSTER JESU

*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.  
Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.*

## The Gospel: John 1:29-42 *insert*

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**  
*Following the Gospel*  
*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon The Rector

# The Nicene Creed

**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 worshiped 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its  
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ  
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Bridget, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia, Renee and those we now name either silently or aloud.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and 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**

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

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

*All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.*

# Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

## Offertory Hymn #304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

LAND OF REST



During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.

Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

*The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**The Sanctus** S-130 which can be found in the front section of the hymnal

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer,*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer until the words*

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 say,

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem S-164 which can be found in the front section of the hymnal**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**

**give us your peace, give us your peace.**

**Communion Anthem: Draw us in the spirit's tether** Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

*All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of the most precious Body and Blood**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**  
**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**  
**And now, Father, send us out**  
**to do the work you have given us to do,**  
**to love and serve you**  
**as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**  
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #535** *Ye servants of God, your master proclaim*

PADERBORN

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude** *Voluntary in G*

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

*The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Joanne Graziano*

### **Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Jane Struss, Vestry Person of the Day

August Holbrook-Smith and Alice Krapf, Readers

Jane Struss, Intercessor

Duncan Holbrook-Smith, Lay Eucharistic Minister

Jen DiManno and Paul Newell, Ushers

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Elizabeth Hay and Louise Ambler Osborn, Coffee Hosts

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### **SAVE the DATE!!**

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**St. John's Annual Meeting ~ following the 11am service**

*All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we review 2025 and set the stage for 2026, electing Vestry members and officers*

**As a fun way to prepare for this year's Annual Meeting**, we're putting together a "Word Cloud." You can go to <https://www.menti.com/ald7teszeyev> or scan the QR code below to submit your words. All you need to do is enter your name, and then enter up to five words individually. For example, you might submit "love," "God," "community," and "music." At the Annual Meeting, we'll see how all our words fit together!



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