



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Variations on the chorale *Werde munter, mein Gemüte*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #359 *God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs!*

TOULON

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

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

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

Tone VIII.5



*1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the / congregatiön.

2 Great are the deeds of the LÓRD! *
they are studied by all / who delight in thēm.

3 His work is full of majesty and spléndor, *
and his righteousness en/dures for évër.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remémbered; *
the LORD is gracious and full / of compássiön.

5 He gives food to those who féar him; *
he is ever mindful / of his cóvenänt.

6 He has shown his people the power of hís works *
in giving them the lands / of the natiöns.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and jústice; *
all his com/mandments áre süre.

8 They stand fast for ever and éver, *
because they are done in / truth and équity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for éver; *
holy and / awesome ís his Näme.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wísdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise en/dures for évër. [Ant.]

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

Sequence Hymn #567 *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*
Verses 1-2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.

ST MATTHEW

The Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Carol our Bishops; and
for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Nancy, John,
Megan, Francie and those we now name silently or aloud.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #305 *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

ROSEDALE

We are not currently passing the offering plate. If you would like to make an offering to the church, you can find the plate in the rear of the church; you're welcome to leave an offering there during this hymn, or before or after the service.

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.

Sanctus S-130

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The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

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, concluding with 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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept and then all sing:

Agnus Dei S-164

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.

Anthem at Communion *Ubi Caritas*

John L. Wright (b. 1974)

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.**

Blessing

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Werde munter, mein Gemüte*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*You are invited to remain seated in the Sanctuary for the Postlude
or move immediately to the kitchen for refreshments.*

Please help maintain a quiet atmosphere in the sanctuary during the Postlude.

The flowers on the altar this morning were arranged by Nancy Armstrong

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Officiant

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Michael Fenn, Seminarian

Pia Bertelli, Deacon-in-Formation

Jane Struss, Vestry Person of the Day

Eliot Larson and Alice Krapf, Readers

Kate Gunsch, Intercessor

Catherine Womack, Chalice

Elizabeth Hay and Nate Gunsch, Ushers

D. Lawrence Ross, Altar Guild

Louise Osborn and Bridget Nyhan, Coffee Hour Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Thursday morning discussion series has resumed gathering at 11:00am. Please join us in the Parish House or on Zoom ... all are welcome!

Thursday, February 8, at 11am, we will be holding a healing service in lieu of our usual Thursday discussion group. This will be a small, contemplative service. All members of the church and the community are invited to participate, either by joining us in person or by submitting requests for prayer, for yourself or for others.

Our Annual Meeting will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, February 11. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this important time together. The 2024 budget will be presented, and Vestry members and officers elected. In addition we will review our various ministry activities in 2023. A copy of the Annual Report containing this information will be included in *News and Notes* on Thursday, February 8.

Giving Statements detailing all monetary donations made to St. John's in 2023 are on their way! If you have not received yours by Wednesday, please let Priscilla know.

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