



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

*The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*  
February 8, 2026 10am

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** Variations on the Chorale *Herr Christ, der einig Gottessohn*  
Melchior Schildt (1592-1667)

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn #601** *O day of God draw nigh*

ST. MICHAEL

### 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.

Reader  
PeopleThe Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112

*Beatus vir*

Tone I.7



1 *Hallelujah!*  
Happy are they who fear the LORD \*  
and have great delight in / his commändmënts!

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

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

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

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their af/fairs with jüstiçe.

6 For they will never be sháken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlast/ing remëbränce.

7 They will not be afraid of any évil rúmors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their / trust in thë Lörđ.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire up/on their 'enemës.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their / head with hönör.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their téeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wick/ed will pérish. [Ant.]

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

*Reader*

*People*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #488** *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

SLANE

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

*Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-20

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

*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, Lino, Melina, Ellen, 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 #315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray**

SONG 1



*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: Sweet is the day**

Mary Alice Amidon

*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 #7 Christ whose glory fills the skies**

RATISBON

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** *Machs mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Gut*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Elizabeth Hay*

**Ministers Serving Today:**  
The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector  
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director  
Louise Ambler Osborn, Vestry Person of the Day  
Pell Osborn and Louis Tompros, Readers  
Maggie Tompros, Intercessor  
Duncan Holbrook-Smith, Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Joanne Graziano and Robin Moody, Ushers  
Catherine Womack, Altar Guild  
Barbara Bush, Cary Cox and Elizabeth Hay, Coffee Hosts

**Pancake Supper planning** is underway. We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up, cleaning up, cooking pancakes and preparing other food. If you are able to help, please talk to Jake Sterling. This is always a fun, festive evening, so please mark your calendars and plan to join us – 6pm, one week from this Tuesday!

**For extra Shrove Tuesday fun ...** our children will host a “pound party” in conjunction with our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake feast. Please bring a wrapped item weighing one pound for the kids to auction off with proceeds going to Dana Farber. Get out your scale, let your creative juices flow and wrap up a pound of something useful, valuable or just plain silly – all for a good cause.

**Join us for Evensong this Friday.** The service is held in the sanctuary at 7pm.

### **UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S**

**Friday, February 13, 7pm**

Evensong in the Sanctuary

**Saturday, February 14, 2pm – 4pm**

Charlestown Community Closet in the Parish House

**Tuesday, February 17, 6pm**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Pound Auction

**Wednesday, February 18, 7pm**

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

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