

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ZION PARISH



## **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

January 23, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

### **St. John's Mission Statement**

To share God's love with everyone to bring hope and change lives.

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop  
The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector  
The Reverend Anne Nicholson, Assistant to the Rector

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Book of Common Prayer Call to Worship

**Music for Preparation** One Bread, One Body

LEVAS 151

*Refrain One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.*

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

*The Celebrant welcomes the congregation.*

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**Opening Hymn** Spirit Song

LEVAS 118

1 Oh, let the Son of God enfold you,  
with His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you,  
and His Spirit like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.

*Refrain Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

2 Oh, come and sing this song with gladness,  
as your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,  
give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life, in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

**The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

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

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## The Collect of the Day

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

*Said by All*

**Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Word of God

### The First Lesson

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**    "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto my Feet"

*Refrain*    *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

2 I will not forget your love for me,  
and yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,  
and I will love you to the end. *Refrain*

## **The Second Lesson**

## **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

## **Luke 4:14-21**

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the

blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Joseph M. Constant

**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 - Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.**

*The Celebrant says*

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**

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

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Hymn**    In My Life, Lord, Be glorified

LEVAS 216

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3 In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

## **Holy Communion Dedication**

We offer this Holy Communion to glorify Almighty God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. We also dedicate this Holy Communion in memory of Velma Ann McCoy-Pulley, commemorating the 5-year anniversary of her passing on January 11, 2017, by the McCoy, Pulley and Pegram Families. We give God thanks for her life and witness.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant*                The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*             Lift up your hearts.

*People*                 **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*             Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*                 **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

### **Sanctus**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues saying*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

*People and Celebrant*

**Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*People and Celebrant*

**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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion of the People**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*If you are worshiping from home and have used your own bread and wine (or juice) during the Great Thanksgiving prayer, you may use the following words before consuming the bread and wine (or juice),*  
Oh God, bless this bread and this wine (juice) I now consume. Amen.



## **Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.**

## **The Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn** “Father I Place into Your Hands”

- 1 Father, I place into your hands, The things I cannot do,  
Father, I place into your hands, The things that I've been through.  
Father, I place into your hands, The way that I should go,  
For I know I always can trust you.
- 2 Father, I place into your hands, My friends and family.  
Father, I place into your hands, The things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into your hands, The person I would be,  
For I know I always can trust you.
- 3 Father, we love to seek your face, We love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise, And in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you, And in your presence rest,  
For we know we always can trust you.
- 4 Father, I want to be with you, And do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words, That you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones, That you will draw to you,  
For I know that I am one with you. (Repeat 2X)

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Celebrant and Preacher: | The Reverend Joseph M. Constant      |
| Assisting Priest:       | The Reverend Anne Nicholson          |
| Deacon:                 | The Reverend Kim Hudson              |
| Readers:                | Deborah Darko and Larry Walker       |
| Zoom Operators:         | Lorraine Walker and Patrick D. McCoy |

**We pray for the sick, shut-in and troubled:** Barbara Shearin; Bill and Rosie Shook; Lori Allen; Phyllis Bowen, sister of Marylou Langston; John Langston (Wife Lisa and daughter Anna); Helen Jones, Mary Toliver, Carol Benders, friends of Pamela Bryant-Hollins; Rev. Paula Clark; Rev. Connie Reinhardt; Rev. Sheila McJilton; Corey King, grandson of Anna King; Vasco Knight, brother of Elaine Knight; Linda Fincham, friend of Jackie Gibson-Barrow; Gillian Donald; Alvin Green.

**St. John's Prayer List:** If you or someone you know need to be added to the above prayer list, please send a note to Carol Morrison at [office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org](mailto:office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to St. John's:** We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. If you are new to our community, we welcome you and hope you will make St. John's your new church home. The office telephone number is (301) 937-4292 and email address is [office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org](mailto:office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org).

**Sunday School News:** Sunday School meets on Zoom each Sunday at 11:30 am. Watch for an e-mail to our Sunday School families with the details of our Zoom. If you did not get the information on Sunday School last week and want to receive it, contact Mary Abe at [mc.abe@verizon.net](mailto:mc.abe@verizon.net).

## Pledge Commitment 2022

Thank you for your continued support of our beloved parish! We are grateful for the financial pledges received to date. If you have not returned your completed pledge to St. John's, we pray you will send it via email or by postal mail.

If you submitted a 2022 pledge form and have not received an email acknowledging that the church received your form, please contact the church office at (301) 937-4292 or via email, at [office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org](mailto:office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org). Thank you!

**St. John's Annual Parish Meeting:** This year's St. John's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022, via Zoom. The meeting will start immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Zoom worship service.

**Vestry Nominations:** In preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting on February 6, nominations are being accepted for three seats on the Vestry of St. John's.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the parish, nominees must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a member of the Episcopal Church as defined by the canons of the General Convention,
- Recorded in the St. John's parish register at least one month preceding the day of the parish meeting, and at least 18 years of age.
- Contributors of record for at least a month preceding the day of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Members must give approval to have their names submitted as nominees. For information, please contact Laurel Hillocks via email at [lhillocks@yahoo.com](mailto:lhillocks@yahoo.com).

**Episcopal Diocese of Washington Convention:** The 127th Convention will be held online in a webinar format on Saturday, January 29, 2022. Diocesan Convention is the yearly legislative meeting presided over by the bishop and consisting of the clergy of and elected representatives of its congregations. It considers the diocesan budget and other matters regarding the mission and ministry of the diocese. For more information, please visit: <https://edow.org/diocesan-resources/governance/diocesan-convention/>

## OFFERING AND DONATIONS

Thank you for your efforts in maintaining your pledge commitment to St. John's. You can send your offerings to St. John's using the following options:

1. Check Offerings and Donations – You can mail a check directly to St. John's using the address below:

St. John's Episcopal Church  
PO Box 14  
Beltsville, MD 20705

2. Online or Electronic Giving – You can make your contributions electronically by using the following options:

- Zelle - using the church's email address: [office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org](mailto:office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org)
- Also, by using the Giving page on our website for electronic payments. VANCO is our eGiving provider. If you select the secure **Online** tool to submit your offerings or donations, please complete the **Online Donation** box on the Giving page.

Again, we are grateful for your offering to support St. John's operation and our shared ministry. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact our treasurer, Hodge Herry, at [herryhodge@verizon.net](mailto:herryhodge@verizon.net).

## Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser February 1 - 5, 2022



Support our programs and ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church from the comfort of your home. *St. John's has partnered with Double Good Popcorn and will be holding an online fundraiser from February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 5<sup>th</sup>.* Double Good Popcorn offers a wide variety of delicious award-winning gourmet popcorns. **This is 100% contactless fundraiser as products are shipped directly to the buyer.**

### Here is how it works:

The event will be 100% online through Pop-Up Stores that you will create on your phone and send to friends and family anywhere in the USA. There is no money to collect nor forms to fill out.

- Download the **Double Good** app and create an account (the app is free on IOS and Android)
- Join the St John's Episcopal Church, Beltsville, Maryland fundraiser using our Event Code: **FLAXUI**
- When the event starts on February 1<sup>st</sup>, share your Pop-Up Store link with everyone using social media, text & email. Event continues through February 5<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Laurel Hillocks at (301)873-5945 or [lhillocks@yahoo.com](mailto:lhillocks@yahoo.com) if you have questions, need help setting up your Pop-Up Store or if you are interested in participating but do not have access to download the app.

**Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to support our program and ministries. St John's will earn 50% of total sales.**

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