



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& PARISH DAY SCHOOL**

*The Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany*

**5:00 P.M. SERVICE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024**

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

GLORIA *(All pray together.)*

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READING *(Please be seated.)*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

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

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD!*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor,*
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

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

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

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

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Mark 1:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Mary Sulerud

THE CREED (*Please stand.*)

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

(The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.)

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.

(The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

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.

(Silence may be kept.)

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

(A silence is held.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADULT FAITH FORUM: TOMORROW
10-10:45 a.m.; AUDITORIUM

Members of St James Lafayette Square, Baltimore, will be presenting their work on living their faith by developing "streetscape green infrastructure" in their church neighborhood. Their projects are transforming an area blighted by illegal dumping into a beautiful park with native plantings, excellent storm management, and features supporting environmental justice, community life, and wellbeing. A grant from St. John's Matthew 25 Fund for new Outreach initiatives has helped fund this project, and Development Corp. Advisors/Firesouls Steve Sye and Dick Williams are excited about coming to St. John's to walk us through their plans for the Harlem Park and Sandtown-Winchester neighborhoods. Please come to learn more about and support our church's connection with St James!

Scout Sunday



Sun., Feb. 4th • All Services
All Scouts and Scout Leaders are invited to wear their uniforms and receive a blessing at any of our services.



St. John's Progressive Dinner

A great night of friends, food, & fellowship!

Sat., Feb. 10, 2024

Details & Sign-Up:
<https://bit.ly/SJ-ProgDinner24>



Questions? Contact Karen Good at Events@stjohnsec.org
(Note "Progressive Dinner" in the subject line.)



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The Rev. Mary Sulerud
Pilgrimage Host



The registration deadline has been extended until Feb. 12th. Join fellow St. John's parishioners for this 10-day adult pilgrimage to the United Kingdom to see The Great Cathedrals and Churches of Southern England. Questions? Contact Peggy Burrows at 2024Pilgrimage@stjohnsec.org



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Shrove Tuesday **PANCAKE DINNER**

February 13th
All Saints Hall

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Details to come.



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WEDNESDAY**

FEBRUARY 14

DRIVE-THRU IMPOSITION OF ASHES:
8:30-9:30 a.m. & 2:30-3:30 p.m.; In the school car line

SERVICES IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH:
12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

A Piano Recital by Justin Pechulis

SUN., FEB. 18 • 4:00 PM • HISTORIC CHURCH



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deb Avant, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Donna Barr, Steve Belknap, Judi Bonig, Jim Bruce, Charlie Bryant, Amber Dawn Butler, Andrew Butler, Leah C., Alyson Conover, The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Dominic, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Nancy Frazee, Diana Frizzell, Hope Goebel, Marti Guillet, Bettye Howard, Dan Kalowski George Maestri, Pat Merson, Jim Metzger, Bob Miller, Charles H. Miller, Roger Nelson, Karen Nickles, Famebridge Payne, Ricky Reeves, Ruby Reilly, Patricia Schlick, Wallace Stebbins, Jennifer Stone, Debbie Stumbo, Alicia Townsend, Eleanor Tyler, Pam Walker, Dennis Williams, Dylan Williams, and Mickey Williams.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: *The Rev. Canon Emily Barr Richards*

THE FLOWERS ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR: *are given by Mars Fletcher in memory of her parents, Bob J. Fletcher and Verna Fletcher.*

*To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.***

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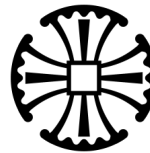
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