

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 A.M. SERVICE SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 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

Music pages are indicated in blue and can be found following page 7.

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

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God

M-2

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 FIRST 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.



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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their

conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *Open Your Ears* (vs. 1 & 2 before; vs. 3 & 4 after)

M-3

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 SERMON

The Rev. Jason Polling

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 righ0t 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.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*St. John's Choir (You may follow along with the lyrics on M-3 while the choir sings.)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

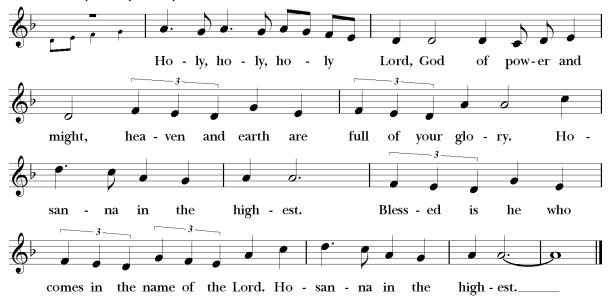
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy

Powell



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,

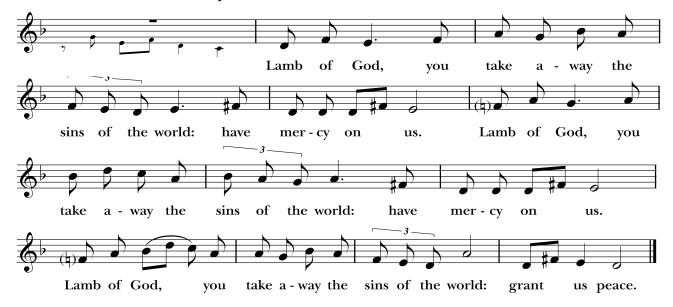
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.)





The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the Cup of Salvation. When only one chalice bearer is present, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The clergy will offer God's blessing to you. If you would like to receive Communion, but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION HYMNS Where Charity and Love Prevail Thou, Whose Almighty Word

M-4 M-5

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.**

CLOSING HYMN *God the Omnipotent!*

M-6

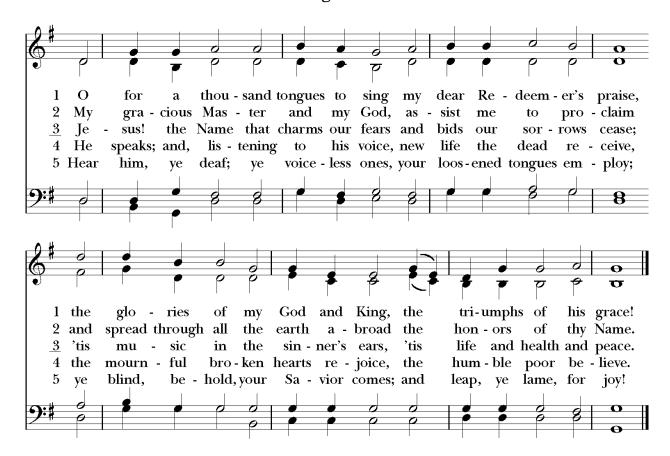
DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.





OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Crawford Thoburn

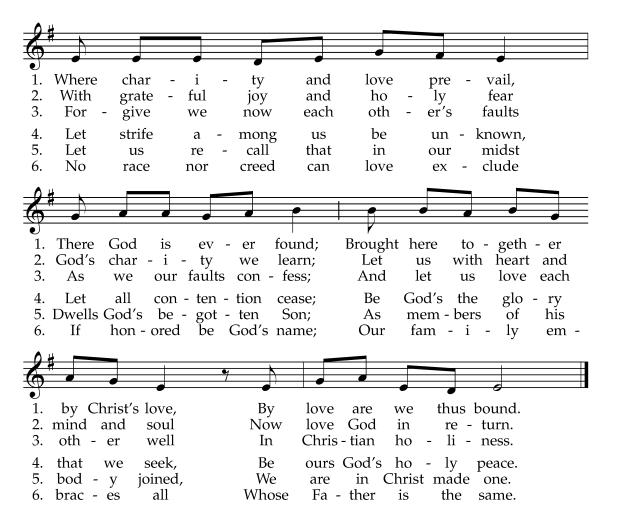
(You may follow along with the lyrics below while the Choir sings this anthem.)

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; |but sweeter far thy face to see, |and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.





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.







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









OUTREACH MEAL MINISTRY

Join us by:



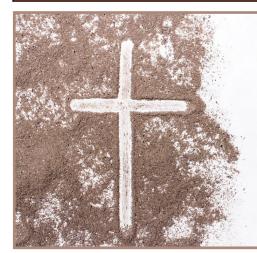
- Making casseroles
- Donating food
- Serving meals at the Day Resource Center (4th Wed. of the month)

Find details, including recipes and sign-ups, at www.stjohnsec.org/outreach



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.



ASH 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.



FRIDAY, MARCH 8 • 7:30 P.M. ALL SAINTS HALL

SAVE THE DATE • EVENT DETAILS TO COME

PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED

Re-gift a duplicate gift, offer the use of your rental home, donate gift cards to restaurants or activities, or anything else that would make a good bingo prize.

Drop donations in the marked boxes in the Historic Church Narthex and near the fireplace in the Education building. Contact Jennifer Wamble at

Events@stjohnsec.org. Put "Bingo" in the subject line.



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As of Jan. 23rd, we are at \$928,298 with 285 pledges!

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