Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
February 3, 2019
10:30 a.m.
An Epiphany Message from the Rector

We leave the 12 days of Christmastide behind with the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, the time when the three magi, the mysterious wise men, follow the eastern star to find the newborn Jesus and welcome him into the world with their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold is symbolic of Jesus’s royal position, frankincense symbolizes his divine birth, and myrrh depicts his mortality. For the next eight Sundays, during the season of Epiphany, we will focus on how God has become incarnate, coming into our world in the person we know as Jesus. We will learn about his first miracle, turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana; Jesus’ baptism by his cousin John; and his Transfiguration, which reveals Jesus as God’s only Son. I invite you to be open to the light of Christ coming into the world and into your life during this season of Epiphany. What gifts, given to us by God, can we share to honor the Messiah, the Savior of the world, Emmanuel, God with us? How can we reflect the love of God coming into the world?

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.

We welcome children of all ages to St. John’s. Your children are always welcome to stay in church with you. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged when they can see what’s happening. We also offer a professionally staffed nursery for children age 0 to 5 in our education wing. On most Sundays, we hold a Word Alive program for school-age children, where they will engage with the lectionary scriptures in an age-appropriate way. As noted in the bulletin on those Sundays, an acolyte will lead children out to Word Alive during the hymn before the sermon, and bring them back during the Peace. We also have resources for quiet play available at both entrances to the church.
HYMN OF PRAISE

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant 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.
People Amen.
THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4–10

All sit.

The word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 71:1–6

The people say the words in bold and sing the Antiphon as indicated.

My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, O God.

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
   let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
   incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
   you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
   from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
   my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
   from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; *
   my praise shall be always of you. Antiphon

THE EPISODE

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am
nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 440  Blessed Jesus, at thy word
All stand and sing. Children may follow the acolyte out to Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.


In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Minister  The Gospel of the Lord.
All  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
All sit.

THE NICENE CREED
All stand.
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

The people say the words in bold.

Guided by Christ’s gospel of love, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

God, you call the church on earth to witness to the life we receive in Jesus. Help us to share your good news and the love of God that never ends. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All creation is holy. Lead us to restore the hills and valleys, lakes and rivers, forests and coastlands to the beauty you created. Shelter and sustain all who are experiencing extreme cold, heat, and natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Call those who are wise and powerful to use their gifts to do justice and practice love in a world longing for peace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort those who mourn, ease the suffering of all who are lonely or in pain, and heal the sick, especially those on our parish prayer list. Bring to your table all who hunger and thirst. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Continue to uphold this community of faith to proclaim Christ crucified and reach out to those who are poor, hungry, homeless, or easily overlooked. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us and who showed us what love looks like, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

Swing low, sweet chariot

Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
A band of angels coming after me
Sometimes I’m up, sometimes I’m down
Sometimes I’m almost to the ground

Alice Parker is a national treasure: America’s reigning queen of choral music. – American Record Guide

My twenty-years’ experience with Robert Shaw, an immersion in folk music of many kinds, has had a profound effect on my own understanding of song. I learned to see each tune as a small universe, setting up its own rules of pitch and rhythm, mood and dance. If I understand that universe, and work within it for my setting, the result is an organic whole that allows the original melody to flourish. – Alice Parker
THE PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand and sing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 continues.
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. 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:

THE SANCTUS
All remain standing or kneel.

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,

_Celebrant and People_

**We remember his death.**  
**We proclaim his resurrection.**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

_The Celebrant continues._  
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 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._

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

_All_  
**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.

Music: from Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).
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Celebrant 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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John’s.
Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.
If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.
If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET Beati quorum via Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)
Words: Psalm 119:1

Beati quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini.
Blessed are they whose way of life is wholesome: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Following the death of Purcell in 1695, English music went into a long period of decline that was not reversed until the late 19th century. Of the many musicians who helped to bring about the English musical renaissance, Charles Stanford was one of the most influential. This musical revival reached its full flowering with Elgar and continued with Vaughan Williams and a whole new generation of talented composers. This meditative text from Psalm 119 shows Stanford at his most lyrical.
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION Lord, you give the great commission
All stand and sing.

Abbott’s Leigh
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHANY

THE DISMISSAL
The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE VOLUNTARY  Prelude to *Te Deum*  
Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634–1704)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God’s Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.
THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreader: David Beers
Pсалter: Betty Knorr
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Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt
Ushers: Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp, Eleanor Barnes, Akilah Williams
Acolytes: Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Britt Emerick, Aviyah Lohr
Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker
Altar Guild: Carol Sonne, Janet Willard

At Hughes Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Kim Byrd
Musician: Ray Giolitto

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of William and Barbara Proft, Altha Brooks Ray, Nancy S. Morrell, W. Leroy Morrell, Jr., and Marie D. Smedley

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HAPPENING TODAY

Faith Forum: An Introduction to Handel’s Messiah, 9:30 a.m.
At this morning’s Faith Forum, come hear Mark Bailey, artistic director of the American Baroque Orchestra and Singers, who will present Handel’s Messiah here on February 9. After years of research into Handel’s own facsimiles, Bailey has reconstructed Handel’s earliest vision of Messiah. He will discuss the experience of Handel’s initial ideas for Messiah, what the first performances of Messiah were like, and other aspects of the liturgical, musical, and historical context of this timeless masterpiece.

Pipes Alive!, 12:30 p.m.
The Pipes Alive! series continues with Kyle Swann playing the St. John’s organ. Kyle is organist and choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford. Join us for half-hour organ concerts featuring St. John’s magnificent Austin pipe organ, on the first Sunday of the month, January through June, 12:30 p.m. with regional organists. Free! A soup lunch will be provided after the 10:30 service for those staying for the concert.

Celtic worship, 4:30 p.m.
Our monthly Celtic worship features prayer, reflection, singing, chanting, poetry and silence. All are welcome to experience this ancient yet fresh way to connect with the divine. The service starts at 4:30 with an extended period of silence.

The Episcopal Church in CT has announced a two-year season of racial reconciliation, healing and justice. Parishes across the state, including St. John’s, will be introducing these topics in next week’s sermons and services, on a designated “day of racial healing.” Our bishops have called on Connecticut parishes to engage in this process to “help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening hearts and minds; acknowledge the reality of…bias against people of color; and awaken Episcopalians in Connecticut to the need for concerted action to address the ongoing injustice of the racial divide.” Look for upcoming Faith Forums and other special events as we engage in these important conversations with our brothers and sisters around the state.
In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d’Église Épiscopale d’Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans  Cheryl Trahan  Edward Shaker  Beth
Kim Green  Andrew Lee  Michael  Brooke
Carol Grieco  Susan  Ann Hutchinson  Julie Verney
Janet Ray  Meg  Helen Cooke  Suzanne Newton
Susan Murray  Luther  Chris

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Marie Montas  Cindy Lawler
Quint Noyes  Maggie Willard
Paul Thaxton  Spencer Sloan
Nancy Eaton  Alice Murchie

We give thanks for the birth, on Christmas day, of Micah Kline Winterbottom, grandson of Wes Winterbottom and Beth Rocco.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Immanuel St. James, Derby; Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel’s, East Berlin; St. Stephen’s, East Haddam; and for Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, and Latino/Hispanic ministry in CT.

Save the Date

Adult Inquirers/Confirmation Classes postponed

The classes scheduled for the four Sundays in February will be postponed until later this spring. Please let the rector know if you’d be interested in participating at that time. Inquirers classes are for adults considering confirmation along with any adult who is simply interested in learning more about the Christian faith and Episcopal Church.

Handel’s Messiah by the American Baroque Orchestra and Singers, Saturday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.

Full of famous choruses—such as the great Hallelujah—and based on Italian folk songs and carols, Handel’s Messiah tells a story of wonder and triumph. Experience this timeless masterwork in its earliest version, as conceived by the American Baroque Orchestra’s artistic director Mark Bailey, on Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. Snow date: February 16th, 7:30 p.m. The concert is free admission, suggested donation $20.

Jazz Eucharist, Sunday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.

Once again, the Hot Cat Jazz Band will play for our Jazz Eucharist, bringing Gospel and Dixieland jazz style to the service music and hymns. This is rescheduled from January 20, when services were cancelled due to weather. Please join us for this favorite annual event.
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)
5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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