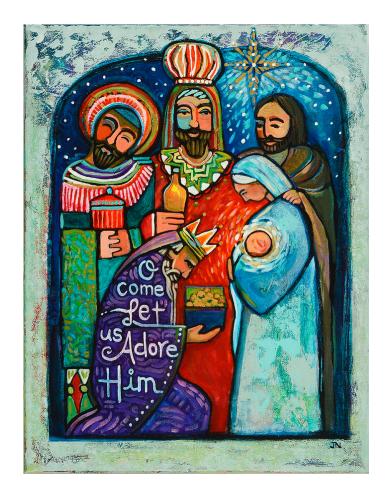
# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany* HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II *January 29, 2023* 10:30 a.m.

# Welcome!

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 need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

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# THE VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune Prelude

Henry Heron (1738–1795) Robert Paoli (b. 1991)

THE OPENING HYMN 556 Rejoice ye pure in heart! *All stand and sing.* 

# MARION

# 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* 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.
- People Amen.





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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

All sit.

Every ear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

# THE PSALTER

The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.



- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \* who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \* who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*
  he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \* **but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \* and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \* shall never be overthrown.

Micah 6:1-8

#### THE EPISTLE

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace *All stand and sing*.

#### THE GOSPEL

MinisterThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.AllGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

MinisterThe Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *All sit.* 

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

DICKINSON

Matthew 5:1–12

# 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**.

Let us now bring before God our prayers and petitions for this community and the world.

Loving God, you sent Christ Jesus to enlighten all nations: Instill in those who govern a love of your will and the humility to follow you. Give them the heart of Jesus, a heart that seeks to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Loving God, your only son Christ Jesus did not ignore the needs of the poor, the sick, or the oppressed, but healed them and invited them to be part of your kingdom: Protect the vulnerable, and let not your church fail to be the hands of Jesus in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, your son was born into poverty and lived, taught, and worked miracles among his own: Never let us forget those in our own community who are poor, oppressed, struggling, sick, and isolated. We especially remember those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, in sending Jesus into the world you called us all into closer relationship with the divine: Grant rest to the departed, and comfort those who mourn, as they wait to be reunited in your perfect love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Loving God, in you we find life and love and blessing: We thank you for all you have given to us, and we ask for grateful hearts to share your joyful bounty with the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

*Celebrant* O God, who came into our midst to enlighten the world, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that your church may see, follow, and shine your holy light, so that all may come into your loving embrace. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

- All 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.
- *Celebrant* 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.

All **And also with you.** 

THE WELCOME *All sit.* 

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Gladsome Light

O gladsome light! O gladsome light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy blessed Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun and we behold the light of evening, We praise you, God! We praise you God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For it is right at all times to give praise. O Son of God! O Giver of life! Therefore the world glorifies Thee!

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

#### All stand.

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.

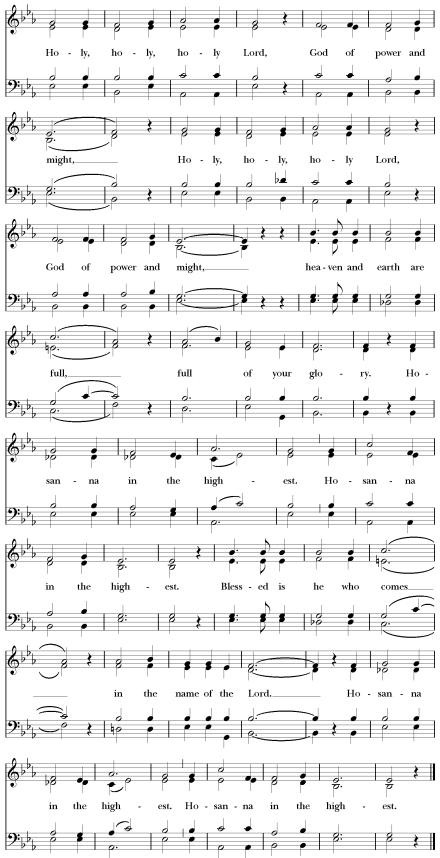
#### The Celebrant continues.

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 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:

Michelle Horsley (b. 1990)

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

#### THE SANCTUS



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#### 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.

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 children; 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing. 6# Je - sus, Lamb of God: have cy mer on us. Je - sus, bear - er  $\mathbf{of}$  $\mathbf{our}$ sins: have mer cy on us. Je sus, re deem - er, re deem - $\mathbf{er}$ of the world: us vour give us your give peace, peace. . Music: from Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

# THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know. If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

# THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Nunc Dimittis in C minor

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, amen.

# THE COMMUNION HYMN 325 Let us break bread together

# THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

THE CLOSING HYMN 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord **WOODLANDS** All sing.

# THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# THE VOLUNTARY Processional

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.

#### We have about 25 quarts of delicious homemade soups in our freezer, leftover from the Christmas Festival. After the 10:30 service, Annabel Clapp will be selling the soups (\$8/quart) along with a few remaining St. John's Christmas ornaments (\$20 each - tuck them away as gifts for next year!). Exact cash, check, and card accepted. Thank you!

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Robert Paoli (b. 1991)

LET US BREAK BREAD

George Dyson (1883–1964)

#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald Layreader: Richard Lammlin Psalterer: Eden Baker The St. John's Choir School Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein Assisting Organist: Bruce Henley Organ Scholar: Yingying Xia Acolytes: Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Danielle Branco Ushers: David Grimaldi, Karen Licht, Enid Oberholtzer, Don Polk, Laura Roche Healing Prayers: Annabel Clapp, Paul Shaker Livestream Oversight: Mary Sypek Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Nancy Pedersen Nursery Workers: Morgan Babbitt, Caroline Thaxton

#### The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen H. Faude.

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

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

#### Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Mary Jo Keating
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Robert Connolly
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Alicia Leggett
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joan Renz
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Anne Beyersdorfer
Marie Montas	Daisy	Krista
Sam	Wendy	Emma Pinney
Paul Epstein	Bob Norton	Family of Peter Cruikshank
Nicole	Jessica	-

#### Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton Christian Dahlstrom

#### Those celebrating birthdays:

Marie Montas Andy Marchion Jeff Wright

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; and for Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, and Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Pakistan (United).

Kids Community Music Camp Workshop, Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for a one-day Winter Community Music Camp for children in grades 3 through 5! We will explore the various musical activities that we enjoy in our week-long summer camp (drumming, singing, dance, and more), see performances by our artist instructors, and get to know one another. The camp is free but registration is required. Go to https://www.reddoormusic.org/camp/ for more information and to register. Snow date: February 25. We are looking for several adult and youth volunteers to help with the camp. Contact Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net if you can help.

**Contribute to the 2023 Lent devotional.** We will once again create a unique Lent devotional created by YOU, St. John's parishioners! People of all ages are invited to contribute a written reflection, poem, drawing, photo, or other response to a particular scripture passage assigned to a day in Lent. We will publish all contributions in a devotional booklet to be distributed in print and digital formats. You may choose a particular day/passage, or let us assign one to you. Your contribution may include words and images from other sources, but please include full attribution. All submissions are due to Ellen in the parish office by February 10. Submissions must be in Microsoft Word, .JPG or .PNG format. No PDFs please! Feel free to partner with others, and know that you do not need to be a seminary graduate or professional artist to contribute! Sign up at sjparish.net/lent2023

**Pipes Alive! with Noah Klein, Sunday, February 5, 12:30 p.m.** Join us for the next Pipes Alive! organ concert next Sunday, featuring Noah Klein, director of music ministry at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Groton, CT. Free admission with donations welcome.







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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services. Choral Evensong or Celtic Eucharist at 5 p.m. on select Sundays. Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

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Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

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2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien	
2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, David McCary	