



## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MORNING PRAYER (ANTE-COMMUNION)

Second Sunday after the Epiphany • January 18, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals in the pews.*

### VOLUNTARY

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 7

*Ratisbon*

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE • S 280

Glory to God

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord  
God, heaven-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Father:  
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

**PSALM 40:1-12** *Expectans, expectavi*  
*To be chanted by choir and congregation together*



I waited patiently upon the | LORD; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my | cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and | clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing | sure.

He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our | God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the | LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the | LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false | gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for | us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with | you.  
Oh, that I could make them known and | tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can | count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no | pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to | hear you);  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not re| quired, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I | come.

In the roll of the book it is written con| cerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my | heart.'"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
    behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
    and that, O LORD, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
    I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.  
You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
    let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever,

## **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS**

*1:1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,  
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and  
ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ  
Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as  
the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual  
gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that  
you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into  
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SEQUENCE HYMN • 51**

*Decatur Place*

“We the Lord’s people, heart and voice uniting”

## **THE GOSPEL** *(Please stand as each is able)*

*John 1:29-42*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of  
the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before  
me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be  
revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it  
remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,  
‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I  
myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he  
exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed  
Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They  
said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them,  
“Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was

about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE MORNING MESSAGE**

*Ms. Sharon Liparini*

## **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**

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; We pray especially for those dear to this congregation: Philip L. & Robert L. Grady, Linda E., Eric G., Lisa, Debbie, Brian, Linda, Gary, Jeremy, Joan G., Sister Eleanor, and Michelle.  
**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.

*Silence*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**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.**

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 PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY



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### THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 533

*Lions*

“How wondrous and great”

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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 SUFFRAGES

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Day by day we bless you;

**We praise your Name for ever.**

Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**For we put our trust in you.**  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**And we shall never hope in vain.**

## THE COLLECTS

### A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: pre serve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## **THE CLOSING HYMN • 535**

*Paderborn*

“Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **VOLUNTARY**

## **LEADING AND SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY:**

**The Rev. Deacon John H. VanDine Sr.** *Officiant*

**Ms. Sharon Liparini** *Morning Message*

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