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## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### MORNING PRAYER

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany • January 22, 2022 • 10 a.m.

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*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 located in the pews. Mask wearing during worship is optional, but please continue to wear a mask while singing.*

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Largo*

*Betty Roe (b. 1930)*

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 557

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (vv. 1-5)*

*Vineyard Haven*

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

To God with glad - ness sing, your Rock and Sa - vior bless; in -  
 He cra - dles in his hand the heights and depths of earth; he  
 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his on - ly Son, your  
 to his tem - ple bring your songs of thank - ful - ness! O God of  
 made the sea and land, he brought the world to birth! O God Most  
 voice in hom - age raise to him who makes all one! O Dove of  
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 might, to you we sing, en - throned as King on hea - ven's height!  
 High, we are your sheep; on us you keep your shep - herd's eye!  
 peace, on us de - scend that strife may end and joy in - crease!

**PSALM 19** (*read responsively*)

*Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \***  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \***  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**  
**and runs about to the end of it again; \***  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just**  
**and rejoice the heart; \***  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear**  
**and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*

the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM NEHEMIAH

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE I • 533

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

The Song of the Redeemed: *Magna et mirabilia*  
Lyons

### A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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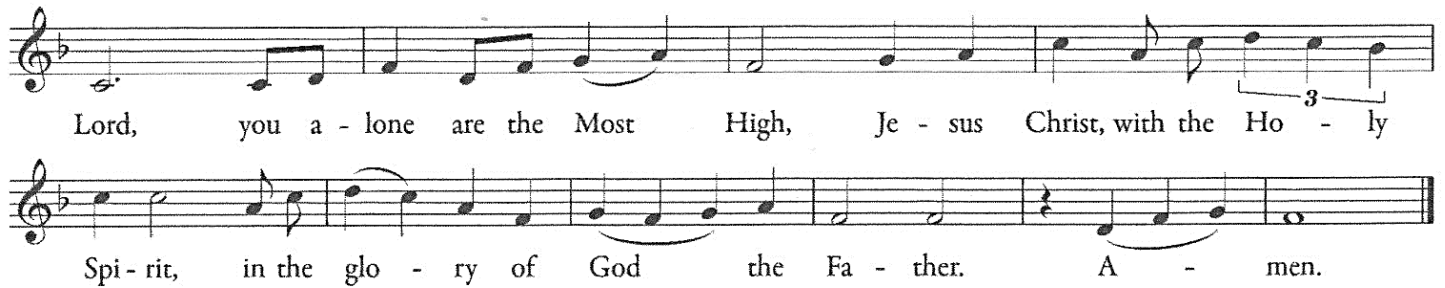
**CANTICLE II**

*Glory to God*

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord  
 God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y 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



**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE** *(The congregation remains seated.)*

*Luke 4:14-21*

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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**THE SERMON**

***Repent, Look for Signs of the Kingdom & Follow Jesus***

*written by the Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates*

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE OFFERTORY**

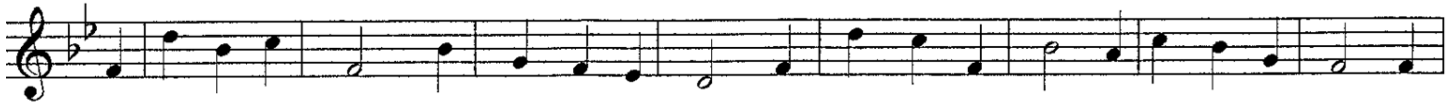
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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**  
*They Cast Their Nets in Galilee*

St. John's Choir  
*David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)*

**PRESENTATION HYMN**  
*O praise ye the Lord*

*Laudate Dominum*



O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light; ye  
O praise ye the Lord! Thanks-giv - ing and song to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long! For



hea - vens a - dore him by whom ye were made, and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
love in cre - a - tion for hea - ven re - stored, for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

**THE PRAYERS**

God 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.**

**SUFFRAGES B**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

**THE COLLECTS**

**Collect of the Day**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## **A Collect For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.**

## **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.

## **CLOSING HYMN • 530**

*Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

*Gott sei Dank*

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Postlude*

*Andrew Fletcher (b. 1950)*

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***We are glad you are with us!***

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thank you for being with us in prayer – you are most welcome, always!

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**The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine, Jr.,** *Officiant*

**Mr. Kevin Bidwell** *Server and Lector*

**Mr. Robert H. Gangewere, Jr.** *Organist and Choirmaster*

**Ms. Ellen Bomser, Ms. Michelle Capobianco Riegel, Ms. Kathy Cascone,**

**Ms. Sandra Lee Schubert** *Choir*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Are you interested in serving as an **acolyte, eucharistic minister or eucharistic visitor?** Rev. Sharon will lead a **training session on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 1:15 p.m.** Please let her know if you want to attend.
- **Thank you** to all who have assisted in making our **Saturday Luncheon Socials** a success. Spread the word to anyone who would like to come for a good meal and conversation each week from noon to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. **If you can help,** please let Sharon Liparini know at [Sharon.Liparini@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.Liparini@gmail.com).
- **Join us at coffee hour** for refreshment and fellowship after each Sunday service. **To help** with a future coffee hour, reach out any of our vestry members.
- Would you like to **dedicate altar flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp** to a special person? Sign up at church, or contact Kathy Cascone at [casconek@yahoo.com](mailto:casconek@yahoo.com).

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or via our Zoom Livestream (email [admin@StJohnsBoonton.org](mailto:admin@StJohnsBoonton.org) for Zoom log-on information)

**Sundays at 10 a.m.** - Choral Eucharist with a Sermon, the first and third Sunday.

Morning Prayer with a Sermon on the second and fourth Sunday.

The Fifth Sunday will be either Choral Eucharist or Morning Prayer.

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