



St. John's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19th, 2025 ~ 10am

The Word of God

Entrance Hymn

#135 ~ *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems to thee addressed, God in man-made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest, and thy God-head manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthem to thee addressed, God in man-made manifest.

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever-changing from good ill;
anthems to thee addressed, God in man-made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe the transfigured glory saw.
From there the latest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest God in man-made manifest.

Welcome

Celebrant How precious is the steadfast love of God.

People **All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Celebrant Christ is the fountain of life.

People **In Christ we behold the Light of God.**

Officiant 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. *Amen.*

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect

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 Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to

another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,**
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 **They feast upon the abundance of your house; ***
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- 10 **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, ***
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving God, in every gathering of Christian believers, you bring together a people of gifts, strengths and needs to manifest the universal body of Christ. We pray for your church throughout the world, that every local congregation may live as sisters and brothers in harmony, showing forth the light of Christ to the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In every age you raise up servant leaders for your people. We pray for all who teach and lead, for Julia our Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and for all who serve in the name of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sake of the common good of all people, you create human societies to be places of refuge and human flourishing. We pray for the leaders of the governments and especially our leaders; For Joe our president and Donald our president-elect, and all who hold public office. May they receive wisdom to exercise government with true justice grounded in mercy.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son, Jesus, performed the first of his signs of glory at a wedding in Cana. We pray for all who are joined as family; for husbands and wives and for all who make covenant to live together for mutual support and love; for parents and children, for the aged and the young.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who sick or suffering, in particular Elin Babin, Paul Brophy, Norma Cahill, Francine Carroll, Marie Conners, Barbara Cox, Kelly Dodge, Jim and Tim Eldridge, Joanne and Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Allison Gray, Patti Greene-Botticeli, Jerica Hamre, Will Hare, Carolyn and Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Larry Kamp & Family, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Janet Lancaster, Elizabeth, Melissa McSheffery, Mary & Dante, Bobby Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Jonelle Moloney, Erica and Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Carol Patroli, Kathy and Keelan Pothier, Shirley Raithel, Debbie Rossetti, Gina Sorrentino, Sandy and David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Gail Smith, Dom and Joanie Tello, Steve and Kathy, Tony Venezia, Kathy Webber, Nancy White, Lizzi, Rachel, Abigail, and Claire; console and strengthen them with your compassionate love.

Are there others...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for departed loved ones and friends, especially Aloise Stewart, knowing you have received them into your peaceful heavenly kingdom.

(we invite members of the congregation to offer the names of those who have died)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord you are the giver of all good things. Receive our prayers that we offer for ourselves and our world. In all things, grant us the courage to exercise your gifts for the good of our world, through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sins:

Minister and People

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.

Officiant 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

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Bring offerings and tribute with thanks and praise for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

The Holy Communion

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of the light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Officiant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right to do so.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Minister and People

Sanctus

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Officiant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Officiant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 say,

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, and 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 Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Officiant Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Fraction Anthem 1982 Hymnal #S155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Anthem during Communion Contemplation

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Officiant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
 imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in
 Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who stood with sinners on the river bank, uphold you.
Amen.

May the love of God, who calls us beloved children, bless you. **Amen.**

May the power of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus as a dove, give you peace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #563 ~ *Go Forward Christian Soldiers*

Go forward, Christian soldier, beneath his banner true:
the Lord himself, thy Leader, shall all thy foes subdue.
His love foretells thy trials; he knows thine hourly need;
he can with bread of heaven thy fainting spirit feed.

Go forward, Christian soldier, fear not the secret foe;
far more o'er thee are watching than human eyes can know:
trust only Christ, thy Captain; cease not to watch and pray;
heed not the treacherous voices that lure thy soul astray.

Go forward, Christian soldier, nor dream of peaceful rest,
till Satan's host is vanquished and heaven is all possessed;
till Christ himself shall call thee to lay thine armor by,
and wear in endless glory the crown of victory.

Go forward, Christian soldier, fear not the gathering night:
the Lord has been thy shelter; the Lord will be thy light.
When morn his face revealeth thy dangers all are past:
O pray that faith and virtue may keep thee to the last!

Dismissal

We have been with Jesus to the River Jordan, river of life, river of promise. Go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of the promise. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Announcements/Reminders

Welcome Rev. Ann!

We thank The Rev. Ann Perrott for officiating today's service while Rev. John is away. Please be sure say hello and offer a warm St. John's welcome!

Annual Meeting Reminder

After worship on Sunday, February 2nd, we will gather for St. John's annual meeting and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Counting

Counting this month is planned for next **Sunday the 26th**; please forward any memorial gifts, pledges, etc. to the office beforehand. Thank you!

Participants in this Service:

The Rev. Ann Perrott, Officiant & Guest Priest
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director
John Rogalski, Worship Leader ~ Colleen Marcotte, L.E.M.

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