



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL

*We strive to bring all people to a closer relationship
with God and each other in Jesus Christ.*



Sunday, February 7, 2021 – 10:15 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

THE WORD OF GOD

Music pages are indicated in blue and can be found near the back of the bulletin.

Prelude *Fantasia G Minor*

Bach

Welcome

Entrance Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

M-1

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Gloria*

M-2

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *Please be seated.*

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
 or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
 Who created these?
 He who brings out their host and numbers them,
 calling them all by name;
 because he is great in strength,
 mighty in power,
 not one is missing.
 Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 "My way is hidden from the LORD,
 and my right is disregarded by my God"?
 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
 He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
 Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm *Read in unison.*

147:1-12, 21c

- 1 Hallelujah!
 How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
 how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
 he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
 and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
 and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
 there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
 but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
 make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
 and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve mankind.
 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens when they cry.
 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
 in those who await his gracious favor.
 21 Hallelujah!

The Second Reading *Please be seated.*

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

The Gospel Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

M-3

The Gospel of the Lord *Please stand.*

Mark 1:29-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The Sermon *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Ann Ritonia

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able; said by all.*

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.

Prayers of the People *Remain standing.*

The Lector and People pray responsively. At the conclusion of each petition,

Lector In response to your love,

People Raise us up.

Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

Absolution

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 *Remain standing.*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

Text "SJEC" to 73256 or donate at www.stjohnsec.org/give.

Offertory Anthem *If You Search With All Your Heart*

Courtney

Nancy Miller, soloist

Eucharistic Prayer A *Remain standing as you are able.*

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.**

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 *Pray in unison.*

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Behold what you are;

People **May we become what we receive.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer *Pray in unison.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to 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.

Immediately following the livestream service, Holy Eucharist will be available at the side door of the church from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Please stay in your car and wear a mask.

Communion Hymn *How Great Thou Art*
Russ Corbett, solo

Courtney

The Post-Communion Prayer *Pray together.*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn *In Christ There is No East or West*

M-4

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

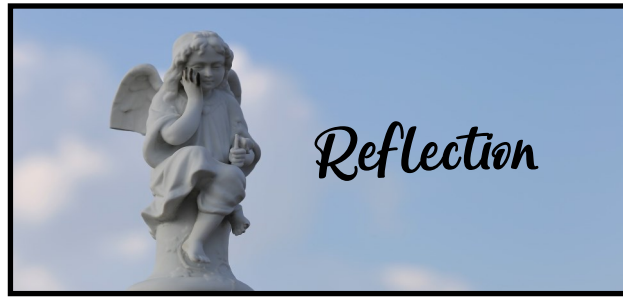
Postlude *In Christ There is no East or West*

arr. Callahan



INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

At St. John's all are welcome! Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey; whatever you are believing or doubting; whether you are married, partnered or single; whatever your physical or mental abilities; no matter your age or economic status, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity: we welcome you here to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.



On this fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Jesus continues to reveal his power and authority. In this week's Gospel the message is not only about healing but, more importantly, restoration to life. You are healed in order to return to what gives life meaning. In so many of the healing stories of Jesus he asks, "What do you want of me?" At the end of the passage from Mark, Jesus goes out to a lonely place by himself and prays seemingly to recharge. As you reflect on this week's gospel you are invited to consider the following:

1. What brings your life meaning?
2. Do you consider so called menial work you do to be a ministry offered in the name of Christ?
3. If Jesus needs time to recharge, what is preventing you from allowing yourself the same?

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alma, Autumn Aje, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Virginia Berg, William Eric Boin, Maya Bragdon, Kelly Brown, Barbara Burris, Cathy, Oliver Chang, Melissa Chavez, Teddy Clarke, Diane, Jeffrey Edmonds, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, June Elder, Amy Gebhard, George, Tom Goetting, Frank Grondahl, James Grubb, Jennette & Richard Hamilton, The Rev. Randy Haycock, Natalie Cox Hennes, Chris Jones, Kathy & Joe, Kathryn & Jim, James Kreckel, Cathy Kulpinski, Amy Lederer Shapiro, Nancy Maestri, Emily Mello, Carol Mello, Tom & Pat Merson, Michael, Charles Miller, Bob Monkouski, Jerry O'Neill, Beblon Parks, Famebridge Payne, Pete Riker, Marilyn Scala, Heather Schwenk, Shirley & Jack, Pam Sikora, William Skasick III, Kim & Rodney Smith, Russell Stacy, Wallace Stebbins, Bettie Sullivan, Joell Szachara, Karin Tourtellotte, Alicia Townsend, Verity Truby, Michael Turmala, Jennifer Turner, James Vanderheiden, and Allen "Mitch" Wright.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Frederick Berg

FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY: Jonas Kelsall, Keith Scharnhorst, Barry Weimer, Kristina Randazzo, Chris Peterson, Mike Jackson, and Scott Geist.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Dorcas and Joe Zoller in loving memory of their daughter, Linda Zoller Weinhardt.

Our community shares the compassion of prayer with members and beyond. To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone; or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.

Entrance Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

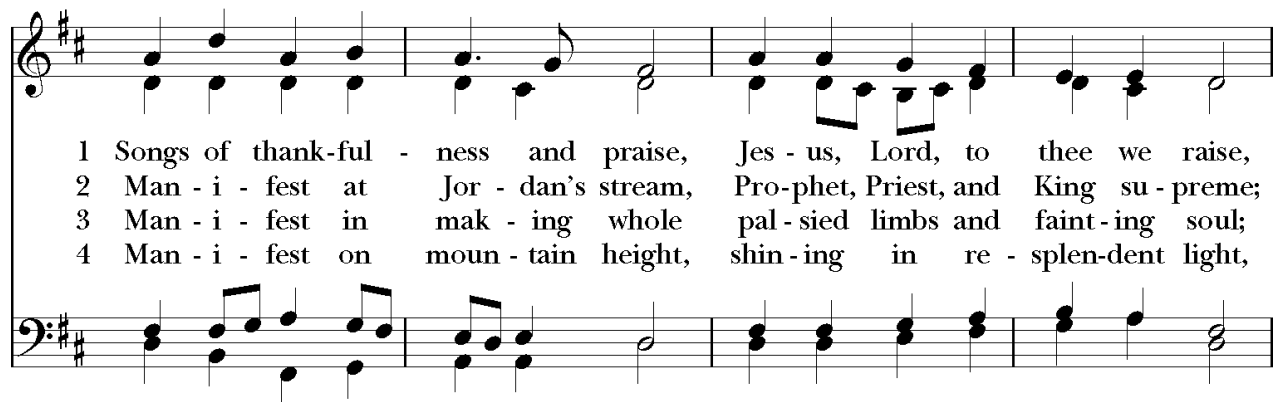
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

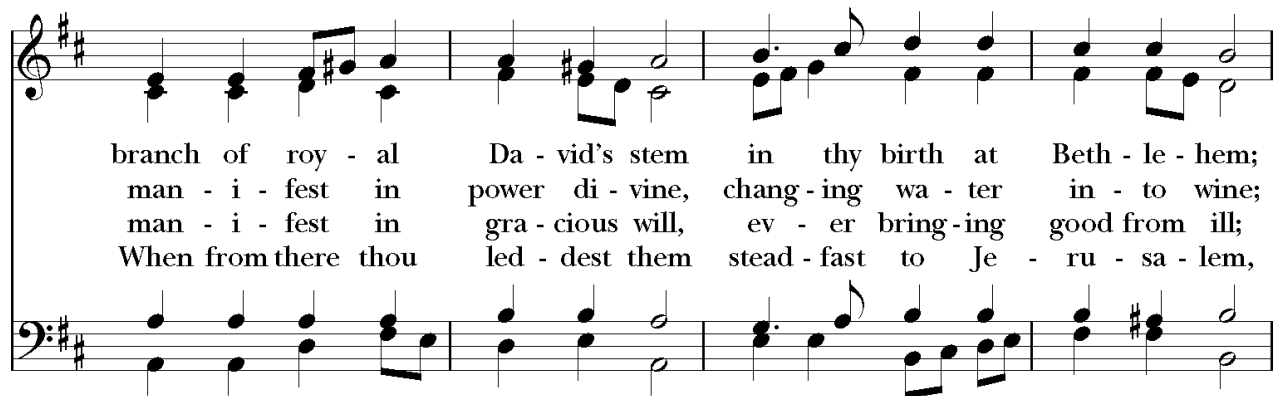
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In



1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly
 2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
 3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
 4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are



1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
 4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

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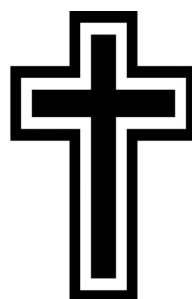
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