

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Liturgy of the Word

10:00 am

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021



Silly Sisters (2014) by Tracy Nzambi

All are welcome at God's Table

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider	The Rev. Michelle Meech
Homilist	The Rev. Michelle Meech
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Sue Bonsteel
Lector	Ana Hernandez
Music Director	Terry Earles
Cantor	Pat Gerresheim
Zoom Usher	Laura Ricci

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Preludes Come, Follow Me Reger
 In Thee is Gladness Wood
 The Trumpets of Heaven Paxton

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider and People

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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1982 Hymnal, 7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Presider 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.

***People* Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector A Reading from the first book of Samuel.

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 139: 1-5; 12-17



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- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and / known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from a / far.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my / resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my / ways.

- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my / lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it alto / gether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and be / fore *
and lay your hand u / pon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for / me; *
it is so high that I cannot at / tain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost / parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's / womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously / made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it / well.
- 14 My body was not hidden / from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the / earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your / book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was / none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O / God! *
how great is the / sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the / sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like / yours.

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

THE GOSPEL
Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker



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

John 1: 43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Michelle Meech

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 human.
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.
Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified.
And 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

Intercessor In thanksgiving for God's love for her people, let us pray for one another
and for the world saying: God of light, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the church that it may always be the body and spirit of Christ throughout
the world. We pray for the holy people of God and for Michael, our presiding
bishop; Andrew, Allan, and Mary, bishops; Michelle, priest; and Sue, deacon.
With one voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our nation in great need of repentance, healing and your grace that we
may overcome the hatred, dishonesty, and chaos that plagues our land. We
pray for our elected leaders and for Donald, president; Mike, vice-president;
and for Joe, president-elect; and Kamala, vice president-elect. With one
voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For peace in every nation, every city, every neighborhood, and every heart.
May we be united by love and not hate; by trust and not fear; and by hope
and not despair. Protect us from those who wish to create turmoil in our
lives. With one voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this beloved community of faith that we will always be ready to hear and respond to your call. May we spread the message of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and not be complicit of injustice by remaining silent. May we always have the courage to speak truth to power. With one voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the poor, the hungry, and those without adequate shelter; for the refugees and for the children still separated from their parents; and for all who live in the shadows; that they may find comfort in our prayers as well as in our actions. Bless the ministries that seek to ease their suffering – Angel Food East, People’s Place, Family of Woodstock, and the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network. With one voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the sick, the frail and the elderly; for those that grieve; and for all who have asked for our prayers:

You will be asked to unmute. Please offer your intercessions either silently or aloud.

May the light of Christ fill them with hope and peace and bring comfort to them in their pain and sorrow. With one voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For victims of crimes; for prisoners; and for those on death row; that God’s light may cast out all darkness and fear. We pray for Lisa Montgomery who was executed in Indiana for the death of Bobbi Jo Stinnett and for those who participated in the execution. With one voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the faithful who have gone before us, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. We pray for Sara Parker and Mr. T.H. Horton and also all who have died due to the pandemic, gun violence and suicide. With one voice we pray:

People **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For whom else and what else shall we pray?

You will be asked to unmute. Please offer your intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Presider Savior, Redeemer, Beloved of God: Fulfill our prayers as may be best for us. Clothe us in your love, strengthen us to live gently on this earth, give us humility to see all we encounter as precious to you, and teach us to walk with kindness and patience this hour and always.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

Please provide your attention to our Wardens for an announcement.

Presider Let us walk in love as Christ loved us and offer of ourselves a sacrifice to God.

Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word

1982 Hymnal, 371

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

Beloveds of God, Love is born among us, around us, and within us. Let this be your truth so you may be a bridge of God's boundless Love to every soul you meet. And may the blessing of the God of Love, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The **Sacrament of Communion** will begin at **11:45 am** in the St. John's Sanctuary.
All are welcome at God's Table... with masks, please.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Pastoral Care Team meeting at 12:30. Click here to join Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/768878535>. All are welcome!

Epiphany House Blessings! Each year Rev. Michelle makes the rounds to offer a blessing upon your home and will gladly do so this year, although she cannot stay for a visit. You can sign up for a House Blessing visit from Rev. Michelle or download simple instructions on how to bless your own home. [Epiphanytide House Blessings – St. John's Kingston](#)

The Page Turners book for February 2nd is "Braiding Sweetgrass," by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Speak to Lynn Dennison for more information. All are welcome!

St. John's Annual Meeting

Sunday, **January 31** via **Zoom**

More details soon to come.

Vestry Slate

Thank you to these good people who are willing to stand for election and serve as leaders!

- Lynn Dennison – Warden (2 years)
- Liz Moeller – Vestryperson (3 years)
- Nilsa Rodriguez-Jaca – Vestryperson (3 years)
- Sara Hutton – Vestryperson (1 year)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children's New Book Drive: Family of Woodstock is in need of books for children who are in or are leaving shelters. If you are coming to in-person church, please consider bringing a new children's book (all ages). Or send a donation to the church (207 Albany Ave) and we will do the shopping. Questions? Contact Outreach Coordinator Elaine (845-532-6585) or Deacon Sue (845-331-5575).

*Have an announcement for the bulletin?
Please send by Wednesday at noon to stjohnskingston@aol.com.*

Worship & Programming: January 17-23

All worship and formation programs are online through Zoom unless otherwise noted below. **Go to: stjohnskingston.org/online-streaming-worship** and click on the appropriate heading/link to join the Zoom room.

- Sunday Worship at 10:00 am – Online only
Communion at 11:45 am – In-person only
- Tuesday Compline at 9:00 pm – Online only
- Wednesday Open Prayer at 9:00 am on Facebook Live
- Wednesday Morning with Terry at 10:00 am – Online only
- Wednesday Centering Prayer at 5:45 pm
(musical prelude starts at 5:15) – Online only
- Friday Morning Prayer at 8:15 am – Online only
- Friday Bible Study at 9:00 am – Online only

All activities in the church building have been canceled so that Angel Food East can continue to operate. Please do not enter the kitchen. If you need access to another part of the church building, please check-in with Rev. Michelle.