



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**

**Holy Eucharist:**

Rite II Prayer B

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## WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE-** *Meditation on Slane*

by E. Krouse

**ENTRANCE HYMN-** *I come with Joy (Land of Rest) (Blue Hymnal- 304)*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People :And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant and Congregation:*

*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.*

**SONG OF PRAISE S 236 (Front of Blue Hymnal)- A Song of Praise- (Rutter)**

*All standing, as able.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People :* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant :* Let us pray.

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.

*The People are seated.*

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 9:1-4

Michael Proscia

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when

dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

Priest: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

*Congregation: One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;*

Priest: To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

*Congregation: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.*

Priest: Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

*Congregation: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

Priest: Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

*Congregation: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.*

Priest: Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

*Priest and Congregation: You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Lisa N. Norton-Rotella

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so

that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

*All stand, as able*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *The Strong Word did Cleave the Darkness (Blue Hymnal- 381)*

**GOSPEL- Matthew 4:12-23**

All stand.

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea— for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON-** The Rev. Tim Black

**THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand, as able.*

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**

Andrew Hales

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Damar Hamlin, Julian McPhillips, Leslie McPhillips.

*You are invited to add your own prayers, out loud or silently*

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray today for: Phillip Sewell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Canon Darius Sudayi

*You are invited to add your prayers, out loud or silently*

Lord, in your mercy

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

*Priest:* 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** (BCP p. 360)

*All stand, as able*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*We close The Passing of the Peace by singing, together:*

We are one in the bond of love

We are one in the bond of love

We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God

We are one in the bond of love

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** (BCP p. 376)

*Priest:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *One Bread, One Body (LEVAS 151- Red and Black Hymnal)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The People remain standing, as able.*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Priest:* 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.

**PROPER PREFACE** (BCP p. 361)

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 - S 127 (Front of Blue Hymnal) - Holy, holy, holy (Hampton)**

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

*The People stand or kneel, as able*

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O God,

*Celebrant and People*  
*We remember Christ's death,*  
*We proclaim Christ's resurrection,*  
*We await Christ's coming in glory;*



*Celebrant* : And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

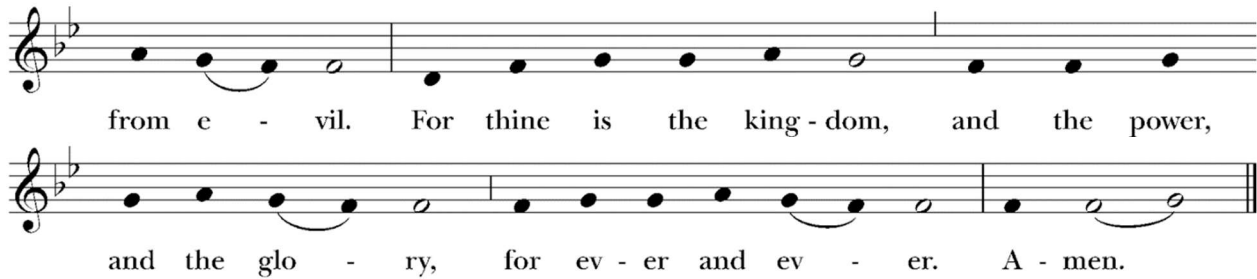
**THE LORD’S PRAYER S 119** The Lord’s Prayer (Traditional)  
(Plainsong/Douglas)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

**THE LORD’S PRAYER S 119** (*Plainsong/Douglas*)

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



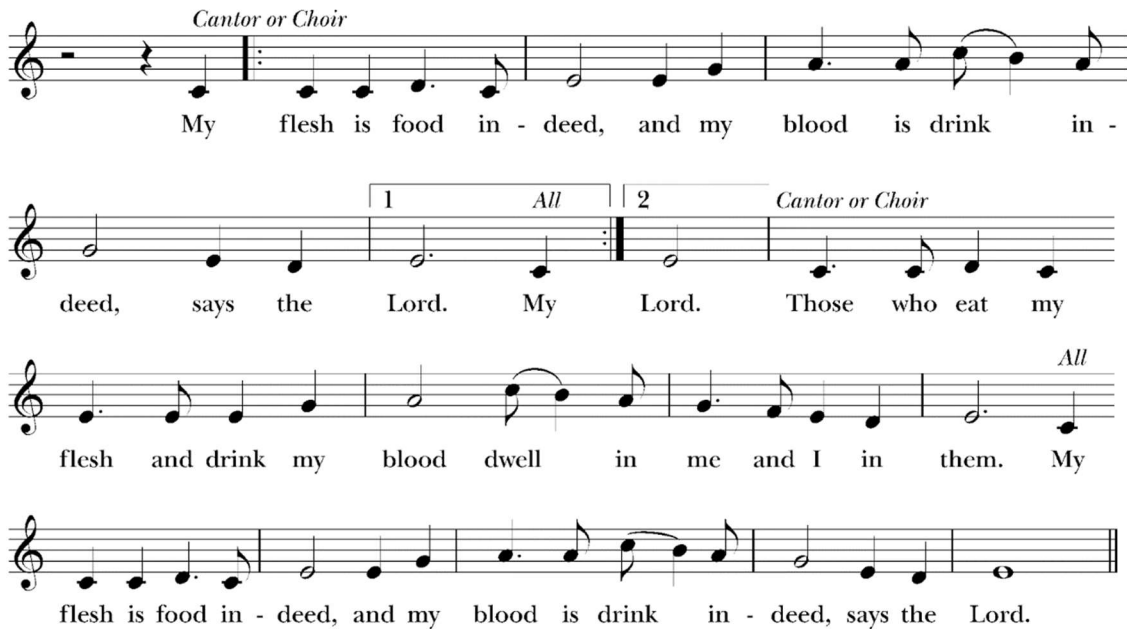
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Congregation:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



*Cantor or Choir*  
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
deed, says the Lord. **1** *All* My Lord. **2** *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My  
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

**INVITATION**

The Celebrant says: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

**DISTRIBUTION** (BCP p. 365)

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *What Star is This with Beams so Bright?* (Blue Hymnal- 124)

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (BCP p. 365)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

*Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### **BLESSING** (BCP p. 366)

*Celebrant:* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the way of those walk this journey with us, so be quick to love and slow to anger, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

### **POST-COMMUNION HYMN** *Spread, o Spread thou mighty word* (Blue Hymnal 530)

### **DISMISSAL** (BCP p. 366)

*Celebrant:* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia

**POSTLUDE:** *O Zion, Haste*

Arr. by C. Berry

### **Parish Notes**

**At 10:00 AM : Join us via Zoom January 22, 2023** You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) 1-929-205-6099 and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

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We still are missing a few pledges for 2023. We are so close to exceeding our goal! To pledge right now, please email the church office at [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org). Your pledges help us to plan for St John's mission and ministry. We rely on pledges in order to be able to be proactive about our programming and outreach. If you have never pledged, but give, please consider pledging. Giving to God's work in The Church is a spiritual discipline we are all called to follow. We are grateful in advance for your generosity and prayerful support.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study Has Begun** on zoom and in person. Join us at 7 PM as we begin reading John's epistles (1-3 John). Join us at the same zoom address used for Sunday worship. Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukh furgD8>

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER RETURNS- JANUARY 18, 6:00 PM**

Come enjoy a "humpday" dinner with your church family starting next Wednesday evening. Dinners are on a donation basis- \$5.00 or "pay what you can." All are welcome, regardless of ability to donate. If you are coming, please RSVP to [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org) 1/18- Beef Stew and Salad, 1/25- Spaghetti and Salad.

**Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM**

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

**Compline Night Prayer Thursday - 7:00 pm**

Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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