



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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

Holy Eucharist:

Rite II Prayer B

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WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

by G. Webb

ENTRANCE HYMN- *Hymn 542- Christ is the World's True Light (Blue Hymnal)*

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8-

Richard Pflieger

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be

pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 15

Priest: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

Congregation: Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

Priest: There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

Congregation: In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.

Priest: He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

Congregation: He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Priest and Congregation: Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Celeste Hall

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as able

SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymn 656- Blest are the pure in heart- (Blue Hymnal)*

GOSPEL- Matthew 5:1-12

All stand.

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Mike Spring

All remain standing.

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. So let us pray to the Lord, saying, "For your blessing and guidance, *we give you thanks.*" God, bless your Church. May our souls hunger and thirst for righteousness. Give us the grace to do those things you require of us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

Silence

For your blessing and guidance,

We give you thanks.

God, bless the people of this and every nation. You make foolish the wisdom of the world; we pray that our leaders find their wisdom in you. Teach us to be merciful and open us to receive mercy from others.

Silence

For your blessing and guidance,

We give you thanks.

God, bless your creation. Your mighty, creative voice echoes through the mountains. We offer back to you all the many gifts that spring forth from this earth.

Silence

For your blessing and guidance,

We give you thanks.

God, bless our local community. May we be a people who do no evil to our friends, who heap no contempt upon our neighbors.

Silence

For your blessing and guidance,

We give you thanks.

God, bless the poor in spirit with the inheritance of your kingdom. Bless those who are sick, imprisoned, or in any kind of trouble. We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Julian McPhillips, Leslie McPhillips. You choose what is weak in this world to shame the strong. Be the source of life for all those suffering and sick.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

For your blessing and guidance,

We give you thanks.

God, bless the dying and the dead. We pray today for: Philip Sewell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Canon Darius Sudayi.

You are invited to add your supplications, out loud or silently.

May their reward be great in heaven. Give to those who now mourn the blessing of your comfort.

Silence

For your blessing and guidance,

We give you thanks.

Priest: Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *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 *Hymn 445- Praise to the Holiest in the height (Blue 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.

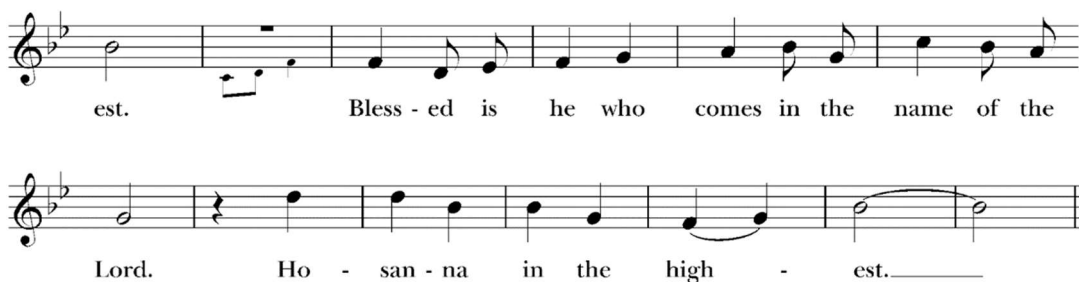
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 -



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.*

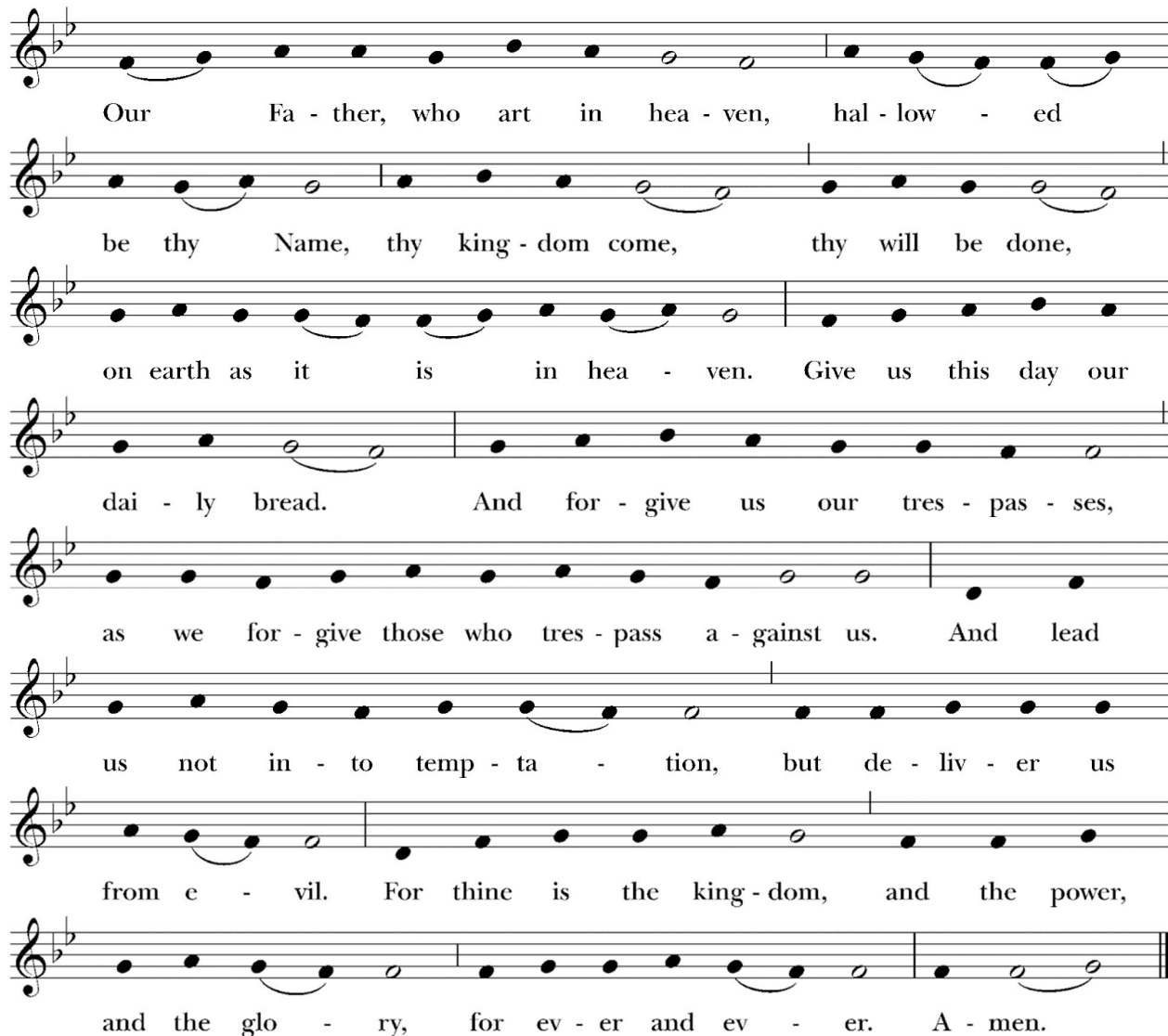
THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

(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. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. 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 *LEVAS 146- Break thou the bread of life (Red and Black Hymnal)*

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 *Hymn 556- Rejoice ye pure in heart- (Blue Hymnal)*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

People : Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

by C. Converse

Parish Notes

At 10:00 AM : Join us via Zoom January 29, 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.

Please subscribe to our email: Complete information about what is happening at St. John's can be received in your inbox just by signing up for our weekly email. (If you do not get email, we can make arrangements for you to get a copy of the weekly news). To sign up, please email us at info@stjohnscollegepark.org

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. 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/UTa6iMfrukhhfurgD8>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER -JANUARY 25, 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 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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