



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

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023

Holy Eucharist:

Rite II Prayer B

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WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE- Prelude in C

by J.S. Bach

ENTRANCE HYMN- *LEVAS 177- Standing in the Need of Prayer
(Red and Black 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.

SONG OF PRAISE- CANTICLE 20- S-236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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:

Andrew Hales

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.*People: Thanks be to God.***PSALM 2***Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the celebrant*

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 *Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed?*

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

4 *He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.*

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror.

6 *"I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."*

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 *Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.*

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 *And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.*

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him;

12 *Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

All: Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

SECOND READING:

Celeste Hall

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy

mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as able

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 162 Come by Here (Kum-ba-Ya)

GOSPEL- Matthew 17:1-9

All stand.

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Priest: 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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; We pray especially for our Bishops Michael and Rob, and for our Priest Tim

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; We pray for Joseph, our president, Brian, our governor, and Bianca, our mayor.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Joe Monti, the people of Turkey and Syria as they recover from the earthquakes, and we also pray for the students/ staff of Michigan State University as they recover from last week's violence.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray today for: People in Turkey and Syria who have died in recent earthquakes. We pray for people killed at Michigan State.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others and offer our thanksgivings for all the blessings of this life.

You are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

Priest: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our

blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN - LEVAS 178- Sweet Hour of Prayer (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)

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

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. *All* My Lord. *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my
All 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 available by either priest intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire common cup, you can communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire intinction, you can communicate your preference by leaving your host in the palm of your hand so the Eucharist/Minister can instinct it for you.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS 99- On Christ the Solid Rock (Red & 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 LEVAS 165- Higher Ground

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE: I Need Thee Every Hour

by B. Thompson

Parish Notes

At 10:00 AM : Join us via Zoom February 19, 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

Wednesday Night Bible Study Is Off This Week for Ash Wednesday Service but Continues Next Wednesday on zoom and in person. Join us at 7 PM as we begin our Lenten study of The Revelation of 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/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER -February 22, 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." During Lent we will be having a simple soup and bread meal each week. All are welcome, regardless of ability to donate. If you are coming, please RSVP to info@stjohnscollegepark.org

Ash Wednesday

February 22 is Ash Wednesday. We will have Wednesday night supper from 6-7:00 followed by a communion service with the imposition of ashes.

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

Give by Texting- You can use your phone's text messaging capabilities to give to St. Johns. **Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480 as the message.** You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections. You can also set up online giving through a link in our weekly email. To subscribe to the weekly email, please contact our administrator at info@stjohnscollegepark.org

It is not too late to pledge for 2023: 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.

Organist: Toku Kawata

Readers: Andrew Hales and Celeste Hall

Prayers of the People: Michael Proscia

Verger: Richard Pflieger

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black

Church Administrator: Terry Glover

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Linda Cage, Outreach

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