



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



God thinks you are fabulous,
and so do we.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024 +Holy Eucharist+ Rite II, Prayer B

Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!

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WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

We are honored that you have chosen St. John's as your home for worship today. We hope you will experience worship with your whole being. You might kneel, stand, pray, sing, listen, read, shake hands (or hug), eat, drink, sing, and even smell incense. Your presence here is all that is required for you to be in prayer and worship with us on this Lord's Day.

Know that there are no "mistakes" in worshiping God. Still, our worship here can be confusing. The bulletin was designed with you in mind, and most rubrics (directions) are in italics. If you find you're out of sync with whatever is going on, do not worry. To God, *all of it* is prayer.

We are currently in a season we call "Ordinary Time" (aka "The Season After the Epiphany.") We hope praying, singing, sharing the Eucharist, and being with God's Church is a great way to begin 2024. We hope to see you again soon at church or at one of our many community events this year. If you are visiting from out of town, we hope that you will make St. John's your spiritual home when in Atlanta.

Please fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you and invite you into life together at St. John's. St. John's is a small church with a very big heart that loves well and enjoys life together. We want to be known as a place that practices the radical kindness and hospitality of Jesus and where it is apparent that "God thinks you are fabulous - and so do we."

We will pray for you and hope to get to know you today. Please say hello, and after church, come have some coffee in the Hospitality Suite with us.

Peace

Tim+

The Reverend Tim Black
Priest-in-Charge
St John's, College Park

Processional Hymn- How Bright Appears the Morning Star- *Blue Hymnal 497*

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

Congregation: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, AMEN.*

Celebrant and Congregation pray, together:

The Collect for Purity : 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- *Bless The Lord, O My Soul-* **LEVAS 65- (Red and Black Hymnal)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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, worshiped, 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 forever. *Amen.*

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Mike Spring

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

Cantor and Congregation



1 LORD, you have searched me¹ out and¹ known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you dis¹cern my¹ thoughts from a¹ far.

2 You trace my¹ journeys and my¹ resting-places *
and are ac¹quainted with¹ all my¹ ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a¹ word on my¹ lips, *
but you, O LORD, ¹know it¹ alto¹gether.

4 You press upon me be¹hind and be¹fore *
and¹ lay your¹ hand up¹on me.

†5 Such knowledge is too¹ wonderful for¹ me; *
it is so¹ high that I¹ cannot at¹tain to it.

12 For you yourself created my¹ inmost parts; *
you knit me to¹gether in my¹ mother's¹ womb.

13 I will thank you because I am¹ marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I¹ know it¹ well.

14 My body was not¹ hidden from¹ you, *
while I was being made in secret
and¹ woven in the¹ depths of the¹ earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were¹ written in your¹ book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as¹ yet¹ there was¹ none of them.

16 How deep I find your¹ thoughts, O¹ God! *
how¹ gr¹eat¹ is the¹ sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more
in¹ number than the¹ sand; *
to count them all, my life span would¹ need to¹ be like¹ yours.

“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.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand, as able, for the hymn and Gospel reading.

SEQUENCE SONG:- *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* **LEVAS 136**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

Congregation: Glory to you, Lord 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.”

Celebrant:: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY- The Rev. Tim Black

The congregation stands for the Nicene Creed.

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 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.

Remain standing or kneel for the Prayers of the People.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celeste Hall

Celebrant: For what and for whom do we give thanks today?

The congregation is invited to add your prayers, thanksgivings, and blessings either out loud or silently.

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

Congregation: *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;

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;

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.

We pray today for Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Linda Brown, Vicky Tucker, Mike Spring, Pastor Jeffrey Halenza, Fonda Howland, and Charles Howland. Bring them healing and peace. Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died. Though we are swept away like a dream in this mortal life, you promise to raise us to life immortal through your Son. May your graciousness, O Lord, be upon us. We pray today for: Melissa Brady.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.*

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

We conclude the Passing of the Peace by singing:

God is so good (3X) God's so good to me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

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

Offertory Hymn- 1, The Lord of Sea and Sky

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

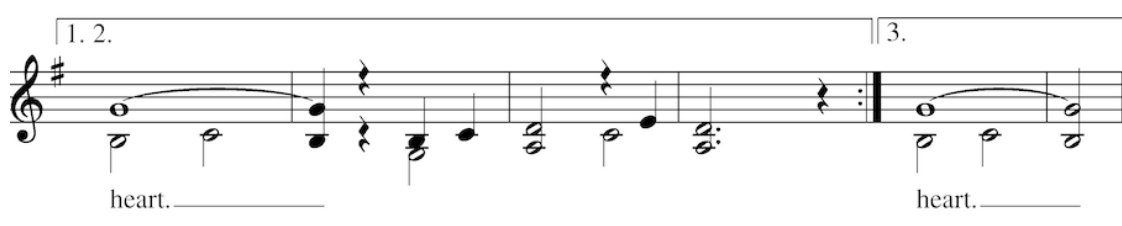
I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain
 Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

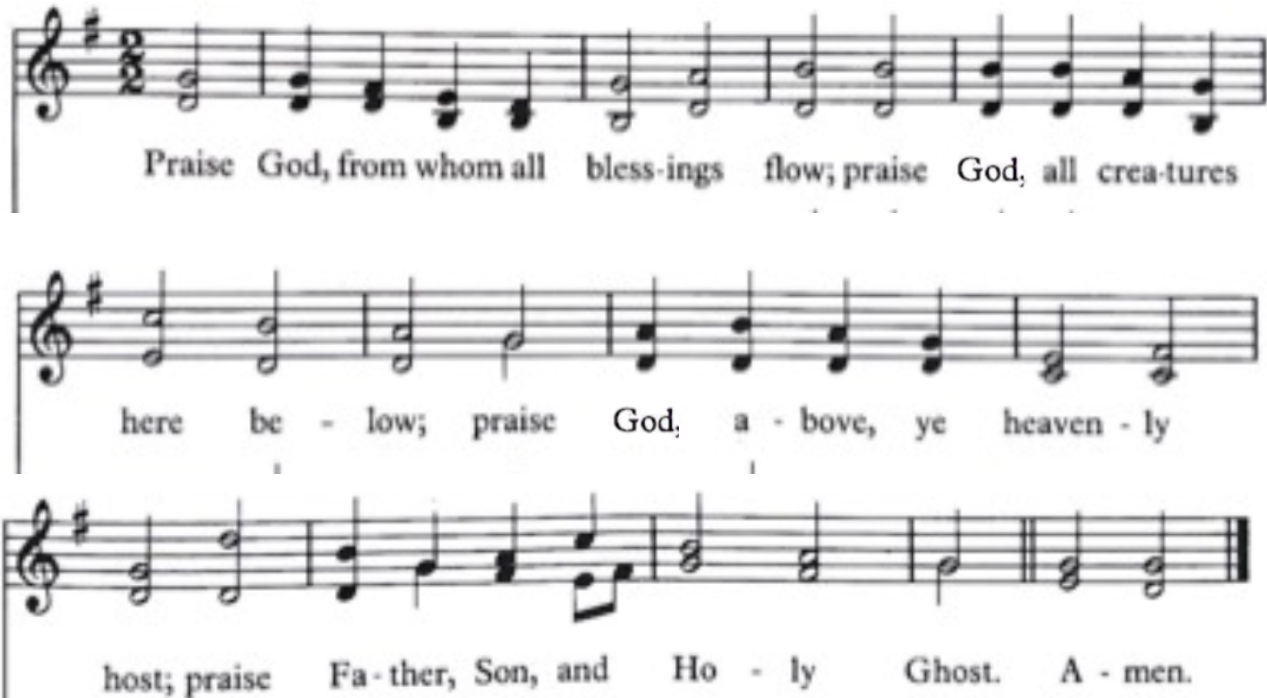
heard you call - ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my



The congregation stands as the offering is brought forward.

DOXOLOGY- *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow- Old 100th*



The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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.*

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The cantor will sing the starting pitch, and the congregation sings,
accompanied by the shruti box.*

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.

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 Christ died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, Christ 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 Christ 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 Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 God, now and forever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

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

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS: *We share communion in both kinds available by either intinction (dipping the host in wine) or drinking from the common cup. Hold out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine, or put your hands in a prayer position for a blessing. For healing prayers, simply remain at the rail after receiving and we will pray for you. If you cannot come to the rail, a Eucharistic Minister will bring communion to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN **Let Us Break Bread Together** *Blue Hymnal 325*

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

The Celebrant blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor- Blue Hymnal 307*

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

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Join us for coffee hour after the service in the Hospitality Suite. Go through the doors on the left at the front of the church and across the hall.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Study have resumed. Dinner starts at 530. Bible study is at 630. To tune in online, use the same zoom as Sunday morning. During Epiphany, we will be taking a look at the lectionary scriptures and thinking about how they link up thematically (and what they might be telling us here at St. John's).

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Online Prayer and Fellowship Groups: "Second Cup" – fellowship time- Mondays 11:00 AM – Noon – 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM - Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Compline Night Prayer Thursday – 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

Please send in your pledges for 2024. It is never too late to pledge.. Fill out a pledge card at church or download one on our homepage at www.stjohnscollegepark.org. Everyone on the mailing list got a pledge card in the mail, but if you need another, please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org and we will send you one. **Give by Texting-** Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480. You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections.

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