



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



God thinks you are fabulous,
and so do we.

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 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. Your presence, however, is all that is required for you to be in prayer and worship with us on this Lord's Day. There are no "mistakes" in worshipping God. The bulletin is 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. It is all prayer.

Right now is "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."

Membership in St. John's and the Episcopal Church is simply a matter of your deciding you want to be a part of the community by stating your intention to join us, worshipping regularly, and taking part in St. John's ministry.. Some who join us go deeper by taking part in the sacrament of Confirmation and Baptism. Let us know on a visitor card if you are interested in membership or baptism and we will be in touch about next steps.

As a smaller church, active members take part in the ministry of the church according to their gifts, abilities, passions and interests. In a smaller parish church like St. John's, you can quickly feel part of the community and find what God is calling you to do. All of us here are called to ministry of some sort, we believe.

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. s

Peace

Tim+

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

Processional Hymn- *Christ for the World We Sing- Blue Hymnal 537*

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- (Sing the Refrain 3 times)*
LEVAS 65- (Red and Black Hymnal)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Celebrant:

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 all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-10

Lisa Norton-Rotella

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Pat

Roberts

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as

though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN:- Tú has venido a la orilla [You have come down to the lakeshore] WLP 759 (Verses One and Two)

We will alternate between Spanish and English Verses, beginning with Spanish.

1. Tú _____ has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, _____ no has bus -
 2. Tú _____ sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: _____ en mi
 1. You _____ have come down to the lake - shore _____ seek - ing
 2. You _____ know full well my pos - ses - sions. _____ Nei - ther

ca - do _____ ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, _____ tan só - lo
 bar - ca _____ no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; _____ tan só - lo
 nei - ther _____ the wise nor the weal - thy, _____ But on - ly
 trea - sure _____ nor weap - ons for con - quest, _____ Just these my

*Estrillo
(Refrain)*

que - res _____ que yo te si - ga. _____ Je -
 re - des _____ y mi tra - ba - jo. _____
 ask - ing _____ for me to fol - low. _____ O
 fish nets _____ and will for work - ing. _____

sús, _____ me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; _____ son - ri -
 Je - sus, _____ you have looked in - to my eyes; _____ kind - ly

en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre; en la a -
smil - ing, you've called out my name. On the

re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca; jun - to a
sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat; now with

ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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

Congregation: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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 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 Eleanor Buchanan, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Linda Brown, Vicky Tucker, Mike Spring, 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.

We pray today for Melissa Brady and Pastor Jeffrey Halenza of Christ Our Hope Lutheran Church. May your graciousness, O Lord, be upon us.

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- *I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger*- LEVAS 319

The congregation stands as the offering is brought forward during the Doxology.

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
 here below; praise him above, ye heavenly
 host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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:

*We 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 -



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

Amazing Grace

LEVAS 181

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.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ***Jesus Calls us O'er The Tumult-*** *Blue Hymnal 550*

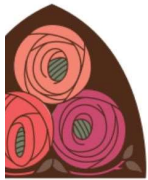
Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia

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 - 1.21.23

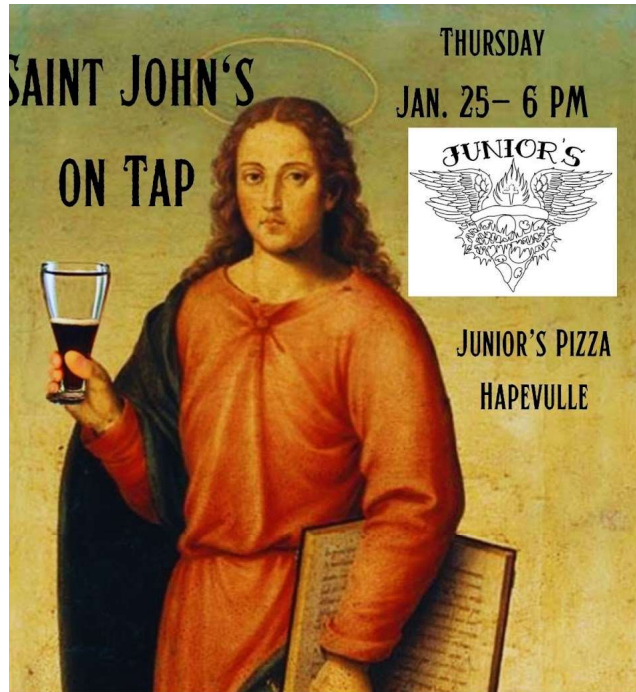


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Annual Meeting & Sunday Brunch

NEXT Sunday, Jan. 28th,
Immediately following
church in Bott Hall

We will be celebrating the last year and talking about plans for 2024-2025. (We will also be electing new vestry members). Please plan on attending as we need your presence and voice



OUR MONTHLY INFORMAL GATHERING AT JUNIOR'S PIZZA, (397 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, HAPEVILLE GA) 30355 (PLAN TO STAY AND REPRESENT JOHN'S WITH US IN TEAM TRIVIA, TOO. SJOT IS AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION & FOOD, ("DUTCH" TREAT- THOUGH WE HEAR THE PRIEST DON'T BUY A ROUND!!) DRINKS AND FUN OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. EVERYONE WANTS A PLACE TO BE CHERISHED. MAKE ST. JOHN'S YOURS. COME BE A PART OF OUR NIGHT OUT TOGETHER IN HAPEVILLE !!!

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Confirmation is happening now. We will be meeting in the Hospitality Suite today. During today's session we will be asking one another "Why the Episcopal Church?" We will also be discussing the schedule, and answering your questions about the process. If you are interested in going deeper in your membership and finding your ministry as a lay-person (or just refreshing your knowledge about the Church), come and join us. This year's group will be "hybrid" (online and in person). All sessions will be recorded on video and some will be online. Our resources this year will be *Your Faith, Your Life*, by Jennifer Gamber and *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as a Guide to a Spiritual Life*, by Derek Olsen. All who attend these sessions and take part in their work will be eligible for confirmation this Spring. **If you are interested in joining in, email priest@stjohnscollegepark.org**

Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Study have resumed. Dinner starts at 5:30. If you are joining us for dinner, email info@stjohnscollegepark.org to let us know how many are coming. Bible

study is at 630. To tune in online, use the same zoom as Sunday morning. During the Season After the 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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We have many online Prayer and Fellowship Groups during the week: "Second Cup" – online 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

ASH WEDNESDAY IS on FEBRUARY 14th This year, we will have a simple service at 12:00 (no music) including imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist and then a service at 7 PM with music at 7 PM. We will be having our Wednesday night dinner but no Bible Study on Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT at 5:00- Come join us for a small, informal, "acoustic"-taize-paperless music Evening Prayer each Sunday during Lent. Rather than just giving up something, add a new prayer discipline and come sing, pray and chant with us.

HOLY WEEK IS MARCH 24-31 THIS YEAR. We have a really early Easter this year, so we are already at work with plans. **3/24- 10 AM** Palm/Passion **3/27- 5:30 PM** Simple soup supper 6:30 "Mini Tenebrae" with chanting and simple music, **3/28- 7 PM-** Maundy Thursday service with footwashing and the stripping of the altar **3/29- 12 PM-** Neighborhood Stations of the Cross **7:00 PM-** Good Friday service with Eucharist with reserved sacrament **3/31- Easter Sunday- 7 AM -** Easter Vigil **10 AM-** Festive Eucharist followed by Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt.

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. Vestry:

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Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden
Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden
Val Valverde, Worship & Music
Sherran Davis, Clerk + Richard Pflieger, Treasurer