



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

----- A Special WELCOME to all! -----

We are now in the season called “**Epiphanytide**,” or, **The season after the Feast of the Epiphany** (which was on January 6). The church term “epiphany” means the manifestation of God in the person Jesus. Our Gospel readings this season will contain examples of how Jesus demonstrated his divine identity. Who will recognize it?

New to our church? We’d love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

COVID is still a concern in our area. Face masks are recommended; they are provided at all entrances to the worship space. Hand-sanitizing stations are also provided, and recommended for use prior to receiving Communion.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. Today, we offer gluten-free Bread, which may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books located near the library entrance to the church.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Opening Hymn #8 _____ *Morning has broken*

Open Acclamation & Collect _____

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

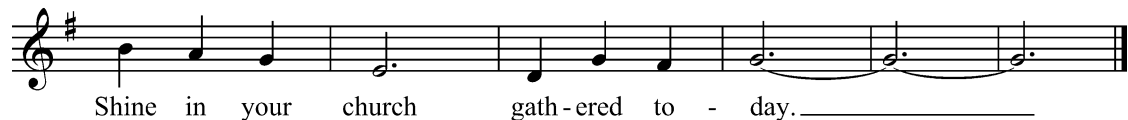
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: MHSO #59 vss 1,2 _____ *Longing for light*

1 Longing of light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. *Refrain*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*



Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together.

All

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 Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading *Please be seated* _____ *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Jonah.

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 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 62:6-14*

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Second Reading _____ *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Reader A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, LEVAS2 #136 _____ *I have decided to follow Jesus*

1 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
 I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back!

2 Though no one join me, still I will follow,
 Though no one join me, still I will follow,
 Though no one join me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back!

3 The world behind me, the cross before me,
 The world behind me, the cross before me,
 The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back!

The Gospel Reading *Please stand* _____ **Mark 1:14-20**

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz*

Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* _____

**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.

Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel* _____

Intercessor Merciful God, you continually call us into the deep, away from lives with
no direction. Be present with us as we navigate the waters of faithfulness.
Turn us in the direction of your voice and purpose.

Give us the courage to respond to your call and go where you lead us.

People **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Intercessor We are already abundantly blessed and praise you for your goodness and
care of us. We are grateful for the people and things we now name.
Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud. Silence.

We come to you with thankful hearts,

People **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Intercessor Equip the leaders of your faithful people to lead with holy vision. We pray
for wisdom and stamina for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Guide them
as they guide your people.

People **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Intercessor Strengthen our nation’s relationships across boundaries and language. Put
words of peace on the lips of every world leader. Open the eyes of people
everywhere to the needs of their neighbors.

People **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Intercessor We lift those who are hurting into your healing presence: for those facing the struggles of illness, uncertainty, broken relationships, and world weariness; for those who are dying, grant them a holy death. We pray for those we now name.

Please add your petitions either silently or aloud. Silence.

We trust in your care, O Lord.

People **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Priest God of infinite mercy, hear the prayers of your people and stir up our souls with longing to embrace your gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin *Please stand or kneel* _____

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution _____

Presider 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 *Please stand* _____

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ!

Milestones and Announcements

The Offertory, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*



If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form!

Offertory Music _____

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____

**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 Celebration of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer A _____

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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

Santo, santo, santo

1. San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - does you! My
 3. San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

cor - a zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - re Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
 cor - a zon to sa - be de - cir: san - to e - re Se - ñor.

The people may remain standing or may kneel

Priest

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen!**

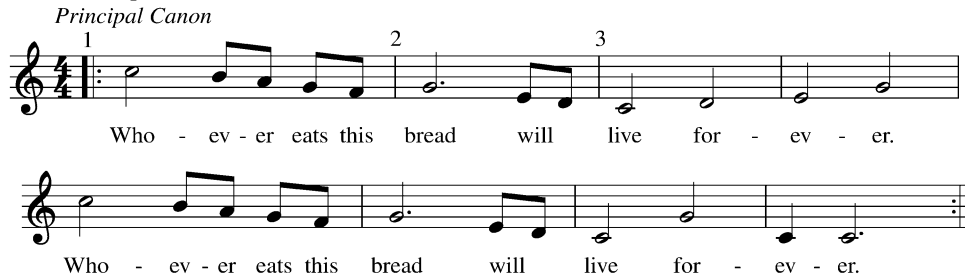
The Lord's Prayer

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

Fraction Anthem: WLP #874, refrain _____ *Whoever eats this bread*
Cantor, then all repeat:



An Invitation to Communion is said by the clergy _____ source: Iona Community

Our feast of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the feast of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
So come and share in this banquet:
You have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
These are gifts of God for you, the people of God.

The Communion

*Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

Communion Hymn #660 _____ *O Master, let me walk with thee*

Communion Hymn #653 _____ *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able*

Priest Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

Epiphany Blessing _____

Priest May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn #550 _____ *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:
Thanks be to God!

Postlude _____

Our 2024 Vestry candidates: Doug Hill, Dave James, Jim Ramelis
Finishing a unexpired 1 year term: Terri Hutchins

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