

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

St. George's Episcopal Church

January 16th, 2022

Prelude

Presider

Blessed be God:
most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People

And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise

All

Splendor and honor and royal power
are yours by right, O God most high,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a royal priesthood to serve our God.
And so, to the One who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you
People And also with you
Presider 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, worshipped, 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 for ever.

All Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Reader 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.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

All The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

All

Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save all your creatures, O God.
How priceless is your love, O God;
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Reader

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

Deacon
All

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

All

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Give each of us a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Presider God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice from heaven to be your people, fruitful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

Silence.

All 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 our Savior 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.

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.

All Amen.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

*All your gifts support our common life and ministry at St. George's.
Offerings can be placed in the basin in the aisle.*

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

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 the Bread

The presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

If we are unable to receive the bread and wine, we are nonetheless united with Christ by the Holy Spirit in our heartfelt desire to share in the Eucharist. We invite all those worshipping at home now to say this prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider

Let us pray.

All

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider

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, Source, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

A Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond

All

Thanks be to God.

The translation of the Canticle, *Dignus es*, is taken from *The Saint Helena Breviary*; the translation of the Psalm is taken from *The Saint Helena Psalter*, © Order of Saint Helena, used by permission. The Prayers of the People are adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*; the Collect at the Prayers is taken from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)* as altered by the Anglican Church of Canada. The Eucharistic Prayer is Eucharistic Prayer 3 found in *Enriching Our Worship 1*. The prayer for spiritual communion is taken from the Episcopal Churches' *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces*; the blessing is adapted from *The Book of Occasional Services, 2018*.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Tina Hayes, Charlie Smith, Heidi, Betsy Komar, Ken Barrett, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, Dick Santoro, Ed Harding, Debby Ehret, Will & Arlene Bewster, Bud Haugh, Sue Little and family, Linda Roberts, Carla Jillson, Alice-Kerr Laird, Jeff Hart, Jean Tucker

Friends and Family: Perry Mixter, Eric Lauer, Santoro Family, Jordan, Patrick Driscoll, Jill Lynch, Lee Koonce, Jill Burke, Gail Collins, Colby Durand, Gigi Edwards, Henry Flinkstrom, Annette Franzo, Joanie and Kara, Lynn Jacobs, Joseph Kittel, Cathy Little, Caroline and Herb Lynn, Robert Merkle, Beth Nixon, Bob Porter, Fred Reisz, Darcy Rice and family, Rich, Kathy, Faith, Alyssa, and Hope Ritch, Stephan, John and Virginia Treganowan, Barbara Toscano, Cynthia Donahue, Thomas Gambrell Alden and his family, Everett Butcher, Margery, JoAnn Eves, Erika Kraft-Crwaford, Isaac and his parents Noelle and Jack, Barbara Jensen, Bill Swartz, Hans Kuhlman, Jimmy Toscano, Dennis Lawery, Mary Grace Duffy, Cheryl Flaman, Bill and Kathy Lavigne

In the Armed Forces: Jakob Folley, Jacob Brouker, Colby Gregory, Sarah Eck Gregory, Andrew Macomber, Shawn McCann, Michael McPhail, Todd MacCallum, Matt Poling, Michael Reagan, Andrew Smith, Ben Smith, Patrick Taylor.

Additional Prayers: School staff and healthcare workers in our community

Rest in Peace: Sylvia Burke, Cindy Ziobrowski, Carmine Puntillo, Terry Lohmann, Beulah Kilgore

If you would like to add someone to or offer updates for the parish prayer list, please contact Nancy Daigle at 207-703-9059 or contact the parish office.

Announcements

2022 Leadership Nominations & Annual Parish Meeting

Embracing our calling as a parish requires all our gifts! Please prayerfully consider the gifts you recognize in yourselves and in others, and learn about the leadership roles and find the nomination form here. **Please submit any nominations by Sunday, January 16th. Please be particularly aware that we are in need of nominations for Treasurer and several vestry positions.** Please send your nominations to Fr. Ryan.

St. George's annual parish meeting will be held online via Zoom on Sunday, January 30th. Last year, we learned that meeting online actually made it possible for more of us to attend. And, again this year, we'll do everything we can to make sure everyone who wants to participate can, and that everybody has a voice in the essential work of that meeting.

Night Prayers

In the midst of uncertainty, it's a practice to set down our work and our worry, and entrust to God what we cannot hold onto. The night prayers of Compline, and the community that gathers to do this together, may be helpful to you. You can join these prayers each night at 8:30 via this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152> .

Meditations during Pandemic

You can always spend prayerful time with new writing and photography on the Meditations blog by following this link:

<https://stgeorges-yorkharbor.org/reflections/>

Wednesday Book Group Continuing January 19

The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus

by Amy-Jill Levine

New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the historical Jesus as a person embedded, and only understandable, in the context of the Judaism of his time. A scholar who is Jewish, she explores how the Church has often made meaning of our Gospel stories about Jesus in ways with painful consequences for the relationship between Christians and Jews. Throughout, she offers interpretations that open fresh possibilities for understanding. Her work has been very influential for me, and I invite you to join the conversation!

- Fr. Ryan

Join us every Wednesday at **9:00am via Zoom.**

At our second session on January 19, we will discuss Chapter 1.