



ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 9:30 AM**  
**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**St John's Episcopal Church**  
**January 23, 2022**

Preaching & Presiding: The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Rector

**Prelude**

**"O Christ, the Word Incarnate"**

setting, Robert J. Powel

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**Processional Hymn**

#632, The Hymnal 1982

**O Christ, the Word Incarnate**

Cantor: Monique Thibodeau

Words: William How

Music: Munich

- 1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance  
that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from our dear Master  
received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
still guides, O Christ, to thee.
- 3 O make thy Church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see thee face to face.

**The Collect of the Day**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant 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.**

*All are seated for the readings.*

**The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Nehemiah**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the

people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19** (*read responsively by whole verse*)

p. 606 Book of Common Prayer

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleans me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**The Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body,

but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able for*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia 7”**

Music by Jacques Berthier & the Taize community

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 4:14-21

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

*All are seated as invited by the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Sarah Phelps

*All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.*

*All stand as able for*

**The Nicene Creed**

p. 358 Book of Common Prayer

**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 glori-  
fied. 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

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

Leader We pray for your Church, that we may always walk in genuine faith, hope, and love.

**People Loving God: We pray for courage to live boldly into our mission and ministry.**

Leader We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our bishops in the Diocese of North Carolina, Sam and Anne; for our clergy at St. John's, Sarah, Stephen, Lorraine, and Jim; and for all who are called to serve God in the world.

**People Loving God: We pray for lives of integrity and faithful witness.**

Leader We pray for all the peoples of the world, that there may be justice and mercy on the earth.

**People Loving God: We pray for peace.**

Leader We pray for all who exercise authority and influence, that integrity may mark all their dealings.

**People Loving God: We pray for wise and careful leadership.**

Leader We pray for all who labor for righteousness; that your presence may give them courage.

**People Loving God: We pray for strength to advocate for others.**

Leader We pray for communities torn by dissension and strife, that they may know healing and forgiveness.

**People Loving God: We pray for compassion.**

Leader We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Tom Manley, Katherine Montesione, Mayla Gilliam, Susan Gilliam, Monica Brewbaker, Maggie Shalar, and Jack Billand, that they would know your many blessings in the year ahead.

**People Loving God: We pray to know your gracious love.**

Leader We pray for all who suffer injury, sickness or loss, especially, Jim Cooke, Michael Corso, Marren Channer, Richard Blanck, Nancy Rowe, Edna & Frank Toney, Bob & Milly Nelligar, Kelli & Chris Hicks, Wanda Rozzelle, The Rev. Vicki Smith, Jessica Graber, Dewey Jordan, and Genesis.

**People Loving God: We pray for healing and restoration.**

Leader We pray for those who have been separated from us by death, that they may be gathered home to you.

**People Loving God: We pray for mercy and consolation.**

Officiant Blessed are you, Loving God, our light and our salvation. You gave your Son to shine on those who live in darkness; and through your Spirit you empower us to share your light with the world. May our lives bear witness to your truth and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.  
**Amen.**

## The Confession

p. 360 Book of Common Prayer

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

**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 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.**

Officiant 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**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Please practice social distancing during the Peace.*

*Please be seated for*

### **Welcome & Parish Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

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*Please remain seated for*

### **Offertory Hymn**

#782, Wonder, Love & Praise

### **Gracious Spirit, give your servants**

Cantor: Monique Thibodeau

Words: Carl Daw, Jr.

Music: Abbot's Leigh

1 Gracious Spirit, give your servants  
joy to set sin's captives free,  
hope to heal the brokenhearted,  
peace to share love's liberty.  
Through us bring your balm of gladness  
to the wounded and oppressed;  
help us claim and show God's favor  
as a people called and blessed.

2 Word made flesh, who gave up glory  
to become our great high priest,  
taking on our human nature  
to redeem the last and least:  
let your courage and compassion  
shape and guide our ministries;  
as our Savior and our Shepherd,  
lead us to the truth that frees.

3 Loving God, who birthed creation  
from the nothingness of space,  
kindling life where all was empty,  
turning chaos into grace:  
when we feel confused and fruitless,  
dawn upon our restless night;  
give us faith's imagination,  
hope's renewing, love's delight.

4 Triune God, eternal Being,  
never ending, unbegun,  
boundless grace and perfect justice,  
righteous and forgiving One:  
so enfold us in your mercy  
that our wills and yours unite;  
through us may the world behold you,  
find your love, your truth, your light.

*All stand as able for*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

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

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

p. 367, Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B

Officiant It is right, and a good and joyful thing....  
....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** (spoken)

Book of Common Prayer p. 371

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

*The People stand or kneel. The Officiant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation....

....Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Officiant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all....

...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. **AMEN.**

Officiant 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 have trespassed 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**

Officiant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **Invitation to Communion/Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*For those who will not receive Communion today physically, we invite you to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion at home or wherever you are.*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. 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.**

**Communion Hymn**  
#321, The Hymnal 1982

**My God, thy table now is spread**  
Cantor: Monique Thibodeau

Words: Sts. 1-3, P. Doddridge  
alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts  
Music: Rockingham

1 My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless number let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.

**The Postcommunion Prayer** (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Officiant Let us pray.

**All 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.**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal Hymn**  
#530, The Hymnal 1982

**Spread, O spread, thou mighty word**  
Cantor: Monique Thibodeau

Words: Jonathan Bahnmaier  
Music: Gott sei Dank

1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
that to earth's remotest bound  
all may heed the joyful sound;

2 word of how the Father's will  
made the world, and keeps it, still;  
how his only Son he gave,  
earth from sin and death to save;

3 word of how the Savior's love  
earth's sore burden doth remove;  
how forever, in its need,  
through his death the world is freed;

4 word of how the Spirit came  
bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
how his never-failing love  
guides us on to heaven above.

5 Word of life, most pure and strong,  
word for which the nations long,  
spread abroad, until from night  
all the world awakes to light.

**The Dismissal**

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**"Fugue #1 in C Major"**  
WTC, Book II, BWV 870 Johann Sebastian Bach

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