



**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM**  
**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**February 11, 2024**

*While we sing and hear music from African-American composers throughout the year, we pay special tribute as we celebrate Black History Month by selecting the majority of our music for February from this great tradition of American music.*

*Families with preschoolers or elementary-aged children: A "Pew Buddy" (older child or adult) may offer your child a Children's Bulletin and other materials, or invite them to help with the service in some way that may be fun for them. The more children are actively engaged in worship, the more they feel a part of the community.*

**Prelude**

**Melody**

Music by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

*English poet, theologian, literary critic, and philosopher, SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR (1875-1912), wrote multiple compositions which were performed and successfully received throughout the country where he became known as the "African Mahler."*

All stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

**Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)**  
**#460, The Hymnal 1982**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Words: William Chatterton Dix  
 Music: Hyfrydol

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
 his the scepter, his the throne;  
 Alleluia! his the triumph,  
 his the victory alone;  
 Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
 thunder like a mighty flood;  
 Jesus out of every nation  
 hath redeemed us by his blood.
  
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
 are we left in sorrow now;  
 Alleluia! he is near us,  
 faith believes, nor questions how:  
 though the cloud from sight received him,  
 when the forty days were o'er,  
 shall our hearts forget his promise,  
 "I am with you evermore"?
  
- 3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
 Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
 Alleluia! here the sinful  
 flee to thee from day to day:  
 Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
 earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
 where the songs of all the sinless  
 sweep across the crystal sea.

- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
 thee the Lord of lords we own:  
 Alleluia! born of Mary,  
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
 thou within the veil hast entered,  
 robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
 thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
 in the eucharistic feast.
  
- 5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
 his the scepter, his the throne;  
 Alleluia! his the triumph,  
 his the victory alone;  
 Hark! the songs of holy Zion  
 thunder like a mighty flood;  
 Jesus out of every nation  
 hath redeemed us by his blood.

**Opening Acclamation**

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
 People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### **The First Lesson: A reading from the Second Book of Kings**

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 50: 1-6** (*read in unison*)

p. 654, Book of Common Prayer

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.**
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.**

**The Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians**

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able for the*

**Sequence Hymn** (9:30 AM)

**Arise and shine**

Words: Patricia B. Clark

**Sung to the tune of #137 "Wareham",** The Hymnal 1982

Music: William Knapp

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| <p>1 Arise and shine, the prophet sang;<br/>your light has come, the message rang.<br/>The shroud of darkness stripped away,<br/>God's glory brings a bright new day.</p> | <p>2 God's rising sun will light the way,<br/>as people stream to dawning's ray.<br/>Your open gates will never close,<br/>in bus'ling day or night's repose.</p> |
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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 9: 2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sequence hymn continued*

- 3 You will not need the sun by day  
nor moon by night, to light your way;  
God's glory and eternal might  
will be your everlasting light.

*All are seated as invited by the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Rector

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

**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 Fa-  
ther.  
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.**

**Prayers of the People**

Leader As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Silence*

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water on this planet.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering, especially, **Steve, Mary, James, Carole, Grace, Jonnie, Elizabeth, Sara, Charlie, Kim, Kate, Katharine, Brij, Kristen, Bishop Curry, Deena, Charlie, Donna, Janet, Vladyslav**, and all others we name to you now...*(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence)*. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for those in our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Anne Powell, Erin Graber, Emily Lyon, Marianne Gramza, Annalise and Evan Dapo, Grace Cochran, Robert Johnson, Alexis Cooke, Ken Harrison, Elena Harrison, Patricia Blanck, Jaxon Presti, Sheldon Channer, and Andrea Stogsdill.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, for the steadfast service of St. John's Parish Care ministers, and for all our service in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died...*(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence)*.  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts; in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

p. 360 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant 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 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.**

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

*Please be seated*

## Welcome & Parish Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at [www.stjohnswf.org/give](http://www.stjohnswf.org/give) OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.*

**Offertory Anthem** (9:30 AM)

**Alleluia**

Music by William Boyce/Setting by Alan Bullard  
Cantate

*Please stand as able*

**The Doxology**

*(7:45 am—spoken)*

**All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

*(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)*

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

p 367 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

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

**Sanctus— Holy, holy, holy** (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)  
**S-130** (front of The Hymnal 1982)

Setting by Franz Schubert

**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 Celebrant continues*

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.**

*All stand as able*

**The Breaking of the Bread** (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)  
**Fraction Anthem S-154** (front of The Hymnal 1982)

Setting by David Hurd

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**The Communion of the People** (*please sanitize your hands before coming forward*)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down to signal the clergy. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

**Communion Hymn** (9:30 AM)  
**#130, Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**Glory, glory, hallelujah!**

Words: Traditional  
Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949),  
from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

*A native of Portsmouth, Virginia, CARL H. HAYWOOD has served as conductor, professor, adjudicator, clinician, and church musician. Haywood's work is prominently featured in Lift Every Voice and Sing II with twenty-nine spiritual arrangements/compositions.*

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| 1 | Glory, glory, hallelujah!<br>Since I laid my burden down.<br>Glory, glory, hallelujah!<br>Since I laid my burden down.          | 3 | Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!"<br>Since I laid my burden down.<br>Feel like shouting, hallelujah!<br>Since I laid my burden down. |
| 2 | I feel better, so much better,<br>Since I laid my burden down.<br>I feel better, so much better<br>Since I laid my burden down. | 4 | I am climbing Jacob's ladder<br>Since I laid my burden down.<br>I am climbing Jacob's ladder<br>Since I laid my burden down.         |

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (For those worshipping with us remotely at 9:30 AM)

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.

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

Celebrant 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 Celebrant blesses the People.*

**(9:30 AM) All children here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. The children will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.**

**The Dismissal Hymn** (9:30 AM)  
**#129, The Hymnal 1982**

**Christ upon the mountain peak**

Words: Brian A. Wren  
Music: Mowsley

1 Christ upon the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak,  
with the saints and angels praise him.  
Alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law  
shout through them their joyful greeting.  
Alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came.  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name!  
Nations cry aloud in wonder!  
Alleluia!

4 This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets fade before him;  
first and last and only One,  
let creation now adore him!  
Alleluia!

**The Dismissal**

Children of the Parish Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**King of Kings**

Setting by Ralph Simpson

*RALPH SIMPSON (1933-2024) held multiple university positions throughout his academic career, including Fisk University and Tennessee State. In 1964, Simpson was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in music from Michigan State University.*



The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Coming up first:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancakes** on Feb 13
- Ash Wed** on Feb 14th
- Lenten Quiet Day** on Feb 17
- Post-Tapestry Lenten Lunch** begins Feb 18
- Rhythm of Prayer** with drums on Feb 18
- Learn Centering Prayer** on Feb 20
- Hymn Sing** on Feb 25
- Weekday Healing Eucharist** begins Feb 21
- Lenten Book Study** begins Feb 21

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