



Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
January 17, 2021 | 8:45 A.M. and 11 A.M.

OPENING HYMN | Ye Servants of God (v. 1, 2, 4)

Hymn 535

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;  
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.*

*Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.*

*God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

ACCLAMATION

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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**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.**

GLORIA

Hymn S-35

*Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

*The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

*For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.*

*For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.*

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.*

*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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. Amen.

# FIRST LESSON | 1 Samuel 3:10-20

Lynn Campaigne (8:45am) and Brian Ply (11:00am)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17 (in unison)

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1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number  
than the sand; \* to count them all, my life span would need  
to be like yours.

## SECOND LESSON | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN | Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (v. 1)

Hymn 7

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN | Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (v. 3)

Hymn 7

*Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiance divine;*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

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

*adapted from the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael,  
our Presiding Bishop; David and Rayford our bishops;  
for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who  
seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us  
with compassion and love, to carry out your work  
of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

**Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the  
nations of the world: For care and concern across  
barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected  
and appointed leaders, that they would serve the  
common good. Inspire all people with courage to  
speak out against hatred and to resist evil. Unite the  
human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

**Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation  
entrusted to our care: Stir up in us a desire to protect  
the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to  
our children's children the legacy of beauty and  
abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

**Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community:  
For our local leaders; for our schools and churches;  
for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart  
a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us  
courage to strive for justice and peace among all people,  
beginning here at home.

God of peace,

**Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble:  
For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those  
connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees  
and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and  
despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by  
prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility  
of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died:  
For the faithful in every generation and for all the communion  
of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your  
Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into  
the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

[Priest says] Concluding Collect:

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Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY MUSIC | House of God Forever (Psalm 23) - Camp Capers Song

*God is my shepherd*

*Your shepherd's staff comforts me*

*I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting*

*You are my feast in the presence of enemies*

*He makes me rest*

*Surely goodness will follow me, follow me*

*In fields of green, with quiet streams*

*In the house of God forever*

*Even though I walk*

*Through the valley, of death and dying*

*I will not fear*

*'Cause You are with me, You are with me*

## DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380 v. 3

*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

Eucharistic Prayer B; BCP p. 367

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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:

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

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

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 him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 St. 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 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

## ACT OF RECEPTION 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. And 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 ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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### COMMUNION MUSIC | God With Us (6460237 - Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan)

<i>Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love</i>	<i>Oh You've come to be Hope to this world</i>
<i>To be nearer to us</i>	<i>For Your honor and name</i>
<i>You've come to bring life to be Light</i>	<i>And You've come to take sin to bear shame</i>
<i>To shine brighter in us</i>	<i>And to conquer the grave</i>
<i>Oh Emmanuel God with us</i>	<i>Oh Emmanuel God with us</i>

*(Chorus) Our Deliverer You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over ev'rything our Redemption  
God with us  
You are God with us*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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

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.*

### CLOSING HYMN | Thou, Whose Almighty Word (v. 1, 3, 4)

Hymn 371

<i>Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!</i>	<i>Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy Dove, speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!</i>	<i>Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!</i>
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## THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**



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## Sign Up for In-Person Worship

Use the link at [stjohnsnb.com](http://stjohnsnb.com) to register to attend in-person worship held each Sunday by midnight on the preceeding Tuesday. Sign ups are required for a variety of reasons and we will not be able to accomodate anyone who arrives on Sunday morning without a reservation. Please arrive and be seated ten minutes before the start of the service.

## Procedures in Worship

- All attendees are required to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth. Face shields alone do not meet this requirement.
- An Usher will guide you to Communion. We are not using the altar rail at this time, so Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will stand at the front to distribute Communion.
- You may drop your offering in the plate during Communion or after worship.
- Exit the sanctuary by guidance from the Usher, starting from the back.
- Please observe a 6-foot space between you and anyone not in your household.
- After worship, in the courtyard, please observe distance.
- If you discover that you have been infected with COVID-19 in the week after worship service, please let us know by calling the church office as soon as possible.

## Parish Meeting | Today at 10am

We will elect delegates and alternates for Diocesan Council which is February 26-27. Check your eNews for Zoom call details.

## Financial Peace University | Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went. Led by Chris and Tori Smith, this class continues to meet online each week. Visit [fpu.com/1129915](http://fpu.com/1129915) to register.

## St. John's 101 Class | Begins January 24 at 10am

This class can be joined at any point in the semester and is designed to help those new to this church become familiar with St. John's and The Episcopal Faith. This is also a class needed if you are seeking to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed into the Episcopal faith. For more information, contact Rev. Ripp Hardaway at (361) 633-9225, or email [ripp@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:ripp@stjohnsnb.com). Zoom details available at [stjohnsnb.com/events](http://stjohnsnb.com/events)

## Weekly Bible Study Offerings

Check eNews for Zoom call details or email [office@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:office@stjohnsnb.com)

With Rev. Lucy | Wednesdays at 10am

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays at 9am

Men's Bible Study | Thursdays at 7:30am

## Children and Youth

### Children's Chapel | Today at 4pm in our Facebook Group

Email [cheryl@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:cheryl@stjohnsnb.com) for details on joining the Facebook group!

### Children's Sunday School | Begins January 24, online!

More details coming. The Children Christian Education team is planning and working to provide quality Christian Formation even though we continue to operate virtually and with percautions in place. Join us if you would like to share your faith with the young people of this church and be part of an exciting ministry. Contact [cheryl@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:cheryl@stjohnsnb.com) for information on how you can get involved even during this unusual time.

## Uganda Pen Pals

We still need families or individuals to sign up as a pen pal to children in Uganda. Please let Cheryl know if you are willing to commit to this outreach ministry. What a great opportunity to make a friend across the world!

## Youth Group | Biweekly on Sundays at 6pm

Youth Group is meeting biweekly on Zoom (Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 21). Zoom details are sent in reminders and weekly emails from [emma@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:emma@stjohnsnb.com). Email Emma if you'd like to be added to her email list!

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