



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The flowers on the altar are arranged by Ann Amoroso and given to the glory of God.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Together 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (11 a.m. Service only) | *Children, preschool age through 3rd grade, are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children's Chapel during the Gloria. Please follow physical distancing and wear your mask!*

GLORIA | Venite

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

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

PSALM 71:1-6

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1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
 let me never be ashamed.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
 from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
 incline your ear to me and save me.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
 my confidence since I was young.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
 you are my crag and my stronghold.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
 from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
 my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND LESSON | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 664

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

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

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

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (v. 3)

Hymn 664

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

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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 *Intercessions for the Christian People*

We have heard God's word in faith. Let us now respond in prayer for the world, saying: illumine our hearts and hear our prayer.

For all your people around the world, that we may become one as Christ wills us to be:
illumine our hearts and hear our prayer.

For leaders everywhere, especially in our community and nation, that all may work for justice and peace:
illumine our hearts and hear our prayer.

For all who hear and share God's word with faith, that the Spirit may touch their hearts with joy:
illumine our hearts and hear our prayer.

For all members of the Body of Christ, that we may use the gifts God has given us to build up the kingdom of peace and love:
illumine our hearts and hear our prayer.

For the sick and dying, and those who minister to them; for the deceased and those who mourn them; for all in crisis or need:
illumine our hearts and hear our prayer.

Celebrant adds,

From Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **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

St. John's Worship Choir

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 A; BCP p. 361

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, 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

Hymn S-129

*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.
Hosanna in the highest.*

(The people stand or kneel.)

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **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.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For live stream participants)

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I be renewed to love and to serve; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Gracious Tempest (6605315) Tan, Sampson, Crocker

Ian Flores

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| <i>Your love towers over me</i> | <i>A downpour of unending grace</i> | <i>A downpour of unending grace</i> |
| <i>Gracious tempest in the sea</i> | <i>Consuming all my reckless ways</i> | <i>Consuming all my reckless ways</i> |
| <i>Your love is like a storm</i> | <i>My sins submerged</i> | <i>My sins submerged</i> |
| <i>Let this tide of mercy rain</i> | <i>Your love has saved my soul</i> | <i>Your love has saved my soul</i> |
| <i>Let it flood my heart again</i> | <i>Your love is like a storm</i> | <i>Your love is like a storm</i> |
| <i>Surround me like an ocean</i> | <i>Your love is crashing over me</i> | <i>Your love is like a storm</i> |
| <i>Your love is crashing over me</i> | <i>It's surging like a raging sea</i> | <i>Your love is like a storm</i> |
| <i>Surging like a raging sea</i> | <i>Immerse me in the wonder of Your love</i> | <i>Your love is like a storm</i> |
| <i>Immerse me in the wonder of Your love</i> | | |

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross arms over chest. Please let Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy know if you would like to receive a gluten free wafer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 | Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Hymn 344

THE DISMISSAL

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us go forth in the name of Christ. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God. |



St. John's

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Updated Procedures for Worship & Gathering

- Masks are highly encouraged while indoors at St. John's.
- The CDC recommends that everyone 2 years of age or older who is not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in indoor public places. If you are fully vaccinated, the CDC recommends that in order to maximize protection and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
- We trust that you will follow CDC recommendations and Diocesan guidelines to best honor yourself and your St. John's family, especially children under 5 and others who are unable to be vaccinated.
- Communion in both kinds, bread and wine, is now being offered. We are offering the wine by intinction only at this time; if you choose to receive the wine, please sanitize your hands before coming forward. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please know that our tradition teaches that all of the spiritual benefits of Communion are present in the bread alone.
- If you test positive for Covid-19 after being on campus at St. John's, we ask that you notify our rector Ripp Hardaway or senior warden Alice Jewell so that we may take the appropriate steps to notify those potentially affected, while respecting your privacy. If you are having any symptoms, please help safeguard our shared community by staying home and participating online.

Interested in joining or facilitating a small group?

The Christian Education Committee is gauging interest in forming small groups to meet for a book discussion on "No Cure for Being Human (and other truths I need to hear)" by Kate Bowler, Professor at Duke Divinity School. If you are interested in joining or facilitating a small discussion group based on this book, please fill out the form linked in eNews and at the QR code above.

Welcome to the BCP | Class begins today at 10 a.m. | Parish Hall and on Zoom - link in eNews

The Book of Common Prayer is the central unifying instrument to living as an Episcopalian or Anglican. Join me as we journey through Vicki K. Black's book in order to enrich our faith with this incredible guide to our union with God, whom we seek to love. This class is designed with 30-minute review and 10-15 of practice where Fr. Ripp will review key points in the book and share practical examples of using it to nurture our relationship with God and one another. If you have any questions about this course, please email ripp@stjohnsnb.com. *More Christian Education offerings coming soon!*

Youth Sunday School "YOUnique" | Begins today at 10 a.m. | Youth Room

We will be exploring the gifts and talents we all have that make us different from one another. Our goal is to embrace who we are and appreciate others for who they are, knowing that God lovingly created every person and carefully chose each of the characteristics that makes them unique. Email hannah@stjohnsnb.com for more information.

Children's Sunday School "Diary of a Godly Kid" | Resumes today at 10 a.m.

Children's Sunday School is for pre-school through 5th grade. If you're new to St. John's or didn't register last semester, it's not too late! Use the link in the eNews or email Cheryl Smith, our Director of Children & Family Ministries, at cheryl@stjohnsnb.com for more information.

SOS Food Bank Work Day | Wednesday, February 2 | 12:45 - 4 p.m.

St. John's scheduled work day at the SOS Food Bank is the first Wednesday of each month. We are meeting there on Wednesday February 2nd. The address is 248 W Merriweather Street. Please reach out to Bob Wells at 713-822-6151 and/or email at blabwells@gmail.com with any questions on this ministry.

Newcomers Luncheon | February 6 at 12:15 p.m. | Parish Hall and Patio

An opportunity to welcome newcomers to St. John's, this luncheon is open to anyone who has not yet attended a newcomers welcome event. Please direct questions and/or RSVP to heidiforgione@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch | Wednesday, February 9 at 11 a.m. | The Reel Seafood & Grill

All are welcome to join for fellowship and food. For more information or to arrange a ride, please call Pam Bennett at 830-730-0421.

We're hiring: Audio/Visual Tech Lead!

Responsibilities include operating, troubleshooting, and training volunteers to run the sound board and livestreaming system during services and other church activities. Email Desiree at desiree@stjohnsnb.com

February - April 2022 Day By Day Devotional books are now available in the Narthex.