



St. John's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 15, 2023



*The flowers on the altar are arranged by Caitrin Alexander and  
given to the glory of God in celebration of Bill and Lynn Norvell's 51st wedding anniversary on January 8th.*

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

---

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector  
Jenny Montgomery, Administrative Assistant to the Rector  
Cheryl Smith, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Kyle Smith, Youth Leader

Desiree Moultrie, Director of Finance and Operations  
Grace Symmons, Director of Communications  
Rube Harrison, A/V Technology Lead  
Art Gonzalez, Sexton

OPENING HYMN | Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies

Hymn 7

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

*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.*

GLORIA

Hymn S-280

*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.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 215

*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 | Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-12

BCP p. 640

**1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.**

**2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff  
and made my footing sure.**

**3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.**

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

## SECOND LESSON | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN | Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 440

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN | Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word (v. 3)

Hymn 440

## 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 | Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially David and Rayford our bishops, and Ripp our priest;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*The People may add their own intercessions and thanksgivings.*

## PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

BCP p. 818

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: **Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

BCP p. 394

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: **Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 360

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 | Jesus, Lover Of My Soul (CCLI #1198817)

Kathy James

## 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 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-130

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

*(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.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

BCP p. 365

*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 know if you would like to receive a gluten free wafer. Prayer teams are available at the back of the Sanctuary to pray with anyone needing prayer.*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

Kathy James

##### In Remembrance Of Me (CCLI #25156)

<i>In remembrance of Me eat this bread</i>	<i>Take eat and be comforted</i>
<i>In remembrance of Me drink this wine</i>	<i>Drink and remember too</i>
<i>In remembrance of Me pray for the time</i>	<i>That this is My body</i>
<i>When God's own will is done</i>	<i>And precious blood shed for you shed for you</i>
<i>In remembrance of Me heal the sick</i>	<i>In remembrance of Me search for truth</i>
<i>In remembrance of Me feed the poor</i>	<i>In remembrance of Me always love</i>
<i>In remembrance of Me open the door</i>	<i>In remembrance of Me don't look above</i>
<i>And let your brother in let Him in</i>	<i>But in your heart</i>
	<i>Look in your heart for God</i>
	<i>Do this in remembrance of Me</i>

##### Stumbling Heavenward

*And we're still stumbling heavenward  
And we're flying like a crippled bird  
Yet we know, as we go,  
There's a shining light  
Guiding as we seek our way back home*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP p 365

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

CLOSING HYMN| Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hymn 535

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p 366

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

---

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Linda Lund & Janet Guillen (8:45 a.m.)  
Brian Ply & Becky Huff (11 a.m.)

USHERS

Ralph & Kaye Haynes (8:45 a.m.)  
John & Linda Howe (11 a.m.)

ALTAR GUILD

Alice Jewell & Val Felger (8:45 a.m.)  
Melissa Soderberg & Val Felger (11 a.m.)

GREETERS

Betsy & Sandy Payson (8:45 a.m.)  
Jane Stewart & Lynn Norvell (11 a.m.)

ACOLYTES

Peter Jewell (8:45 a.m.)  
Natalie Drichta & Madyson Garcia (11 a.m.)

PIANIST

Becky Huff



The Church Office will be closed on January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Annual Parish Meeting | Today at 10 a.m. | Parish Hall and live on YouTube**

Attend to hear updates about the year ahead and vote to elect those who will represent St. John's at Diocesan Council in February. Children's Activities will take place in the Children's Room during this meeting.

**Reserve Altar Flowers for 2023!**

With a donation of at least \$50, Sunday flowers can be dedicated to something special, such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or memorial to any special person in your life, by any parishioner at St. John's. Dedications are recognized in the weekly bulletins. Donations cover the cost of flowers and supplies; any remaining money goes to the Flower Fund for future special events. Use the QR code or complete the form in the Narthex to request a Sunday in 2023. The following Sundays are available this year: 5/21, 6/25, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 11/26, and 12/31. Contact Allyson (allyson.ludington@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Recovery Sunday with guest preacher The Rev. Ram Lopez | Both Services on Sunday, January 22nd**

**Shrove Tuesday Planning Meeting | Sunday, January 22, 12:15 p.m. | Upstairs Conference Room**

Bring your ideas for fun fellowship that takes place the evening before Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to join us. Email or call Cheryl Smith (cheryl@stjohnsnb.com or 830-625-2532) with any questions.

**Wednesday Evening Offering | Our Church: Christian, Anglican and Episcopal | January 11 - March 8 | 7 - 8 p.m. in the Conference Room**

The things that make our Episcopal Church distinct today arose in the context of historical events in the Holy Lands, in Rome, in Constantinople, on the European continent, in England and finally in the American colonies and the United States. This series will examine that history and how it impacts our faith and practices today. Facilitated by Bob King.

**Good Book Club | At-home Epiphany Study of Ruth and Esther**

Learn more, download the resources, and sign up for email updates at [goodbookclub.org](http://goodbookclub.org)

**English for Spanish Speakers - Volunteers Needed | Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. | January 11 - May 3, 2023**

Penny Griffith will teach this class and is looking for St. John's volunteers to help by practicing conversations in English with the students. This free class is available for 12 students and is open to the community. Contact Penny at [penny.griffith@gmail.com](mailto:penny.griffith@gmail.com) for more information.

**Newcomers Dinner | Sunday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m. | Don & Jo Ann Bedford's Home**

This is an opportunity for newcomers to get to know other newcomers as well as current church members in a small group setting. Anyone who has not yet attended a newcomers event is welcome! Email Ray Purser ([houstonian62@yahoo.com](mailto:houstonian62@yahoo.com)) with any questions. Use the link at the QR code above to RSVP.

**Cursillo #288 | March 16 - 19, 2023 | Camp Capers**

Cursillo (a Spanish word meaning "little course") gives church members the tools and "rules of life" to enthusiastically share the joys of knowing Christ with others in their everyday environments. Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called groups of potential leaders, trained them and sent them out to bring the world to Him. The Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. During the weekend, participants engage in study, reflection, fellowship, and worship.

**The Outreach Committee is asking for donation requests from Community and Global non-profits.** Requests from organizations that serve families and children, food and housing insecurity, mental health counseling and others who would be significantly helped by the level of assistance we are able to give would be appreciated. Request forms are linked on the QR code above. Requests may be sent to [office@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:office@stjohnsnb.com) or return to the church office. Please submit by January 31st. Any questions may be directed to Sarah Reeves at [sarahreeves01@gmail.com](mailto:sarahreeves01@gmail.com).

**Adult Christian Education & Children and Youth Sunday School begins Next Sunday!**

**St. John's 101 | Music/Multipurpose Room | Sundays at 10 a.m.**

This class is designed to help you understand the Episcopal Church and how we at St. John's live into the vision and mission to which God calls us. This is informative for life-long Episcopalians and those wanting to learn more about this denomination and its spiritual depth.

Anyone interested in joining St. John's or being Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirming their faith, in the Episcopal Church should take this class.

**Ephesians Study: "Rooted and Grounded in Love" | Parish Hall | Sundays at 10 a.m.**

The Letter to the Ephesians offers us an opportunity to read, study, and reflect on a different kind of letter in the New Testament canon. As we will discover, Ephesians does not address specific issues arising in a particular church. Instead, the letter offers important insights into what God has accomplished for the entire world in the person of Christ and what it means for us to grow into the full stature of Christ in the midst of a culture that tempts us to worship many idols and ideologies that are not of God.

**Children's Sunday School Classes | Classrooms/Children's Room | Sundays at 10 a.m.**

Calling all preschool and elementary age children! We can't wait to see you in the new year! If you haven't registered, you can complete a form online using the QR code above. Email or call Ms. Cheryl ([Cheryl@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:Cheryl@stjohnsnb.com) or 830-625-2532) with any questions.

Shine your light and we will see you at Sunday School!

**Youth Sunday School Classes | Youth Room | Sundays at 10 a.m.**

6th - 12th graders meet for Sunday School in the Youth Room. Email Kyle ([kyle@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:kyle@stjohnsnb.com)) with any questions.