

# The Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 23, 2022

Morning Prayer 9:30<sup>AM</sup>



## St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Mary B. Gregorius, Rector

*Figures at the Seaside Pablo Picasso*

This morning we celebrate a Service of Morning Prayer. This service is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

✦ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

### OPENING HYMN #487

“Come my way my truth, my life ”



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

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## THE OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant:* From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

## CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever Amen. Alleluia.

## VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

*The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

3 For you, O Lord, are a great God, \*  
and a great sovereign above all gods.

4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

5 The sea is yours, for you made it, \*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
7 For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture  
and the sheep of your hand. \*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!  
*The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.*

✠ *Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture*

## PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.  
2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,  
4 their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world. ;  
5 In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.  
7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.  
9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold, \*  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, \*  
than honey in the comb.  
11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*

and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often they offend? \*

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; \*

let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, \*

and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of

my heart be acceptable in your sight; \*

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer \*

## THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*Read by: Nate Wood*

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## CANTICLE 16, SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets you promised of old,  
that you would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
To show mercy to our forebears \*  
and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear, \*  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace .

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS: 12:12-31A

*Read by: Nate Wood*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body

that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## SONG OF CHRIST'S GOODNESS

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 4:14-21

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

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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

Deacon:           The Gospel of our Lord.

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

✠ *Please be seated for:*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary B. Gregorius

✠ *Please stand as you are able and say:*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

*Officiant:*           The Lord be with you.

*People:*           **And also with you.**

*Officiant:*           Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

SUFFRAGES

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
- V. Look upon your congregation.  
**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Tom Acheson, Frederic, Peter, Bob** Gowen, **Yumi, Ronald** Garvey, **Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Howard** Flemming, **Hudson** Beauregard; **Ellie** Ruvo, **Joyce** Makimi, **Rosemary** Recine, **Robert** Lynch, **Joe** Smith, and **Angela** Carrozzo.

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Roberta** Darrigrand; **Jim, Marge, Carolyn** Damiano, **Deanna** Ammirato , and **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato.

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Liz & Jeff** Daniele, **Andrew Tom, Rebecca, Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Gerald, Marilyn** Griffin, **Paul** Ruvo, **Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore, Marina** Brandt, **Linda** Hill, **Carol** White, **Steven** Schubert, **Paul** Seltzer, **Jeff** and The Rt. Rev **Andrew** St. John

We pray for those who have died, especially **Edward Meddaugh** and the over 5.5 million world wide and 850,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

We pray for those in our hearts whom we now name, either silently or aloud.

✦ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

## HYMN #632

“Oh Christ the Word incarnate!”

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,  
 a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

## A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord!

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE VESTRY MEETING** will take place today at 11:00AM. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 892 8967 7525

The **THRIFT SHOP:** The thrift shop will be closed for the month of January due to the up tick in Covid cases in Pleasantville. Store hours will be revisited in February.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** our next class is on January 25 at 5:45PM. We will meet on Zoom for the month of January. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

**ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK:** Be sure to see St. John's On-line Sunday School lessons on our [website](#) Contact Mother Mary+ if you are interested in story reading

**SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual meeting will be on Sunday February 6th after church. It will be hybrid so you may attend in person or via zoom. More information to come.

**TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM** Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11:00AM;** Please consider joining us on zoom. Link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 981708897

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