



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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St. John's Episcopal Church
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The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

Third Sunday of Epiphany

In-Person & Zoom Worship
January 21, 2024 □ 10:00 A.M.

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Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:
<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Prelude

Processional (Please stand) "Christ for the world we sing" Hymn
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The Gloria
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Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day – Epiphany 3

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.*

The First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 62: 6-14 *we will read it by alternating half verse.*

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7: 29 - 31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn "Will you come and follow me" save last 2 verses until after
Gospel

The Gospel: Mark 1 14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Presider:

The Holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily (Please be seated)

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

*The intercessor then leads **The Prayers of the People** (Intercessor)*

The people stand or kneel as is their custom or take a posture of prayer as able.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Church of South India.

Hear us when we pray to you.

God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed.

Hear us when we pray to you.

Blessed are you who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your incarnate love in our common life of praise and service.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Deliverer, you unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit, with your incarnate love, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle: **Geoffrey, Lois, Art, Joyce, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Sally, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Anne, Ella, Louis, and Lee.**

Hear us when we pray to you.

Our special thoughts and prayers go to Kathy Schoolcraft whose sister Geraldine died on January 10th.

We also wish to extend our thoughts and prayers to Julie Wever and her family whose father died this week.

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O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to you; as you led the Wise Men of old, when we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget you, do not forget us.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: you are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Hear us when we pray to you.

God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us a light filled people, ready and alert to welcome and receive you in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare you room.

Hear us when we pray to you.

Dear people of God, what else, or who else, should we pray for?

Silence is kept, during which time all are invited to offer

their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Prayer for the Bishop Elect

**Pray for the Bishop-Elect Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide,
we bless and thank you for your servant, Jeremiah,
Bishop-Elect of your Episcopal Diocese of Albany.**

By the working of your Holy Spirit grant him grace and every spiritual gift

as he prepares to take up his role as our chief pastor and teacher.

Make him a shepherd after your own heart,

who will walk in your ways and watch over your people with loving care.

Strengthen and guide him to lead in vision.

Fill him with courage to teach your truth.

Prepare our hearts to welcome Father Jeremiah, Jennifer, Oscar, and Isaiah joyfully into our Diocesan community.

Continue to purify our intentions, and lead us into holiness, that we may bear witness to your Son without shame or fear, in unity, humility, and mutual charity, devoted to your will for the good of the world.

This we ask in Jesus' name and for the sake of his love. *Amen.* Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith, and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

Preserve us all, O Christ and take us home to your heart, so that all our lives may be woven together in prayer and praise, in your ever merciful name we pray. *Amen.*

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week: Carole Harsh, Lois Coonrod, Eve Ticknor, Gavin Coonrod

Watch over our sisters and brothers, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements (Please be seated)

Offertory "Glorious things of thee are spoken"
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Hymn

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;**

praise him all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

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The Presider continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my

Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed St John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People:

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Presider:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Presider:

Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Presider:

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

Congregation comes forward at this time to receive communion.

Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us Pray

Creator of all, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ to one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world, and band the blessing of God who created you, Jesus Christ who was born for you and the Holy Spirit who broods over the world like a mother hen over her chicks be with you and those you love this day and always.

Closing Hymn “Sing praise to God who reigns above” **Hymn 408**

Dismissal

Presider:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

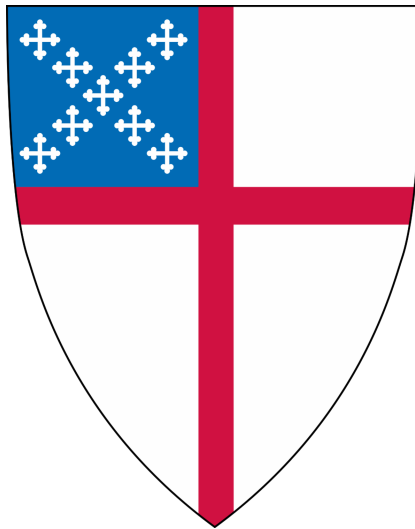
Postlude

*The ringing of the bell signals the end of the service.
Please join us for coffee in Persell Hall*

Ministers of the Service

Usher Greeters: Bruce Hale & Bob Harsh
Altar Guild: Anne Zilch
Altar Flowers: Bobbi Perez
Lector: Bob Harsh
Intercessor: Darcey Hale
Crucifer: Edward O'Neill
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Carole Harsh
Acolytes: Linda Rockefeller & Darcey Hale
Zoom host: Carole Harsh
Coffee Hour Hosts: Bill & Kristine Tribou
Organist & Music Director: Jennifer Moore
Cantor: Michael Bergman

LEVAS II: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, volume II
WLP: *Wonder, Love and Praise* (supplement to the 1982 hymnal)



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