

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am February 23, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;

After the service speak to one another.

The Rector's Welcome

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! This time of year calls us to recognize how God's light shines in our lives and community. Just as the star led the wise men to Bethlehem, we should also be attentive to God's guiding presence in our lives. Let's take some time in the new year to deepen our faith, explore new ways of serving others, and carry Christ's light into a world that needs hope and love.

Whether you are a long-time member or visiting us for the first time, we are delighted you are here. Our worship, fellowship, and outreach ministries are dedicated to celebrating God's grace and welcoming all into the life of Christ. If you want to take your place at St. John's, please reach out to a member of the clergy; we are always happy to help parishioners find ways to be more fully engaged.

I pray we are all continually filled with wonder and joy as we proclaim the good news of God's love for all people here in Tampa. If you would like to have a meal with a member of the clergy to talk about your faith, discuss a new outreach initiative, or just have a conversation, please reach out to Jan DePinto: jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org

Faithfully yours,

Fr. Chr. Word

The Rev. Christian M. Wood

Processional Hymn 390

Lobe den Herren



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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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 IN EXCELSIS S-280

Robert Powell

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 the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, I pray you." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Make haste and go up to my father and say

to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry; you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have; and there I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come; lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37:1-9 (Coverdale translation)

Herbert Howells

Sung by the choir

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.

- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass: and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good: dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- 4 Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
- 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light: and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
- 7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
- 8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
- 9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out:

and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Lector A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish man! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

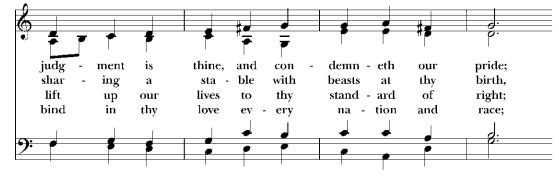
People Thanks be to God.

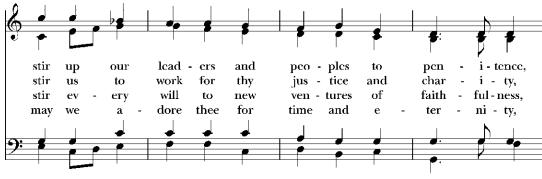
The people stand

Pre-K and Elementary School-aged children now follow the cross to Children's Chapel

SEQUENCE HYMN 568 Was lebet ther all lov - ing, Fa rul est jes - ty, pov Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam est in er - ty,

Come, Ho Spi - rit, in ho li - ness, ly cre ate us per - fect Ho - li Trin - i in est ty, ni - ty,







THE GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes away your cloak do not withhold your coat as well. Give to every one who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them again. And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit

THE SERMON Father Van Wormer

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

Celebrant and people

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form IV)

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Stephen, Archbishop of York, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas, our Bishop, that they may proclaim your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those in hospital, ____ and those in hospice____; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died [especially ____;] [and for _____in whose memory the altar flowers are given; that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

All 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

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. People

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

The people stand

Offertory Anthem *If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Old 100th

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

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 and Benedictus S-129

Robert Powell

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.

The people remain standing as they are able

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed 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 say,

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following anthem is said

Fraction Anthem S-163 Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.] or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

Communion Motet Ave verum corpus

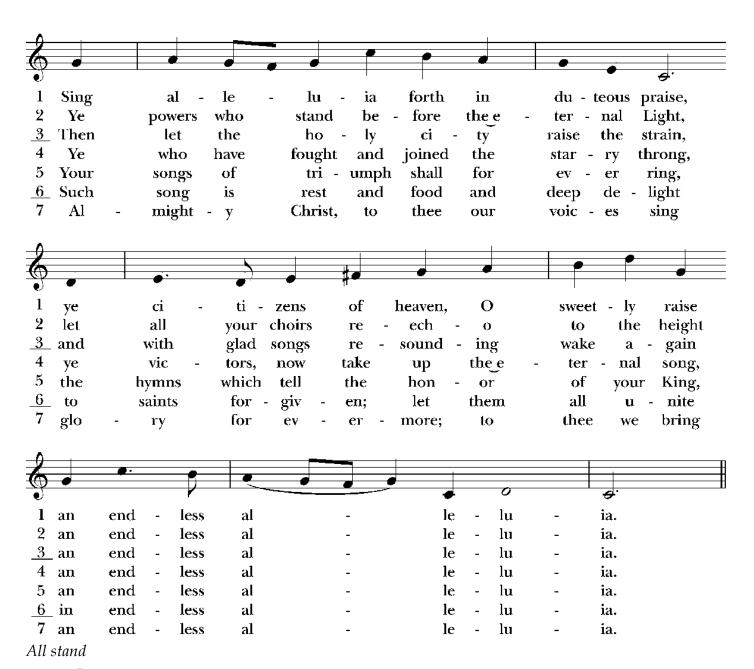
Sir Edward Elgar

Sung by the choir

Ave verum corpus, natum Hail, true Body, born de Maria Virgine, of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine on the cross for mankind, cujus latus perforatum from whose pierced side fluxit aqua et sanguine: flowed water and blood: esto nobis prægustatum *Be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)* in mortis examine. in the trial of death!

Communion Hymn 619

Martins



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal.

People Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 391

Winchester New





Thomas Saunders Nash, The Sermon on the Mount, 1891-1968, Manchester Art Gallery, United Kingdom.

This painting by Thomas Saunders Nash, while depicting our Lord's Sermon on the Mount (not the Sermon on the Plain as in today's Gospel reading), is interestingly set in the countryside of early 20th century England, with soft rolling hills and a small cottage farmhouse in the background. Christ stands before a crowd of listeners, authoritative yet accessible. The figures in the crowd are all dressed in vibrant colored monochrome robes. Some seem relaxed, others with their attention focused on receiving the divine teaching. Still others, such as those in the foreground, look distressed or shocked holding their faces in exasperation. Being told to "do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you," and to "pray for those who abuse you" (*Lk* 6:27-28) and "if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also" (*Mat* 5:39, *c.f. Lk* 6:29) may have been too much for them to bear. The various reactions and levels of interest of those depicted in the crowd invite us to ponder our own reaction to such an easier-said-thandone teaching. And yet it is that high calling to which we must strive. As Jesus concludes in today's passage: the measure we give in this world (in showing mercy, forgiveness, and charity to others) will be the measure we get back.



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