

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 19, 2025, 10:00 AM

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Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1750 – Today

We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.

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### **Service Participants**

CELEBRANT: Rev. Judy Ferguson

DEACON-IN-TRAINING: Pam Pooley
ORGANIST and CHOIR DIRECTOR: Michael Mulder
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### **HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II**

### **WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude** Variation by J.S. Bach

Michael Mulder

**Opening Hymn** 

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew

Hymnal # 689

**Opening Sentences** 

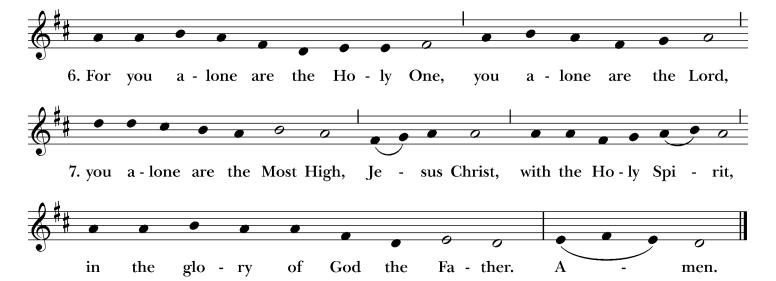
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant and People: 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*.





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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.

People: Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah [62:1-5]

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10 Dixit injustus

**BCP 632** 

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*

and your faithfulness to the clouds.

- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \* you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*

your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*

you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, \*

and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*

and your favor to those who are true of heart.

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

each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Please stand.

**Sequence Hymn** 

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

**LEVAS # 114** 

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [2:1-11] **People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon-in-training: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

Sermon Mrs. Pam Pooley

**Moment of Contemplation** 

Profession of Faith (South Indian), said together, standing

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

#### Prayers of the People

#### Form VI

**BCP 392** 

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world; for Joe our President and Donald our

President-elect;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop and Matthew, Allen and Mary our Bishops,

and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Bennett, Jean H., Renee, Jackie A., Richie, Matilda, John W. and Susan, Dean W., Sheryl and family, Ginny and Maar family, Nicole H., Thomas, Walter and family, Tommy and family, Wendy G., Caroline and family, Dylan and family, Eileen and family, Dorothy, Matt W. and family, Julia, Jeffrey, Neil and Cita, Shayna and family, Bill, Marian H., Abu, Susan T., Olivia and family, Wendy, Tracey, Michelle B., Gretchen D., Celia, Victims of fire and firefighters in LA; and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray

for guidance for Ukraine, the resolution of conflicts in the Middle East, those seeking asylum, victims of gun violence, all who suffer injustice and violence through ignorance and fear, effects of climate change, those suffering from mental illness, our Community Ministries, and for the leaders of all nations, let them know that with power and honor come responsibility and accountability. May those who govern do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.

[People may add their own petitions]

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

[People may add their own thanksgivings]

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom.

[People may add their own petitions]

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Reader: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360** 

Deacon-in-training: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

People: And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### HOLY COMMUNION

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his

courts. [Psalm 96:8]

Offertory How can I keep from singing by Greg Gilpin The St. James Choir

Doxology Hymnal # 380 Verse 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.

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, and Jacob & Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN!** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
who trespass against us.

thy kingdom come,

And lead us not into temptation,

thy will be done, but deliver us from evil. on earth as it is in heaven. For thine is the kingdom,

Give us this day our daily bread. and the power, and the glory,

And forgive us our trespasses, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### 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.

Communion Music God of mercy, God of grace St. James Choir

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

### **Epiphany Blessing**

Celebrant: 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** 

O Zion, tune thy voice

**Hymnal # 543** 

Dismissal

Deacon-in-training: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Postlude by Flor Peeters Michael Mulder



## **Continuing Prayer List**

Deb D. and family, Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Charlie, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Gar, Lee, Zhane, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Richard, Adrienne A., Family of Charles Crumlett, Ritchie family, Ann B., Richie, Eileen, Joyce and Douglas K., Dick and Mabel S., Abdul and his uncle, Dottie, Joan Z., Mary H., Betsy, Sue, Robert, Jim G., Jesse, Mike Marshall and family



Black Coffee and Prayer meets every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Village Hall.

**January 26:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

**Annual Meeting** 

February 1: Vestry Retreat

February 2: The Presentation of Our Lord: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

**February 9:** 5 Epiphany: Morning Prayer II service at 10 am

**Vestry Meeting** 

**February 16:** 6 Epiphany: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am **February 23:** 7 Epiphany: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am **February 27:** Concert - Theorbo and baroque guitar duet

March 2: Last Sunday after the Epiphany: Holy Eucharist at 10 am

March 4: Pancake Supper

March 5: Ash Wednesday service at 12 Noon
March 9: 1 Lent: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

March 14: Concert - Baroque Oratorio



The Academy of Sacred Drama will present *Noble Soul*, their production of Tosi's oratorio *Il martirio di S Caterina* (The Martyrdom of St. Catherine) from 1701. Catherine, a brilliant and devout Christian, confronts the ruthless King Maxentius. Refusing to renounce her faith, Catherine denounces Maxentius' cruelty to Christians, converts members of the royal court, and earns a martyr's fate.

A cast of five singers is headed by mezzo-soprano Kim Leeds in the tile role and is accompanied by an ensemble of Baroque-style instruments including harpsichord and theorbo. The Academy's production is a semi-staged production and a Western Hemisphere premiere.

Date/Time: Friday, March 14, 2025 at 7 PM

Location: Village Hall at St. James Church (296 Titicus Road, North Salem, NY 10560)

Tickets: \$15-\$60, visit https://sacreddrama.org/