

**THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY  
January 1, 2023 Year A  
**10:30 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude**

**\*Processional Hymn** The first Nowell (*The First Nowell*)

**Hymnal #109 vv. 1-4**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria**

**Hymnal #S-277**

**The Collect of the Day**

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**Numbers 26:22–27**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

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

**Psalm 8**

*Domine, Dominus noster*

1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all  
the world!  
2 Out of the mouths of infants and  
children \*  
your majesty is praised above the  
heavens.  
3 You have set up a stronghold against  
your adversaries, \*

to quell the enemy and the  
avenger.  
4 When I consider your heavens, the  
work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have  
set in their courses,  
5 What is man that you should be  
mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should  
seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower  
than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and  
honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works  
of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the  
sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths  
of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all  
the world!

### **The Epistle Reading**

**Galatians 4:4–7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

**Sequence** Angels from the realms of glory (*Regent Square*)

**Hymnal #93**

### **\*The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 2:15–21**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke.  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Megan Castellan**

#### **\*The Nicene Creed**

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**

Plant within our hearts, O Lord, the love of our Savior, as we lift our voices in prayer, responding to each petition by saying, "Holy is your Name."

+ O Key of David, unlock our greed and love of material goods, that we may be generous to the hungry, poor, unemployed, and homeless; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

+ O Emmanuel, God with us, visit us in the dark season of the year, revealing your everlasting light, and making us beacons of your grace and integrity in the world about us; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

+ O Prince of Peace, send your Spirit upon the face of the earth, changing weapons of war into resources for peace, revealing the gift of new life when hope has dimmed, and uniting peoples of every language, race, nation, and tribe; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

+ O Savior of the world, reach down from your heavenly throne and grasp our imaginations, that we may bring freshness and vitality to age-old problems, revealing to others the reality of your kingdom; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

+ O Root of Jesse, help us to honor the traditions of our Church and nation, learning from the past to welcome the future with openness and expectancy; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

+ O Giver of life, reveal your eternal promises to those who have died as followers of Jesus, and look with compassion upon those whose faith is unknown or uncertain; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

For the one in ten people around the world who struggle with persistent hunger; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

+ O Cup of Salvation, we thank you for this Eucharistic Meal which we share this day; may the bread we break reveal our participation in the Body of Christ; for this we pray.  
*Holy is your Name.*

Finding our strength in the Holy Name of Jesus, we join with all the apostles and saints in continuing our prayers and thanksgivings.

"For the one in ten people around the world who struggle with persistent hunger."

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Linda	Kathryn	Jan	Allison
Carol	Park	Richard	Linda	Gloria
Lorraine	Mark	Katie	Jack	Wes
John	Debra	Jason	Julianne	Strater
Lorraine	Shirley	Michele	Chris	Penny
Edith	Janice	Cale	James	Peter
Stanley	Anne	Emily	Lisa	Sandy
Dave	Cece	Sue	Tracy	Dick
Joan	Lorraine	Deborah	Denise	Rebecca
Sara	Charlie	Theresa	Deb	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:  
Elaine LaRocque, Michael Roman

### **Confession Of Sin**

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.*

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**

*Please remain in your pew. Wave!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

**Announcements & Welcome**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Organ Offertory**

**\*Presentation Hymn** Unto us child is born (*Puer nobis nascitur*)

**Hymnal #98**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

**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 our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Sanctus*)

**Hymnal #S-124**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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, Jesus 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Fraction Anthem    Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

**Hymnal #S-161**

### **The Communion of the People**

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.*

*You may either intinct your wafer in the small chalice, or you may drink from the larger common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Please replace your mask after receiving the sacrament.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Communion Hymn** Love came down at Christmas (*Gartan*)

**Hymnal #84**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*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.*

### **Blessing**

**\*Recessional** Of the Father's heart begotten (*Divinum mysterium*)

**Hymnal #82**

### **Dismissal**

### **Postlude**

**Acolyte:** Christopher Way

**Liturgical Ministers** Ceril Sandstrom, Pamela Talbott

**Virtual Vergers** Ben Dean, Michael Roman

*Today we welcome Dr. George E. Damp as guest organist.*

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

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If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/donate/>. Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

**Please Join Us:**

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer Monday – Thursday at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

**Forward Day by Day** for **November, December, and January** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**2023 PLEDGE ENVELOPES**, for those who use them, are on the table in the back of the nave. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home with you at your earliest convenience. If you do not find your envelopes, or have never had envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the parish office: (607) 273-6532 or [office@stjohnsithaca.org](mailto:office@stjohnsithaca.org).