

The Second Sunday after Epiphany
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
15 January 2023 Year A
10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude Prayer, Op. 16/2

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

***Processional Hymn** Christ, whose glory fills the skies (*Ratisbun*)

Hymnal #7

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria**

Hymnal #S-280

The Collect of the Day

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. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
 he stooped to me and heard my
 cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
 out of the mire and clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff
 and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God; *
 many shall see, and stand in awe,
 and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
 *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or
 turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have
 done, O Lord my God!
 how great your wonders and your
 plans for us! *
 there is none who can be
 compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known
 and tell them! *
 but they are more than I can
 count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no
 pleasure *

(you have given me ears to hear
 you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you
 have not required, *
 and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written
 concerning me: *
 'I love to do your will, O my God;
 your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the
 great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips;
 and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not
 hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness
 and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and
 faithfulness from the great
 congregation.

12 You are the Lord;
 do not withhold your compassion
 from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness
 keep me safe for ever.

The Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** When Christ's appearing was made known (*Erbalt uro, Herr*)

Hymnal #132

***The Gospel Reading**

John 1:29-42

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

The Sermon

Daniella Ripperton

***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**

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, cast your eyes of mercy on your people who entrust their prayers to you, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

+ For the light of Christ that never fades away, that it may shine through our words and actions, revealing the saving grace of the Anointed One; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That the leaders and peoples of every nation may be willing to pay the price of peace through compromise, compassion, humility, and forbearance; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For an increase in vocations to the Religious Communities of our Church, that we may continue to be guided by their life of prayer and sacrificial works; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For relief for those who live with debilitating anxiety, and to those who bear the scars of poverty and emotional desolation, that they may experience the fruits of your eternal and holy presence; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For the leaders of our country to make ending hunger and poverty a top priority.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ In thanksgiving for our sacred fellowship with Christ, may we move from strength to strength in our spiritual life so that its fruits may flow into our workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For the baptized who have entered into their eternal rest, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, that our Eternal Judge will look kindly on their souls; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That the true light that enlightens even the far reaches of the universe and the deep recesses of the sea, will open our eyes to the beauty of creation and encourage us to be good stewards of its bountiful gifts; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

Let us continue our prayers to the one who calls us to faithfulness and strengthens us for the journey.

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

Joan	Dick	Dave	Katie	Kathryn
Richard	Rebecca	Cece	Theodore	Stanley
Shirley	Strater	Deb	Carol	Lorraine
Wes	Penny	Allison	Lorraine	
Charles	Peter	Elizabeth	Edith	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Cassady Richardson, Jim Henry, Kelsey Schreiber

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Richard Comstock, Jr. in memory of Col. Richard Comstock

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

Anthem Christ is the world's true light

W.K. Stanton (1891–1978)

***Presentation Hymn** Let all mortal flesh keep silence (*Picardy*)

Hymnal #324

*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-125

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-163

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 Anthem None other lamb

Crawford Thoburn (b.1933)

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding-place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee

Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be;;
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home but Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee

text by C Rosetti

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** How bright appears the Morning Star (*Wie schön leuchtet*)

Hymnal #497

Dismissal

Postlude Grand Chorus

Alexandre Guillant

Liturgical Ministers: Jeff Bowen, Michael Roman, Daniella Ripperton

Acolytes: Ceril Sandstrom

Virtual Vergers: Michael Roman, Amber Massa

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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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 **February, March and April** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

Flowers: If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).