

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

14 January 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Preludes “Liebster Jesu, wie sind hier,” BWV 731 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
“Tierce en taille” from Mass for the Convents François Couperin (1668–1733)

***Processional Hymn** The people who walk in darkness (*Dundee*) **Hymnal #126**

***Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

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

1 Samuel 3:1–10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17

Domine, probasti

<p>1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you dis- cern my thoughts from a far.</p> <p>2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are ac- quainted with all my ways.</p> <p>3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it alto- gether.</p> <p>4 You press upon me be- hind and be fore * and lay your hand up- on me.</p> <p>5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot at- tain to it.</p> <p>12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me to- gether in my mother's womb.</p> <p>13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *</p>	<p>your works are wonderful, and I know it well.</p> <p>14 My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.</p> <p>15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yēt there was none of them.</p> <p>16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how grät is the sum of them!</p> <p>17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.</p>
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The Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Sequence All praise to Thee, for Thou o King divine (*Engelberg*)

Hymnal #477, vs. 1–3

***The Gospel Reading**

John 1:43–51

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

***Sequence** All praise to Thee, for Thou o King divine (*Engelberg*)

Hymnal #477, vs. 4–5

The Sermon

Bishop Duncan-Probe

***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**

Dear sisters and brothers, we are marvelously made by the Maker of all things, to whom we offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

+ For an increase in vocations to the Religious Life, especially in our Anglican and Episcopal Communities, that we may give thanks for those who joyfully embrace lives of prayer and simplicity; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That we may honor our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, not succumbing to the values of our culture, but respecting ourselves and one another as vessels of God’s divine presence; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That we may follow Jesus’ great commission to heal the sick and preach the word, bearing witness to others of the fruits of a lively faith, and the power of the Holy Spirit; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For those who serve in the armed forces, that they may be protected in their mission, and return safely to waiting families and friends; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That our leaders may commit themselves to forming bonds of peace, that war may cease in all the world, so that the most needy will have the security and resources that lead to an abundant life; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That those who have died in the faith may pass over to eternal life; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Guided by the light of Christ shining in our hearts, we continue our prayers.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

God of peace and justice, hear our prayers.

God of mercy and compassion, who wept with Rachel as she lamented over her children—be with us, who lament the plague of gun violence that lies heavy over our land. Open our eyes to see the ways we might transform the shadow of strife and death into the way of love and peace. Strengthen us to tirelessly care for one another, that we may truly find our security in the boundless love you call us to, and lead us all to your promised future, where no sword will be drawn against another, and no power known but the power of love. All this we ask through the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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

Joan	Shirley	Gerald	Edith	Nathan	Sandy
Charles	Richard	Cece	Kathryn	Jane	Amelia
Wes	Linda	Theodore	Sarah	Chris	Michael
Virginia	Jim	Lorraine	Avery	Carole	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Virginia Fenton, Cassidy Richardson, Ceril Sandstrom

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 pews. Wave!

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

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem The Shepherd's Farewell

Hector Berlioz (1803–69)

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling,
The humble crib, the stable bare,
Babe, all mortal babes excelling,
Content our earthly lot to share,
Loving father, loving mother,
Shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore thee
With humble love and holy fear,
In the land that lies before thee,
Forget not us who linger here!

May the shepherd's lowly calling
Ever to thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond all measure,
Thou happy father, mother mild!
Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure,
The Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!
God go with you, God protect you,
Guide you safely through the wild!

Trans. Paul England

*Presentation Hymn Blessed Jesus, at thy word (*Liebster Jesu*)

Hymnal #440

*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-130

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

The altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar you have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Anthem

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1785–1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes
And I shall keep it unto the end

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

Celebrant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord

People: *maker of heaven and earth*

Celebrant: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

People: *from this time forth and for evermore.*

***Recessional** Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim (*Paderborn*)

Hymnal #535

Dismissal

Postlude Fugue in C, BWV 545

J. S. Bach

Acolyte: Alyssa Green

Liturgical Ministers: Kang Meng, Margaret Johnson, Sally Clayton

Virtual Vergers Sara VanLooy, Amber Massa

This morning we welcome our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, as our officiant and guest preacher.

This morning we welcome Deacon David Sticklely.

This morning we welcome Jerome Fung as our guest organist.

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

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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**The people who in darkness walked (*Dundee*)
Hymnal #126**

1. The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn
who dwelt in death and night.

2. To hail thy rising, Sun of life,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

3. To us the promised Child is born,
to us the Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
and all the hosts of heaven.

4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the Mighty God and Lord.

5. His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

**All praise to thee, for thou o King divine
(*Engleberg*)
Hymnal #477**

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia!

2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the Name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluia!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia!

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word (*Liebster Jesu*)
Hymnal #440**

1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
(*Paderborn*)
Hymnal #535**

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love



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Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Forward Day by Day for **November, December, and January** 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).