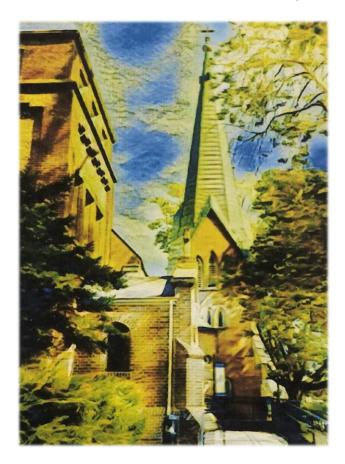
# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.

#### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

#### A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

#### TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the courtyard. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

#### ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2024 pledge cards! To date, 104 members have pledged for a total of \$425,988. Our 2024 goal is \$425,000. If you haven't submitted your card yet, please do so as soon as possible so the vestry can move forward with 2024 plans! Thank YOU for sharing your ABUNDANCE!

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share, please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.

**PRELUDE** There is a Name I Love to Hear Tune: O HOW I LOVE JESUS

James Mansfield Anon. 19<sup>th</sup> century

From hymnologyarchive.com: The text of this hymn was written by Frederick Whitfield (1829–1904), a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and vicar in the Anglican church. According to John Julian, in A Dictionary of Hymnology (London, 1892), p. 1276, the hymn was "published in 1855 in hymn sheets and leaflets in various languages." In Memorials of the Rev. Frederick Whitfield (London, 1905), edited by his son, R.S.B. Whitfield, it only notes how this hymn was written "during his college career" (p. 6; he graduated in 1859). The hymn's first appearance in a hymnal was in A Few Hymns and Some Spiritual Songs, Selected 1856, for the Little Flock (1856), in 9 stanzas of four lines, without music, unattributed:

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1 THERE is a Name I love to hear; I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in mine ear, The sweetest Name on earth.

[It tells me of a Saviour's love Who died to set me free; It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.

It tells me of a Father's smile Beaming upon His child: It cheers me through this "little while," Through desert, waste, and wild.

It tells me what my Father hath
In store for every day,
And though I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way.

It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my smallest woe, Who in each sorrow bears a part That none can bear below.

It bids my trembling soul rejoice,
And dries each rising tear,
It tells me in a "still small voice"—
To trust and never fear.]

- 2 JESUS! the name I love so well, The name I love to hear! No saint on earth its worth can tell, No heart conceive how dear.
- 3 This Name shall shed its fragrance still Along this thorny road, Shall sweetly smooth the rugged hill That leads me up to God.
- 4 And there with all the blood-bought throng,
  From sin and sorrow free,
  I'll sing the new eternal song
  Of Jesu's love to me.

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1 I HAVE a home above, From sin and sorrow free; A mansion which eternal love Design'd and form'd for me.

2 The Father's gracious hand Has built this blest abode; From everlasting it was plann'd, The dwelling-place of God.

3 The Saviour's precious blood
Has made my title sure;
He pass'd through death's dark raging
flood,
To make my rest secure.

**OPENING HYMN** 

O for a thousand tongues to sing

**HYMN 493** 

S.M.

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION** (please remain standing as you are able)

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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 Gloria in excelsis HYMNAL S-280

#### THE 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. *Amen*.

**THE FIRST LESSON:** 1. Samuel 3:1-10 (please be seated)

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

People

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \* you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \* your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \* while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 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 yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \* how great is the sum of them!
- 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.

#### THE EPISTLE: 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.* 

GRADUAL HYMN Breathe on me, Breath of God HYMN 508 Stanzas 1 & 2 before the Gospel Reading; Stanzas 3 & 4 after the Gospel Reading

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 1:43-51 (please remain standing as you are able)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People

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.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE NICENE CREED** (please rise in body or spirit)

**BCP 358** 

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. (pause) 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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for Holy Trinity, Hollidaysburg; St. Paul's, Manheim; and Church of the Province of South East Asia;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.* 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; We pray for all your children caught in war and violence and pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and throughout the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Kevin, Judy Modene, Angie Stamm, Andrew Gilpin, Jesse Rutledge, Ann Marie, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, JoAnn Trenary, David O'Dell, Tina, Susan Yoshihara, Willa Wealey, Maria Sauder, Rosaria Rocca DiPace. We pray for our friends at home, especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke. *That they may be delivered from their distress*.

Give to the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.* 

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your

will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**THE OFFERTORY**Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
Paul Davis
Tune: MERCY
Louis M. Gottschalk

Louis Moreau Gottschalk (May 8, 1829 – December 18, 1869) was an American composer, pianist, and virtuoso performer of his own romantic piano works. One of your Director of Music's favorite Gottschalk pieces is from a ballet called "Cakewalk", a recording of which you can find on YouTube by the Boston Pops!

PRESENTATION HYMN Earth has many a noble city HYMNAL 127, vs. 5

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

THE SANCTUS

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. HYMNAL S-130

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,

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

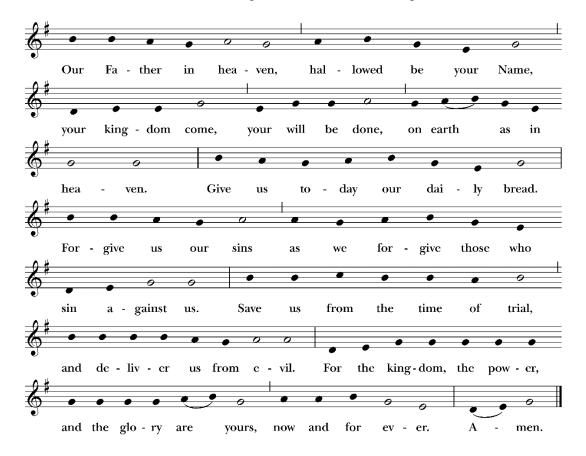
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 St. John 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.** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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



# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**BCP 364** 

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION HYMNS "I come," the great Redeemer cries
The sinless one to Jordan came

HYMN 116
HYMN 120

#### SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing

these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

#### 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.

#### THE BLESSING

May the light of Christ's life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*.



#### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** Honor and Majesty Todd Kendall

#### St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

If I gave you the clue of cats and rubber, could you guess where I am this week? Well, I'm in the Diocese of Kuching, in Malaysia, a part of the Province of Southeast Asia, and Kuching is crazy about cats! There are statues of cats you'll see as you leave the airport. The North Kuching City Hall is home to the country's Cat Museum. The people here love cats. They don't quite worship them, but they cherish them as cats are believed to bring good luck. If you've been to an Asian restaurant you may have seen a golden cat statue with eyes that light up while it waves its paw to greet you. That's a symbol of welcome and good wishes. Here locally there doesn't seem to be agreement on where the city name "Kuching" came from, but the word "kucing" in the Malay language means "cat"!

I also mentioned rubber. Do you know how rubber is made, and where it comes from? The key material that becomes the tires on our cars and bicycles, in our tennis, soccer, and rugby balls is rubber. We use it everywhere in everyday things. A basketball wouldn't bounce if it weren't for rubber. Rubber is made from latex, which is the sap of a certain kind of tree. The sap is drained from the living trees, much like folks in Vermont drain sap from maple trees to boil down into maple syrup. The trees aren't cut down, but nurtured so they continue to grow and continue to produce latex sap. The liquid sap is heated, cooked, and treated - thanks to a guy named Charles Goodyear - and turned into solid but flexible and bouncy rubber. Malaysia is famous for these rubber trees, and exports rubber to countries all over the world. Some of the rubber you use in Lancaster may have started as sap in these trees in Kuching. Look around and see how many things you can find that are made of rubber, and thank the people here in Malaysia. I wish you good luck for the days ahead, and a little bounce in your step. I'll write to you again soon. Blessings always.

John Traveler

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

## TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

11:30 AM Adult Forum

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

6:00 PM Daughters of the King

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

12:00 PM Healing Service

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting

2:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Men's Gathering

7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Rector's Day Off

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

9:00 AM Community Breakfast

at First Reformed Church

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

# **ADULT FORUM: WHY WE WORSHIP**

Join St. John's Director of Music, Douglas Beach, as he leads the last of a four-week series on the history and practical understanding of music in worship TODAY after the 10:15 AM service in the Parish Hall!

## ADULT FORUM: RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION

Brother David, with the Community of Francis and Clare, will give a presentation at Forum on January 21 following worship. The General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved resolution 2022-B004, "Foundation of Religious Life Sunday," to be commemorated each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany. The purpose of this observance is to share with all Episcopalians the existence of vowed religious orders and Christian communities, their residential and dispersed ways of life, and what resources and support they have to offer. We believe that religious life has something for everyone in The Episcopal Church!

## DATE CHANGE: "PEACEMAKING INITIATIVES IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL"

You are invited to hear Jonathan Kuttab, Palestinian lawyer and peace activist, speak on "Peacemaking Initiatives in Palestine/Israel" on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Akron Mennonite Church, 1131 Diamond St, Akron, PA.

## WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

#### **OUR MINISTERS**

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