



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*linking lives in the love of Christ*

**4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

## **WELCOME!**

*YOU are welcome here, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex, national origin, marital status, family makeup, socioeconomic status, or political persuasion. St. John's Episcopal Church is a community of people who gather to acknowledge our need for divine and human love, and to respect our common humanity.*

*At St. John's, ALL ARE WELCOME.*

*It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete & place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information on the back of this bulletin.*

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### **Our mission**

**LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST**



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### **Our vision**

**WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE  
AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US  
ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION**

9:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Following the pattern of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, RITE II

Prelude

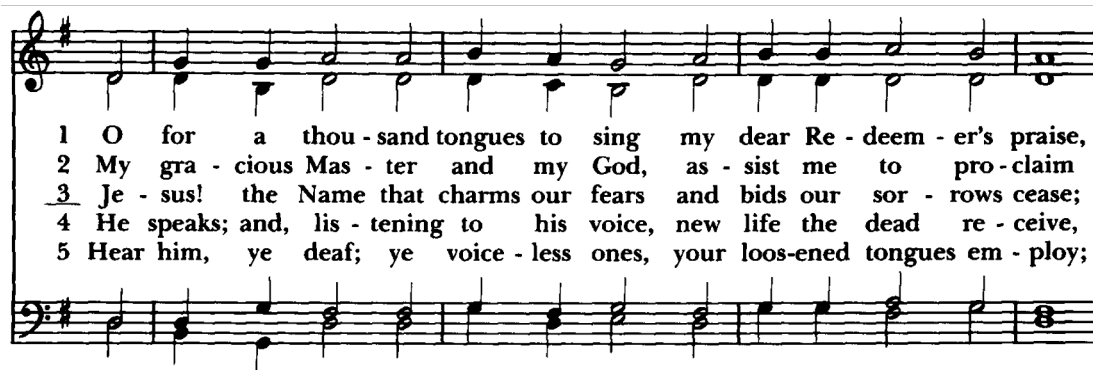
Welcome & Announcements

Toshia Albright

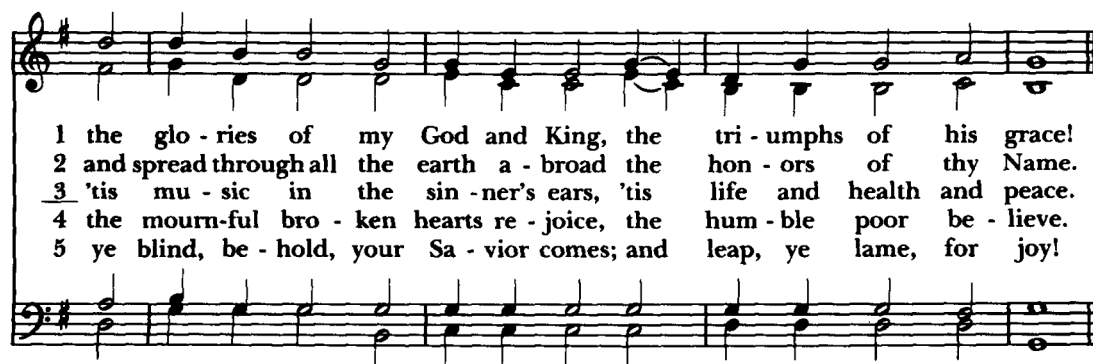
Please stand as you are able

Hymn - "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

#493 in The Hymnal 1982\*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heav'n.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Greeting

Celebrant  
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity


Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

## Song of Praise - "Gloria"

#251 in Gather Comprehensive\*

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, give glo - ry to our  
God! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to all peo - ple on earth.

## Salutation

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Please be seated*

**First Lesson** - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Deb Blackhurst

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 111 - Confitebor tibi

Cantor will invite the congregation to join in on the Refrain



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| 1 Hallelujah!<br>I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *<br>in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. | 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *<br>in giving them the lands of the nations.   |
| 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *<br>they are studied by all who delight in them.   | 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *<br>all his commandments are sure.   |
| 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *<br>and his righteousness endures for ever.                                       | 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *<br>because they are done in truth and equity.   |
| 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *<br>the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.                             | 9 He sent redemption to his people;<br>he commanded his covenant for ever; *<br>holy and awesome is his Name.                              |
| 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *<br>he is ever mindful of his covenant.  | 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *<br>those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever. |

## Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lisa Miller

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess

knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader           The word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Procession*

**Gospel Hymn** - "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" (verse 1)

#448 in **The Hymnal 1982\***



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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**Gospel Reading** - Mark 1:21-28

*The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*

Reader           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

**Gospel Hymn** - "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" (verse 2)  
*See previous page. . .*

#448 in The Hymnal 1982\*

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*

**Anthem** - "Come By Here"  
*Chancel Choir*

*Kyle Pederson*

*Please stand to say together*

**Nicene Creed**

p. 326 in The BCP

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.

**Prayers of the People Form IV**

p. 388 in The BCP

Leader        Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for the dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan; the community of St. John's; and our partner congregation, St. Philips, Grand Rapids.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Pray especially for our youth confirmands and those supporting them on this path of learning and growth.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. Pray for Ian, Cathy & Juan, Beth, Anita, Doug, Vincent, Janeene, Kristi, Arra, Penny, Ashlee, the Eagly family, Margaret, Molly, Bob, Ellen, Adair, and the Cleland-Host & Newhouse families. Pray especially for those in our human family who are dwelling amid the storms of war, violence, and upheaval.

*Prayers and thanksgivings are invited.*

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

### **Concluding Collect**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

p. 360 in The BCP

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**Together** 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.

## Absolution

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and love, fill you with exceeding joy, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Please be seated*

**Offertory Hymn** - "Thou, whose almighty word"

#371 in The Hymnal 1982\*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

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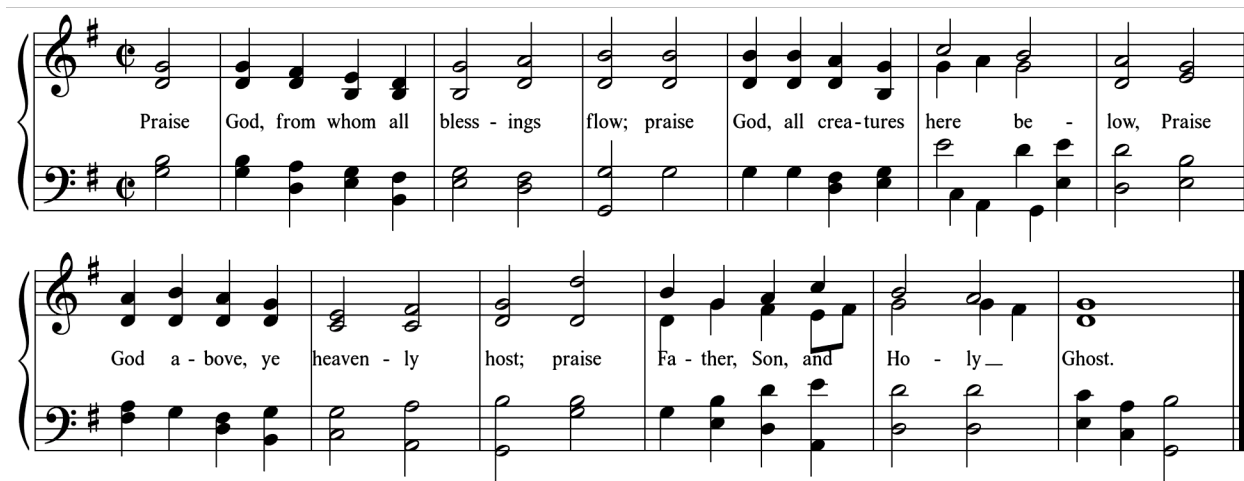


Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man-kind, let there be light!  
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
 full - est pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.  
 Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,  
 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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## Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low, Praise  
 God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly — Ghost.

## Eucharistic Prayer A

p. 361 in The BCP

- 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.**  
 Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to  
 you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . .  
 Celebrant 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:

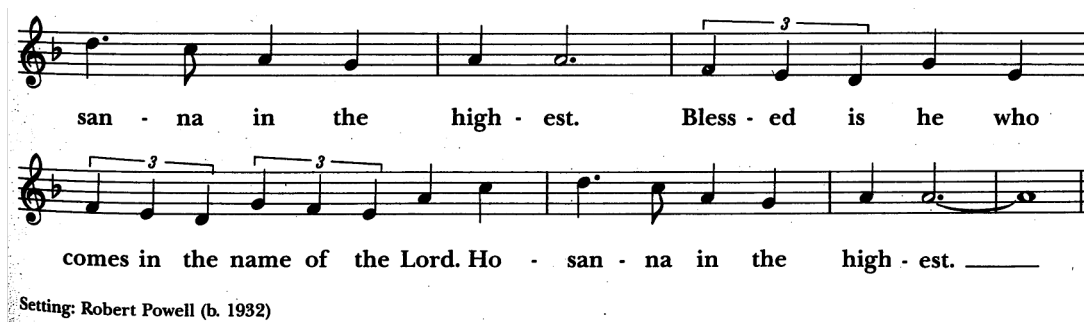
## Sanctus

S-129 in The Hymnal 1982\*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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*Please stand or kneel as you are able*

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love . . .  
. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Together Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father . . . .  
. . . all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People AMEN.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

p. 364 in The BCP

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

**Together Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### Breaking of the Bread

p. 364 in The BCP

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. Holy gifts for holy people.

*Please be seated*

#### Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion. St. John's uses gluten-free bread, and wine. Individually sealed cups with gluten-free, allergen-friendly hosts, and grape juice are available by request. Please follow the directions of our ushers.*

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I  
 2. Dark — mid - night was my cry, Dark — mid - night was my  
 3. O — when I come to die, O — when I come to

1. rise, In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.  
 2. cry, Dark — mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.  
 3. die, O — when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.

Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus, You may

have all this world, Give me Je - sus.

**A Prayer in lieu of Sacramental Reception**attributed to *The Rev. Charles Curtis*

*Those worshipping with us on our live stream are invited to use the following prayer as our in-person congregation receives Communion.*

O blessed Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of your body and Blood. We love you above all things, and we long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you in your sacramental Presence, grant that we may still be fed by your Holy Spirit in our hearts. We welcome you and embrace you, and unite ourselves wholly to you; and grant, most gracious Lord, that we may evermore dwell in you, and you in us. Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**p. 365 in The BCP

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together **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

*The priest blesses the people*

**People**      **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Closing Hymn** - "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

#450 in **The Hymnal 1982**

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

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1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt. Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.;  
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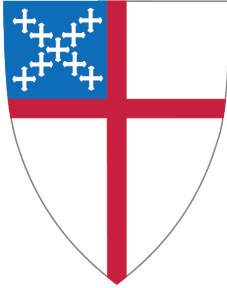
## Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and  
 In thanksgiving for our St. John's family.*



**HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST**  
**MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS**

**Clergy**

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson .....*Rector*

**Staff**

Chris Lauckner .....*Parish Administrator*  
 Dr. Amon Eady ..... *Director of Music*  
 Travis Fader ..... *Organist*  
 Linda Germain .....*Children & Youth Director*  
 Colleen O'Dell ..... *Bookkeeper*  
 Ellen Woodard .....*Administrative Assistant*  
 Nick Lowthian ..... *Sexton*  
 Vickie Densmore.....*Janitor*

**SERVING TODAY**

Presiding..... The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson  
 Preaching ..... The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson  
 Cantor ..... Amon Eady  
 Pianist..... Travis Fader  
 Greeters/Ushers..... HJ Smith, Lee Smith  
 Element Bearers.....  
 Announcer..... Toshia Albright  
 Lectors..... Deb Blackhurst, Lisa Miller  
 Intercessor ..... Charles Bash  
 Crucifer/Eucharistic Minister ..... Charles Bash  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Marnie Bash  
 Altar Guild ..... Kathy Loyer  
 Coffee Hour Host ..... Potluck Brunch  
 (signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

**OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS**

**Class of 2024**

Toshia Albright, *Clerk*  
 Eric Heglin  
 Ellen McVey, *Co-Warden*

**Class of 2025**

Eric Carlson  
 Bill Kent  
 Paul Tolly

**Class of 2026**

Deb Blackhurst, *Co-Warden*  
 Tony Germain  
 Gail Hoffman

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