

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.”

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO 9:30AM

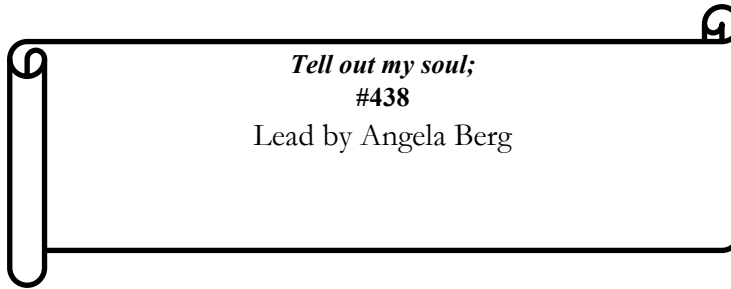
ONLINE SERVICE

January 31st, 2021

This morning we celebrate Service of Morning Prayer. This Service is taken from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE



- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age the same;
his holy Name-the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on The Song of Mary

Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), alt.

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THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: God will raise up for us a prophet like Moses, may they speak only God's Truth, may we heed God's words. (Deuteronomy 18)

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Officiant: 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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.
- 3 For you, O Lord, are a great God, *
and a great sovereign above all gods.
- 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

5 The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant: The Lord has shone forth glory.
People: **Come let us adore our God.**

PSALM 111 *Confitebor tibi*

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

Canticle 9 **THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH** *Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Read by: Nate Wood

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.**

CANTICLE 12 A SONG OF CREATION

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini
Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

Invocation Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III The People of God Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:21-28

Reader: The Rev. Deacon Lynn Werdal

¹Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and 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.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He ⁴ commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Deacon: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool

THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE: I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*



1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded—
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth;

Fount, whence all my being floweth:
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessèd food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

3 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Schmücke dich, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

Meter: LMD

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

SUFFRAGES: SET A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19, especially Cindy and David .

We pray for all those struggling to find the light of Christ in this skeptical world.

We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith.

We pray for our Nation may we work to build harmony.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Yumi, Ronald Garvey, Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Ellie Ruvo, Steven Schubert, Martha Thornley, Hudson Beauregard and Shlomo Teladano.**

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings, Margaret Vaccaro, John & Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Ronald Acheson, Jim, Marge, Joe Smith, Carolyn**

Damiano, **Deanna** Ammirato **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato. **Laura** O'Malley (John & Clare McAndrew's niece), and **Linda** Hill,

We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff** Daniele, **Andrew** Tom, **Rena** Kaplan, **Rebecca**, **Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Martha**, **Gerald**, **Marilyn** Griffin, **Joyce**, **Paul** Ruvo, **Helene**, **Jason**, **Peter**, **Hannelore**, and **Jeff**.

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School**, and the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**.

We pray for those who have died, especially **Amity** Curry and the over 400,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19.

We pray for those in our hearts whom we now name, either silently or aloud.

The Collect at the Prayers: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE 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.*

FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Announcements

THE BLESSING

THE REV MARY B. GREGORIUS

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

STEWARDSHIP

Did your parents ever tell you; “actions speak louder than words?” Mine did. That little reminder of the impact we have on others comes straight out of our reading from 1 Corinthians this morning. We must, Paul reminds us be sure that our actions shine a light on our belief in Jesus Christ, on the spreading of the Word? Where we invest ourselves tells our community who we believe in. Please, invest in St. John’s.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

7 February 2021 at 12 noon

Via ZOOM

**Please submit Reports to Megan Whalen at
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The Pleasantville Emergency Food Pantry

NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

The pantry has moved from the Methodist Church, building is being closed down, to a site on Commerce St. in Hawthorne for which they pay rent. Please donate either food or funds through St. John's.

CALENDAR:

Tuesday 2-2-21 Noon ZOOM Prayers, link on Website

NOTE NEW TIME FOR BIBLE STUDY!!

Thursday 2-4-21 11am Bible Study, Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Wednesday 2-17-21 Ash Wednesday Outdoor Service at 7am and 7pm. Please see Website for details

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