

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 11am

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## THE GATHERING RITE

**Gathering Music** *Voluntary in F* by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

### The Opening Acclamation

*The people's responses are in bold.*

Blessed be God, who is the light of the world.

**Blessed is the One who scatters the darkness before us,  
that we may walk in newness of life.**

O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, evermore risen and never going down: We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error. We pray that we may this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.** —*Erasmus of Rotterdam, 15<sup>th</sup> c.*

# Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

From our earliest days, O God, you call us by name. Make our ears attentive to your voice, our spirits eager to respond, that, having heard you in Jesus your anointed one, we may draw others to be his disciples. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Response** *sung by the choir*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

words: George Herbert (1593-1633)  
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## **The Gospel** *John 1:43-51*

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

## **The Sermon** *Excerpts from "Letter from Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Creed and Baptismal Covenant

*Creed is translated "I believe" though it is rooted in an ancient word for heart, and carries the sense "I give my heart to." Ours is more than a statement of mental or doctrinal belief; this is an invitation to embrace the mystery of divinity in all things, the flow of the Trinity's self-giving love at the heart of all creation.*

*In Epiphanytide this year we will use the Church's earliest creed, the Apostles Creed, which was used in the primitive church especially at baptisms, as it still is today. As part of our weekly credal statement we will include the baptismal promises that follow it in the prayer book, which articulate our intention to live our lives following the way of Jesus.*

*As we renew this covenant during the six weeks of Epiphanytide, allow it to lead you more deeply into your own self offering, and ponder specific ways God may be calling you into further action through this renewal.*

*The Celebrant says*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Our version of the baptismal promises this week is taken from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Commitment Card" for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.*

Will you meditate daily on the teachings and life of Jesus?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you remember always that the non-violent movement seeks justice and reconciliation, not victory?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you walk and talk in the manner of love, for God is love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you pray daily to be used by God in order that all persons might be free?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you sacrifice personal wishes in order that all persons might be free?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you observe with both friend and foe the ordinary rules of courtesy?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to perform regular service for others and for the world?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you refrain from the violence of fist, tongue, or heart?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health?

**I will, with God's help.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The intercessor says*

Let us pray.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the special concerns of this community.

*The people add their own prayers aloud, silently, or via a Facebook comment. Then the Celebrant concludes*

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture of peace.*

**The Announcements** available at [stpaulsnorwalk.org/sundaymorning](http://stpaulsnorwalk.org/sundaymorning)

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# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Offertory

*The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Your light has shone throughout the world and brought all nations to feast at your Table. Daily we are baptized into new life; daily we see your miracles among us. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)  
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### *The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, for the birth of creation. Blessed are you, in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you, for the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you, for signs and wonders we see of your work in the world. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our brother Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

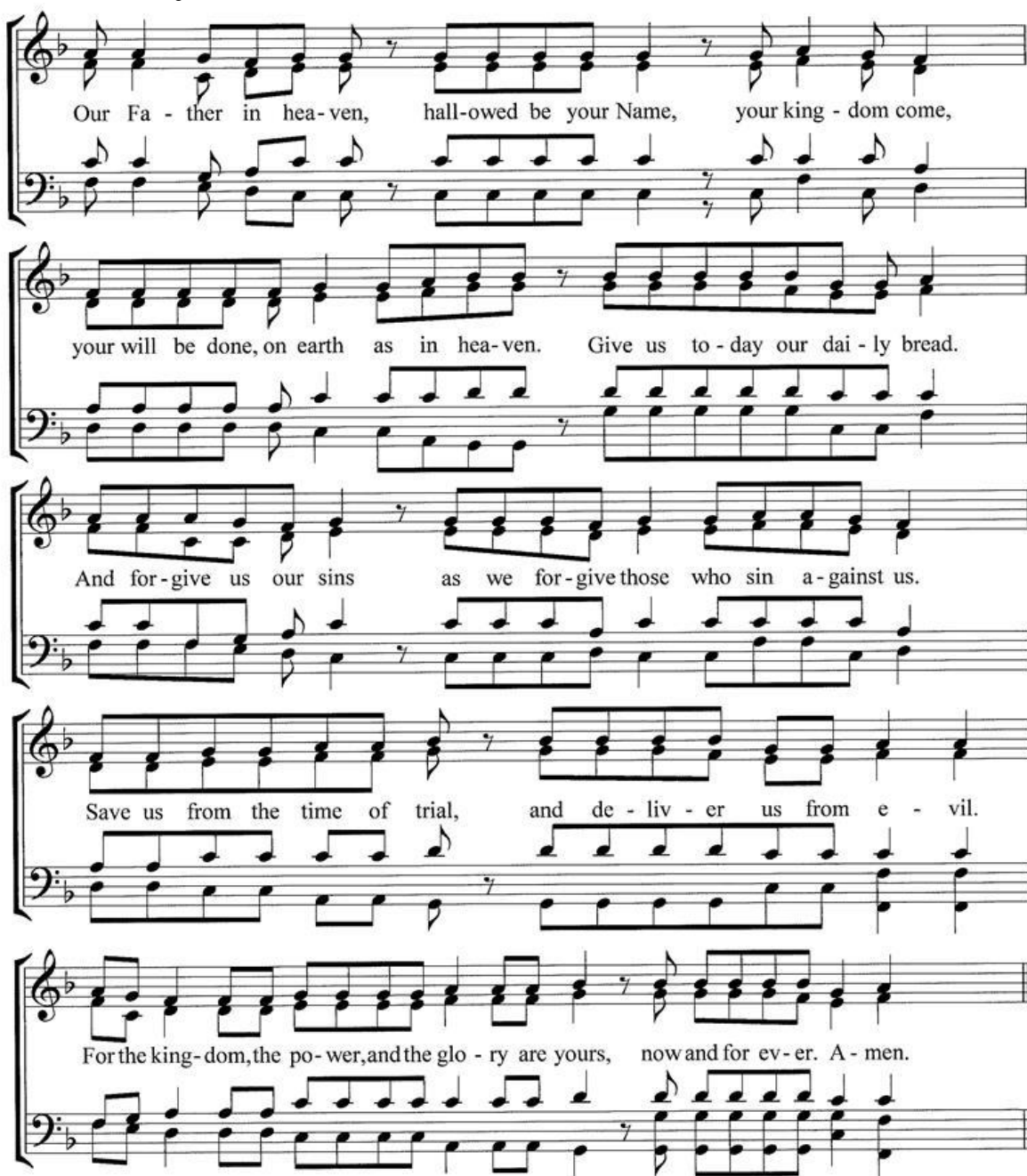
With this bread and cup we remember your Word, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We rejoice in the miracle of God-with-us.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us and bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people; fill us with your light. Bring us the gift of peace on earth.



All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God, now and forever. AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall - owed be your Name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## The Communion

Bread of life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

## Hymn at the Communion

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
 \*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.  
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100  
 music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;  
 harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?); arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*After a period of silent reflection the Celebrant prays the following*

O God, in love you have called us out of darkness into light, and in love we have shared this holy meal. By it, rekindle the flame of your love in our hearts, and may its light guide us on our journey and shine out in our lives, now and forever. **AMEN.**

# THE SENDING RITE

## The Blessing and Dismissal

The Light of Christ be in our hearts: the small light that becomes a burning flame; the warm light that grows into a great love; the bright light that leads us on our way.

And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Voluntary on "Old 100<sup>th</sup>"* by Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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