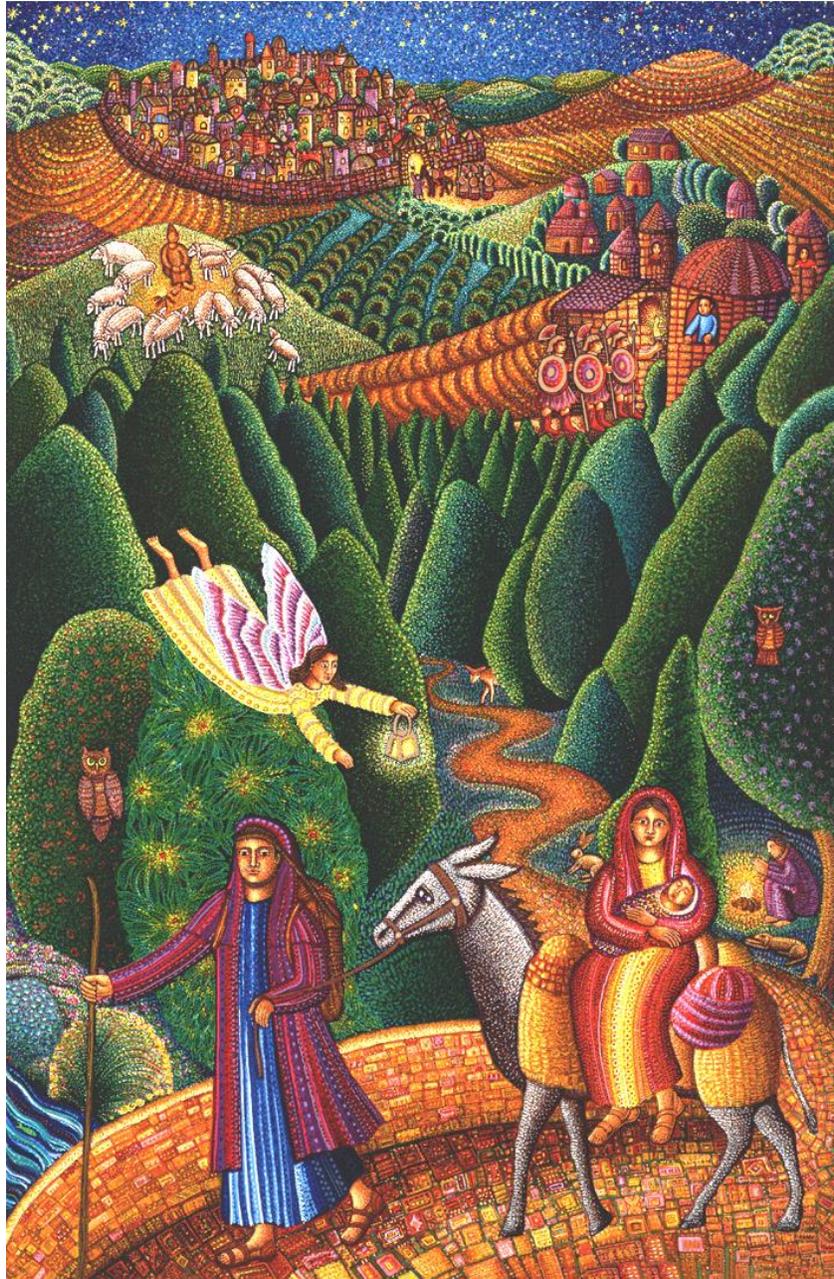


THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Congregation



Saint Paul's Church
Kinderhook, New York

Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2022 • 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Saint Paul's Church

The world has declared Christmas over. We breeze past Saint Stephen (first martyr), Saint John (evangelist), the Holy Innocents, the Flight to Egypt, the Finding of teenaged Jesus astounding seasoned Torah scholars with his insights. Whether or not you greeted the stroke of midnight with raucous cheers or were sound asleep, New Year's Day brings a different mood. By Monday the tide of routine floods back in to obliterate, like a sand castle, whatever it was that made our participation on the Advent-Christmas cycle life-changing. Not even our resolutions will survive first contact with post-holiday reality.

Can I persuade you, though, to linger? Can I urge you to *make* time to savor, a while longer, the richness of the life to which you and I have been called? Our identity as disciples of Jesus grants us a unique vantage point. How many would love to spend several hours on the 50-yard line of the best New Year's Day football game. And yet we ourselves hold season tickets on the 50-yard line of Reality Itself.

You know, by now, that I encourage you to look for patterns — resonance, harmony, counterpoint, contrast — in the Biblical narrative, in plot and characters, turns of phrase, images, symbols. Today, for example, it is easy to spot the parallel between Herod's order to slaughter all boys under two, and Pharaoh's order to kill every newborn male Hebrew child. The motives and motif are the same: children, especially boys, threaten to deprive people of a cherished lifestyle. They interfere with self-determination, control, prosperity, or, if nothing else, the potential enjoyment of those things. The pattern continues in the judicial murder of Jesus himself.

But there is a larger pattern, not found in details. It is the perennial response of awe and wonder (or bewilderment, confusion, distress) at being caught up in something beyond us. Elizabeth Scalia writes [here](#):

[Our inability to be silent](#) puts our minds and our souls at a disadvantage, because it robs us of the ability to wonder, and if we are not wondering at the impossible perfection of the world in its creation—if we are not wondering at [spinning atoms and Incarnations](#), especially at this season—then we are lost to humility, and to experiencing gratitude. And without gratitude, we cannot develop a reasoned capacity for joy.

We have lost sight of what the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* says about the chief end (i.e., reason, purpose, goal) of humanity: *to glorify God and to enjoy him forever*. Craig Carter writes ([here](#)):

A feature common to both liberal and evangelical systematic theology in recent years has been a pragmatic focus: Theology is valued not for what we learn from it about the being of God, but for how it helps us have better marriages, better ecclesiology, better political systems, and so on. Theological doctrines and systems must prove their usefulness to be accepted. ... [T]heology must be justified by some pragmatic usefulness. It helps us fight injustice, or it gives us meaning, or it soothes our anxieties.

Nicene theology is gloriously useless. The purpose of theology is to speak truthfully about God, to purify our ideas of God so that we can enjoy him. It is to enable the rational worship of God, which is polluted by idols ([1 John 5:21](#)). In other words, theology has no pragmatic purpose in the way moderns think of it. A good theologian is not one who tries to imagine how theological statements might have some practical usefulness for human projects, but rather one who seeks to contemplate, and to bring others to contemplate, the beauty of God's being for its own sake.

This enjoyment of beauty is not only for professional, academic "theologians." "Theologian" began as a word to describe anyone who devoted their life to *getting to know* God and cultivating a relationship with him. A theologian follows, observes, and studies God, memorizes his every feature, gesture, property, and word in order to speak from the authority of experience.

Silence opens a space for wonder, wonder breeds humility, humility begets gratitude, and gratitude bears fruit in joy. Let's be theologians a while longer. The wise men — driven by profound awe — are liturgically still on their way. et's not be in too great a hurry to get past the wonder.

Father Tom

Please wear a mask at all times inside the building, regardless of vaccination status.

Sit in pews marked by green paper.

Please observe distancing when leaving your pew and exiting the door.

Holy Communion will be brought to your seat.

**We recommend wearing a mask everywhere on our premises,
as physical proximity may be difficult to avoid or judge accurately.**

Preparation for Worship

BCP 833

Celebrant Let us pray. O Almighty God, who pourest out on all them who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Greeting and Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Celebrant Bless the Lord, ☩ who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name through Christ, our Lord.

ALL Amen.

The Great Commandment

BCP 324

Celebrant Hear what our Lord, Jesus Christ, saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Kyrie

BCP 324

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

or

Kyrie, eleison.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christe, eleison.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria in Excelsis

BCP 324

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

ALL and on earth peace, good will towards men.

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us;
Thou that takest away the sins of the world:
receive our prayer;
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father:
have mercy upon us,
for thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Second Sunday after Christmas, BCP 162

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated

Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

⁷The LORD says, "Sing for joy for the descendants of Jacob. Utter glad shouts for that foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard. Then say, 'LORD, rescue your people. Deliver those of Israel who remain alive.' ⁸Then I will reply, 'I will bring them back from the land of the north. I will gather them in from the distant parts of the earth. Blind and lame people will come with them, so will pregnant women and women about to give birth. A vast throng of people will come back here. ⁹They will come back shedding tears of contrition. I will bring them back praying prayers of repentance. I will lead them besides streams of water, along smooth paths where they will never stumble. I will do this because I am Israel's father; Ephraim is my firstborn son.'" ¹⁰Hear what the LORD has to say, O nations. Proclaim it in the faraway lands along the sea. Say, "The one who scattered Israel will regather them. He will watch over his people like a shepherd watches over his flock." ¹¹For the LORD will rescue the descendants of Jacob. He will secure their release from those who had overpowered them. ¹²They will come and shout for joy on Mount Zion. They will be radiant with joy over the good things the LORD provides, the grain, the fresh wine, the olive oil, the young sheep and calves he has given to them. They will be like a well-watered garden and will not grow faint or weary any more. ¹³The LORD says, "At that time young women will dance and be glad. Young men and old men will rejoice. I will turn their grief into gladness. I will give them comfort and joy in place of their sorrow. ¹⁴I will provide the priests with abundant provisions. My people will be filled to the full with the good things I provide."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-8

BCP 707

We pray the psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

Reading

Ephesians 1:3-19

Reader A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

:³ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we may be holy and unblemished in his sight in love. ⁵ He did this by predestining us to adoption as his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the pleasure of his will — ⁶ to the praise of the glory of his grace that he has freely bestowed on us in his dearly loved Son. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. ⁹ He did this when he revealed to us the secret of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ toward the administration of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ — the things in heaven and the things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we too have been claimed as God's own possession, since we were predestined according to the one purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, would be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation) — when you believed in Christ — you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you when I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you spiritual wisdom and revelation in your growing knowledge of him, ¹⁸ — since the eyes of your heart have been enlightened — so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the incomparable greatness of his power toward us who believe, as displayed in the exercise of his immense strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon The Holy *** Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹³ After the wise men had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to look for the child to kill him."
¹⁴ Then he got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and went to Egypt. ¹⁵ He stayed there until Herod died. In this way what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet was fulfilled: "I called my Son out of Egypt."
¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he became enraged. He sent men to kill all the children in Bethlehem and throughout the surrounding region from the age of two and under, according to the time he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud wailing, Rachel weeping for her children, and she did not want to be comforted, because they were gone." ¹⁹ After Herod had died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ saying, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ So he got up and took the child and his mother and returned to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream, he went to the regions of Galilee. ²³ He came to a town called Nazareth and lived there. Then what had been spoken by the prophets was fulfilled, that Jesus would be called a Nazarene.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev. Tom Malioneck, Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Celebrant I believe in one God,
ALL **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things, visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds;**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father
by whom all things were made;**

**who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;**

**and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

BCP 329

- Intercessor* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.
ALL: Hear us, O Lord.
- Intercessor* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments; and do thou bless, O Lord, **especially, the person thou shalt choose to be bishop of this diocese.**
ALL: Hear us, O Lord.
- Intercessor* And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.
ALL: Hear us, O Lord.
- Intercessor* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the Congress, the Supreme Court, the Governor and legislators of this state, and the officials of this county, town, and village, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.
ALL: Hear us, O Lord.
- Intercessor* Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, especially **Bonnie Hawley, Susan DiGrigoli, Heather Rossman, and all who celebrate milestones this week. We praise thee for the life of Gil Webb.** We bless thee for the healings, blessings, and graces thou hast bestowed in response to our prayers. We give thanks to thee for our benefactors. Rejoicing in thy whole creation, may we honor thee with our substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.
ALL: Hear us, O Lord.
- Intercessor* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lynn; Frances; Patricia; Jennifer; Dawn; Mary; Gabriella; Brian; Anna; Brendan; John; Cindy;**
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Abigail; Tonya; Jay, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. **ALL: Hear us, O Lord.**

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially **Danielle Mashtare, John Rybka, Jr., and Judy Sano**, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of **Blessed Harriet Bedell** and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. **ALL: Hear us, O Lord.**

Intercessor And we offer thee, O Lord, in the silence of our hearts, our own thanksgivings, intercessions, and petitions.

A period of silence is kept.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

ALL Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

The Confession

BCP 330

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God,

**ALL Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed
by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.**

**The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may, ever hereafter,
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL Amen.

The Comfortable Words

BCP 332

Celebrant Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

The Peace

BCP 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And with thy spirit.

Please remain in place and offer a quiet verbal or gestural sign of peace.

Offertory sentence

Revelation 4:11, BCP 344

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

Please be seated

The Offertory

Celebrant Blessed art thou, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe,
for through thy goodness we have this bread to offer
which earth hath given, and human hands have made.
It shall become for us ✠ the Bread of Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed art thou, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe,
for through thy goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it shall become for us ✠ our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Please stand as you are able

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,
because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us;
who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man
of the substance of the Virgin Mary, his mother;
that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin,
and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

ALL **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh ✠ in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 334

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless ✠ and sanctify, ✠ with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body ✠ and ✠ Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body ✠ and ✠ Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, ✠ and with whom, ✠ in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ✠ all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

ALL AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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

Our Father who art in heaven,

ALL 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.

The Fraction

BCP 337

Celebrant Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us,

ALL therefore let us keep the feast!

Celebrant Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

ALL have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

ALL have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

ALL grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

ALL We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

BCP 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Please remain at your pew. Holy Communion will be brought to you at your seat. All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body in Holy Communion. Holy Communion is currently administered under one kind only. The consistent and unanimous teaching of the church since its earliest times has been that all the graces and benefits of Holy Communion are received in either form alone.

Act of Spiritual Communion

10:00, if videotaped

Prayed by and on behalf of those who are prevented from receiving Holy Communion in person.

Celebrant I believe in you, Lord Jesus,
ALL **present in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things,
and I long to receive you into my soul.
Though I cannot now receive you in the sacrament,
I pray you to come nonetheless into my heart.
I embrace you and I unite myself to you,
for you are already within me, as I am in you.
Let me never be separated from you. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 339

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God,
ALL **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy
mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and
Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby
of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members
incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of
all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy
everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly
Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that
holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for
us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and
the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you,
scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **ALL: Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth,
fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **ALL: Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth
and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **ALL: Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **ALL: Amen.**

Dismissal

BCP 339

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

Who's Who

Celebrant and Homilist — The Very Rev'd Tom Malioneck

Deacon — The Rev'd Rick Erickson

Server — Mike Sano (10:00)

Crucifer — Ava Cotsonas (8:00)

Altar Guild — Wendy Bopp

Ushers — Wendy Bopp (8:00); TBD (10:00)

Music Ministry — Cathy Morris (10:00)

Videographer — Dave Malsan (10:00)

Counters — Joan Yannacone and Pat Armstrong

What's What

Birthday: *Bonnie Hawley*

MONDAY, January 3

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *Helen Callan*

TUESDAY, January 4

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *John Rybka, Jr.*

COMING SOON

January 9, 2022

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

MASS in person — 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Church

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Deacon — The Rev'd Rick Erickson

Server — Mike Sano (10:00)

Crucifer — Ava Cotsonas (8:00)

Altar Guild — Joan Yannacone

Ushers — Frank Curran (8:00); TBD (10:00)

Music Ministry — Cathy Morris (10:00)

Videographer — Dave Malsan (10:00)

Counters — David Malsan and Wendy Bopp

WEDNESDAY, January 5

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Donation by appointment only. Volunteers are needed to assist visiting volunteers from outside the parish, especially before 2:00 and after 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 6

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE GENTILES
— *Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the church.*

Anniversary: *Father Jacob Evans (ordained Deacon)*

FRIDAY, January 7

Birthday: *Susan DiGrigoli*

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *Judy Sano*

SATURDAY, January 8

Commemoration: Blessed Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969

Birthdays: *Heather Rossman*

What's What

BAPTISM of *Gabriella LaRosa* at the 10:00 Mass.

Birthday: *Margaret Howe*

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *Jon W. Vandenburg*

MONDAY, January 10

Commemoration: Blessed William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1645

Birthday: *Peter Klepeis*

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *Marguerite Virginia ("Ginny") Marion Brown*

TUESDAY, January 11

Birthdays: *Sylvia Kelly; Cynthia Nevins*

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *Lester Mann; Leslie Whitney*

WEDNESDAY, January 12

Commemoration: Saint Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *George William Bickel; James K. Heaney*

THURSDAY, January 13

Commemoration: Saint Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Doctor of the Church, 367

Birthday: *Kylie Watt*

FRIDAY, January 14

Birthdays: *Jim Brignull; Renata Malionek*

SATURDAY, January 15

Fallen asleep in the Lord on this date: *Renee Maxine Withkowski*

SHORT-TERM ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Outside volunteers are handling check-in and registration. We would like to have some Saint Paul's volunteers on hand to help them with site-related issues. Please contact Wendy Bopp.

BE GLAD!

Please return your estimate of anticipated 2022 giving as soon as possible, either on the pledge card or through our secure on-line portal.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be staffed sporadically to check mail and retrieve telephone messages. Please communicate by voice message, e-mail, or using the contact slips outside the door.

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO COPPER COINS

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." ([II Corinthians 9:7](#))

Through E-Z-Tithe, you can make, modify, and discontinue recurring donations or make one-time gifts. [Click here](#) to be cheerful now!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

To donate flowers for the altar on Sunday, read and act on [Matthew 5:21-26](#), then contact the office. The customary donation is \$40. You may bring your donation in person, mail it in, or use our secure on-line giving service at <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/St.Post579>.

VALATIE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

The disciples of Jesus came to him and said, "Send the crowd to buy something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat" ([Mark 6:35-37](#))

Please leave your donation of **prepackaged, sealed, unexpired, non-perishable foods** in the basket in the McNary Center atrium.

Thank you for your generosity. Questions? Contact Wendy or Dan Bopp (dwbopp@hotmail.com or 518-758-8767).

USHERS AND ALTAR GUILD

Don't have two copper coins? Consider serving!

See Father Tom about serving as an usher.

The Altar Guild prepares what we need for worship.

Contact Joan Yannacone at 518-929-3570 or

joanchristmascarol@gmail.com.

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Please use the weekly prayer list in your daily prayers. We pray for, not (even subtly) against anyone and anything.

At Mass and in the Daily Office we lift up those with acute, severe, or urgent needs.

Please keep Fr. Tom informed about progress so we can give thanks for answered prayers.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS NOTIFICATIONS

Report urgent repairs and scheduled preventive maintenance on the form outside the McNary Center door; by e-mail to saintpaulskinderhook@gmail.com; or leave a voice mail at 518-758-6271. Please defer suggestions for improvements and enhancements.

FATHER TOM IS AVAILABLE

to pray with you; to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation; to answer questions; to listen for God with you; to help you sort through your faith; to learn the Church's teachings, practices, and heritage; to help you deepen your faith and prayer life; or simply to accompany you as God shapes you into a more perfect icon of Jesus in the world. Call or send text to 518-755-9716, or e-mail FatherTom15@gmail.com.

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE HAPPY TO PRAY FOR YOU. PLEASE USE THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS located in the narthex or outside the office door, or contact Father Tom with prayer requests by e-mail (FatherTom15@gmail.com) or by phone or text (518-755-9716).

In the Anglican Communion, we are praying for the clergy and people of

- the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- the diocese of Aba Ngwa North, Nigeria
- the diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria
- the diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney, Scotland
- the diocese of Abuja, Nigeria
- the diocese of Abyei, South Sudan
- the diocese of Accra, Ghana

In the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, we are praying

- for the Standing Committee
- for growth in every parish
- for Bishop Smith, our Assisting Bishop
- for the Profile and Search Committee
- for the parish leadership conferences
- for the Episcopal Church
- for the Most Rev'd Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop & Primate
- for the Anglican Communion
- for the Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
- and for the Rev'd Dr. James Jacob, the Rev'd Canon Charles King, Jr., and the Rev'ds Stephen Hart and Denise Bennett

In our church, we pray for

- our clergy
- our wardens, vestry, and committees
- our staff
- the altar guild
- our ushers
- our Buildings & Grounds committee and volunteers

We pray for missions and missionaries, especially the Missions Committee of our Diocese and our mission partners.

Pray for our associated clergy:

the Rev'd Cn. Judith Malioneck (Saint John's, Troy) and the Rev'd Anne Curtin (Healing a Woman's Soul).

We pray for the world and all in authority:

- for the President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court of the United States
- for the leaders of nations and the world
- for the press, media, and all who influence public opinion
- for the Governor, legislators, and jurists of this state
- for the executive, legislative, and judicial authorities of our county, town, and village

We pray for all who are serving in the military, especially

Mackenzie Curtin; Bob Kelly; Hannah Kline; Jeremy Ryan; Joseph Charles Schaeffer; Adrianna Therrien, III; Gold Star mothers; and all families of those in military service.

We pray for all who are at risk by virtue of their labor, and especially for those whose work enables us to enjoy comfort and safety, especially parents and guardians; health care workers; first responders; utility, retail, and transport workers; and we call to mind particularly those unknown to us, who work alone, anonymously, or in obscurity.

For an end to the COVID pandemic, and for healing in body, mind, emotions, soul, circumstances, and relationships of all who have been affected.

We pray travelling mercies for all who will be in transit over the holidays, that they may reach their destination and return safely, speedily, peacefully, and without complication; and that all who work in transportation may enjoy health, patience, compassion, and good humor.

We pray for all who suffer violence, disaster, or tragedy.

We pray for all who toil for the bread they eat;

and for all who are prevented or discouraged from working; and for gratitude and generosity amid economic burdens.

We pray for all who suffer from addictions, for those affected by addiction, and for all who love and care for them, and for all who suffer emotionally, socially, and financially from addiction, especially during the holiday season.

We pray for all who suffer from depression and mental illness, or who are tempted to suicide, especially in winter and around holidays; that the Lord would deliver them from the thoughts and feelings that beset them, provide for them the support,

love, and care that they need, and fill them with healing, peace, and joy.

We ask the Lord to send us exactly the right person to be our new Office Coordinator; to prepare us to welcome them, and to prepare them to serve God in this place.

We lift up in prayer Lynn Adriance; Frances Alessi; Patricia Beaver; Jennifer Browe; Dawn Collins; Sister Mary Elizabeth; Gabriella LaRosa; Brian Morris; Anna Negron; Brendan O'.; John Pledsted; Cindy Rodriguez; Abigail Slattery; Tonya V.; John Winski; Jay Stephen Wood.

We continue to pray for Deborah A.; Joey Andriano; Pat Armstrong; Steve Arnold; Joyce Borrill; Jimmy Calhoun; Elijah Cavagnaro; Susan Cotsonas; Paul & Karen Cullen; Casey Dewey; Jared Dewey; Mary Eckel; Dale Fisher; Carmen Gutto; Hayden Hadwin; Jim Hollister; Margie Howe; Genie Keegan; Laura Lane; John Langenback; Carol Lukas; Alex Malsan; Bonnie Malsan; the Manginelli family; Cynthia Meili; Chrissy Nelson; Dave Nordick; Dick Ouellet; Rosemary Palmquist; Julie Racquet; Euphema Reynolds; Jen Smith; Anne Soika; Kyle Stickle; Shawqi Talia; Nancy White; John Wilson; Alexis; Greg.

We keep in our prayers those who are celebrating milestones today and in the coming week, especially

- *Bonnie Hawley*
- *Father Jacob Evans*
- *Susan DiGrigoli*
- *Heather Rossman*

We pray for our relatives, friends, and all our departed brothers and sisters in the Lord, especially

- *Danielle Mashtare*
- *Helen Callan*
- *John Rybka, Jr.*
- *Judy Sano*

We pray for those who grieve and mourn, especially at this season of the year.

We praise and thank God

- *for the life of Gil Webb*
- *for healings, relief, and blessings in response to prayer*
- *for our fellow laborers in the Lord*
- *and for our benefactors*

SEASONAL AND OCCASIONAL PRAYERS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND HOME USE

A Prayer in Time of Transition in the Diocese of Albany

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for this, your diocese of Albany. Inspire and sustain us in this time of transition. Incline our hearts to do your will, and so direct us in your ways that the leader you are raising up to be our Bishop will find here joyful disciples, making disciples, united in faith, unflinching in hope, and steeped in mutual charity.

In your mercy, accept our repentance, and grant us peace; look with patience on our enthusiasms; and pour rich gifts and grace upon all who are entrusted with the ongoing work of your church; so that, with diligence and charity, we may discern correctly and walk righteously in your ways.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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