

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Millington, NJ
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 2022 10:00 am

The Service of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider We are the body of Christ.

People **In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**

Presider Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

People **and builds up our common life.**

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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ROBERT POWELL

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Nehemiah. *read by Sean Ragiel* NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *sung by cantors Bill Smullen and Alison Siener Brown*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *

- the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

read by Leigh Gillespie

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

LUKE 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

The Nicene Creed

**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.

Offertory Anthem

Sing a New Song
All Saints Virtual Choir

Michael Praetorius

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

led by Janet Gibbs

BCP, p. 392

Prayer requests can be placed in the chat function of Zoom.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Archbishop Justin; for Presiding Bishop Michael; for our Bishop Carlye; for Vicki, our Rector, and Shawn, our Priest Associate; for the Community of St. John Baptist and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for our parish ministries, especially our Finance Committee; and our civic organizations, especially the teachers and students of Watchung Hills Regional High School and those on our parish prayer list, especially Barbara Erday; George; Patti Harris; Flo Kostecka, Susan LeVan; Jean Betty Magee; Trish Raymond; Jim Young, are there others _____?

*Prayer requests can be placed in the chat function of Zoom
or spoken aloud during the prayers.*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for our parishioners Kathy Bousquet, Jennifer; Nancy & Rob Brigham; Joe Burke; Jeanne & Shawn Carty; and Kimberly & Wayne Celeste, Angela, Julia & Elena, and for all God's blessings which we now name _____.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, Suzanne Traub and Maeve Lynskey and that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; especially those we those whom we name; _____.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Silence*)

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider concludes with an absolution

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 Lord's Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

**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.**

The Peace *Please unmute on Zoom to the exchange
of the Peace with one another.*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Concluding Prayers

For the Unity of the Church

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, even as thou and he are one: Grant that thy Church, being bound together in love and obedience to thee, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom thou didst send, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** ~ *BCP, p. 204*

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ~ *BCP, p. 832*

The Blessing

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to do kindness. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, One God who creates us, redeems us, and stirs heart and soul be upon you and remain with you this day and forever. **Amen.**

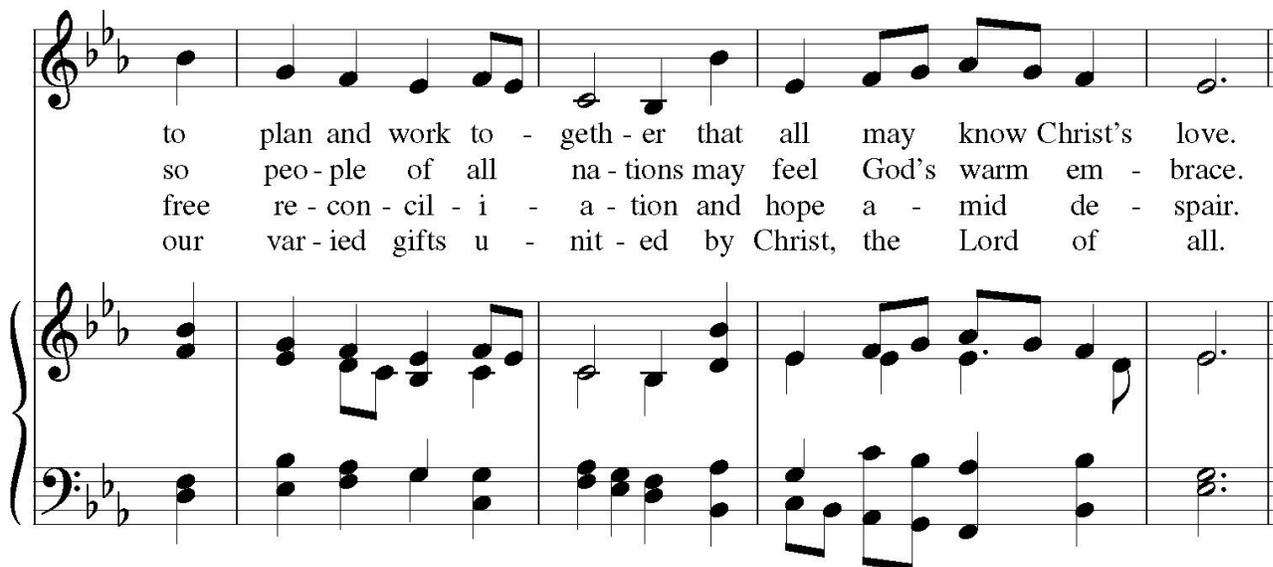
Recessional Hymn, *We all are one in mission*

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1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
 4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

The Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind, empowered by the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Parish Calendar

Daily - Compline (Bedtime Prayers), 9:30 pm on Facebook Live

Sunday - Narnia Book Club, 4:00 pm on Zoom

Wednesday, 1/26 - Bible Study, 10:15 am on Zoom

Thursday, 1/27 – Office Angels Chat, 11:00 am on Zoom

Thursday, 1/27 - All Saints' Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Monday, 1/31 - Food Pantry Meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom

*Parish Office open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am to 5:00 pm;
 please be sure to wear a mask when you come to the office.*

All Saints' Announcements

January 23, 2022



Thank you for worshiping with us today. If our service has ministered to you, please consider making a donation to All Saints'. You can scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone to use online giving, or go to our website. We depend on the donations to fund our ministries and mission. Thanks!

Twelve Baskets Food Pantry News – Our first open day was Saturday, Jan 22 from 10am-12noon in the Parish Hall of All Saints'. We serve the Long Hill Township/Watchung Hills School district area (including Warren, Watchung, and Green Brook). This is a collaborative ministry with First Presbyterian Church of Stirling and the Meyersville Presbyterian Church, along with other community volunteers. The flier and information about donations are on the Outreach page of our website. **The regular schedule is the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month: Feb 5 & 19; as well as emergency appointments.** Volunteers are scheduled and organized using the Sign-up Genius app. *Please pray for the success and faithfulness of this ministry in reaching those struggling with food insecurity.*

Bible Study – Six Models of the Church: We are looking at a variety of New Testament passages that describe and define models and metaphors for understanding what the Church is and what it is meant to be, and the ways these models all complement each other. The group meets Wednesdays at 10 am on Zoom. Please email allsaints_rector@hotmail.com for the link. This is a great time to get started with Bible reading and understanding.