



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
2018 DEWITT TERRACE,
LINDEN, NJ 07036**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 21, 2024**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CELEBRANT - THE REV. ANGIE CIPOLLA

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Prof. Richard Alston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays: Genevieve LaForge - 1/6

Eileen TiamFook - 1/16

Richard Alston - 1/17 - Goldie Bronson - 1/18

Vestry Meeting

Vestry Meeting, after service, today.

Annual Meeting January 28, 2024

The Annual Meeting will happen on January 28, 2024 in person following the Holy Eucharist. Deadline to get all reports to Peggy is January 21st!!!!

Year End Donation Statements - Check Your Email!!!

To get the statements out quickly, I have emailed the statements to anyone who had an offering envelope booklet if I have your email address. Please check your email (also check your Spam folder).

Offering Envelope Books

If you have not received an Offering Envelope Book or would like to receive one, please contact Amanda Thorn.

Women's Group News

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be on Thursday, February 29th.

Mother Angie can be reached at 908-986-3354 or
MotherAngie.StJohn.Linden@gmail.com.

Parish Office Hours from September thru June: Mon thru Fri - 9AM to 12
Noon. Please call 908-925-1535 before coming.

Sanctuary Lamp - \$10 & Flowers: \$25 - please send payment two weeks prior
when requesting a Sunday & call/email the office two weeks prior to date of
requested Sunday.

Hymns are located in the blue *Hymnal 1982*, or when specified (“O”) in the red hymnal, *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism*.

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SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild:	Kathie Simon & Jacqueline Hooper
Acolyte:	Nancy Wall
Readers:	
1 st Reading& Psalm:	Patricia St. Clair
2 nd Reading & Prayers of the People:	Marcel Vaughn Handy
Usher:	Barbaranne DiMarco
Greeter:	Carolynne Baykowski
Eucharistic Minister:	Amanda Thorn
Videographer	Howard Whitmore

Vestry

Howard Whitmore, Sr. Warden	Marcel Vaughn-Handy, Jr. Warden
Carolynne Baykowski	Barbaranne DiMarco
Patricia St. Clair	Amanda Thorn
Elaine Sugzda	Nancy Wall

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL *"O ZION HASTE, THY MISSION HIGH FULFILLING"* **HYMN #539**

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Celebrant and People: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE: *"SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE"* **HYMN #408**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529;

adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel
des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm Psalm 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The people stand

“O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE”

HYMN #660

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We, who are disciples of Christ in our time, join in prayer for his Church, and for all people, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”

As you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling. Your loving purpose was before all ages; let it not fail through those who are your Church in this generation.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Come with your powerful love to those who have not heard your call or have failed to answer it. Draw the mighty and the humble of the world to follow where Jesus has led.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

May our homes be radiant with your presence through our love and hospitality to others. Help us to do our daily work knowing that it is part of our calling to be your disciples.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to the suffering the comfort of your presence. Help us to enrich the lives of those with whom we live and work, in the way the disciples were enriched by their call to serve you.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We Offer our prayers for those on our parish prayer list this morning....

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those whose faith was confirmed to the end. May they be joyful in the life that was prepared for them from the beginning.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, for all bishops, priests, deacons and all leaders in your church, that that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you, we pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

God of every land and nation, you have created all people and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

The Congregation Stands As Able

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

People: *And also with you.*

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BCP p. 830 #50

For an Anniversary

O Lord, our God, you have given us all good things for our salvation. You commanded us to love one another and to bear with one another's weakness. You yourself are the lover of humankind. To these your servants who love each other in the love of the Spirit grant eternal devotion and true love. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord. *Amen.*

(Based on Eastern Rite prayer of 9th or 10th Century)

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* BCP p. 831 #53

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"TOTAL PRAISE"

***THE PRIEST GOES TO THE COMMUNION RAIL TO RECEIVE THE OFFERINGS
AND BREAD AND WINE.***

OFFERTORY HYMN:

SOON AND VERY SOON"

HYMN #0598

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

HYMN #S129

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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people kneel as able.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now Gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

<p><i>People and Celebrant:</i> 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.</p>	<p>Padre Nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos A los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.</p>
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The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

“LAMB OF GOD”

HYMN #S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *Christ Church Cathedral Oxford (Church of England)*

For those who prefer not to receive Holy Communion and for those participating through Facebook Live and Zoom, we shall pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock. You wait for me and only I can let you in. I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with presence. Since I cannot receive the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, spiritually feed me with your body and unite me in your blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: **“DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND”** **HYMN #652**
MEDITATION HYMN: **“THANK YOU, LORD**

- v1. Thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
- v2. Been so good,
been so good,
been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
- v3. Been my friend,
been my friend,
been my friend,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

The Prayer After Communion *(Enriching Our Worship)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us
with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

Now send us forth

**in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing (*Enriching Our Worship*)

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

"I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS"

HYMN #0398

The Dismissal