



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

28 January 2024

10:15 a.m.

Voluntary *Prelude in F, Set 1, No. 1*

Charles Villiers Stanford

Hymn 51

Decatur Place

Opening Sentences & Collect for Purity

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

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

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.**

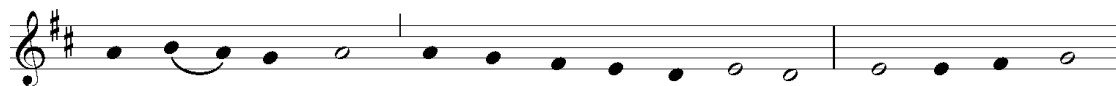
The Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-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.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the Lord replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1. Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
2. Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
3. His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
4. He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
5. He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6. He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.
7. The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
8. They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

9. He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader A reading from First Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 536

Torah Song

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The presider introduces the prayers

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayers to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war anymore. We pray for Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and for the safety of those who serve our country and those who protect our communities. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop; for our companion diocese of Brasilia and their bishop, Mauricio; for the Diocese of Haiti, and St. Andre's, Mithon. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service to others in the name of Christ. We pray for all peacemakers and for those who seek justice, including those we name now, either silently or aloud.... O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in need that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. We pray for those who live in fear and confusion: for the people of war-torn countries and for all migrants and refugees. We pray that all barriers, including the wall surrounding Bethlehem, may come down. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those assembled here today and all who find community here, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth to be his hands and heart in the world. We give thanks for all those who find community here and for those we have yet to meet. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those commended to our prayers, including **John & Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Pam Ogorzaly, Paul Roberts, Carol Helgerman, Ginny Hull, John Howland, Sue Eichhorn, Pequita Behrndt, Don Nead, Barbara Hess, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Janet Huber, Carolyn Speer, Kathie Basden, Ben & Judy, Jerry, Sandra, Carole, Lynn, and their families**, and for all others that we name now either silently or aloud.... May we wait faithfully upon God in hope and confidence. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, those buried in our Memorial Garden, and for those we now name either silently or aloud.... May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Presider continues

We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of all power and love, we give you thanks for calling us to your service, for the hope you provide in times of uncertainty, and for your unfailing presence. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Unite us, the people of St. John's Church, in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

-Adapted from A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people, and they respond

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Tuba Tune in D Major*

C.S. Lang

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Jason Fortner
Preacher	Bradley Pace
MC	Kathy Johnson
Acolyte	George Moore
Lectors	Sally Hastings, Shawn Hoffer
LEM	Kyle Tribbett, Samantha LeGrand
Ushers	Bruce Johnson, Ray Polstra
Counters	Rachel Shook, Bill Kealey
Altar Guild	Dorinda Kueberth, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Linda Jeffries, Robert Kurtz



Welcome

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.

We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. **We also offer nursery care during the service.** If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

St. John's has a Hearing Loop system, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

New To St. John's?

We're glad you're here.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the church, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit stjohns-laf.org/guest or use the QR code.



Parish Announcements

Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the Altar are given this week as a thank offering.

Forward Day by Day

The new forward Day by Day booklets for the months of February, March and April are available at the back of the church and at the parish office.

The 2024 St. John's Annual Meeting is TODAY

The St. John's Annual Meeting is TODAY after the 10:15 a.m. service. Please plan to stay after the service for brunch and the meeting. Annual Reports are also available in St. John's Commons or at www.stjohns-laf.org.

Children & Youth Activities in the Bishop's Parlor

TODAY during the Annual Meeting

Calling all youth of St. John's! Eat first, then come to the Bishop's Parlor during the annual meeting for fun activities. We will look back over the past year and plan for the year to come. Bring all your ideas and fast reflexes because when we're done, we will have several rounds of prize-winning bingo! I hope to see you there.

Support the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Purdue—Volunteer for Sunday meals!

The Purdue Campus Ministry is inviting St. John's folks to help prepare dinner for our students on Sunday nights. The church can pay for the ingredients (save your receipts!). Hilary Cooke, the Episcopal Campus Minister at Purdue, can help navigate recipes to address dietary concerns. For more information, contact Hilary at hilary@goodshep.org or sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AABAA22A5F49-47019083-esaspring#/.](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AABAA22A5F49-47019083-esaspring#/)

Eclectic Celts Imbolc, St. Brigid's Day, and Candlemas Service

February 1, 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

The Eclectic Celts group of St. John's and Good Shepherd will be having a combined celebration of Imbolc, St. Brigid's Day, and Candlemas: Thursday, February 1, 6:30 pm, at St. John's. All are welcome.

Reunification Discernment Listening Sessions

Next session, February 1 at 7 p.m.

The Diocese of Indianapolis and Northern Indiana are in conversation about ways we can coordinate our ministries moving forward. Share potential benefits you see, concerns you have, and dreams you hold for the Episcopal Church in Indiana. Go to www.episcopalindiana.org/events to sign up for a listening session. All meetings are held via Zoom. The next listening session will be February 1 at 7 p.m.

Sacred Ground Series Resumes

Beginning February 7

Sacred Ground is an 11-week video and reading series designed for people that are looking to deepen their commitment to the Beloved Community. Sessions are held online, and both the series and materials are provided at no charge. Sacred Ground is open to all. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divisions confronting us today. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/2vrvt4us>.

Wednesday Evening Book Group at Good Shepherd

The book's next book is *The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve: The Story That Created Us*, by Stephen Greenblatt. Several copies are available at Good Shepherd. The group will discuss the first half of the book Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. The group will discuss the second half on Wednesday, March 13. If you have questions, please contact Mark Thomas at mark@goodshep.org.

Parish Prayer List

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For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine; for hostages and all innocent civilians in harm's way; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities.

For those who have died—For all who have died, including those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

The leaders of our Communion—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian—The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and Peace Church, Rockport

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and Erin, our mayors



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