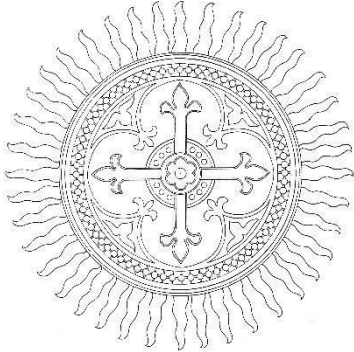


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10.30 a.m. • Feb 13th, 2022

A Note to Guests and Newcomers to the Episcopal Church

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion from the Lord's Table. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about this sacrament, please contact one of the clergy. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest. Guests are expected and welcome! For your convenience, we offer Nursery Care for children 3 years old and younger. The nursery is located in the adjacent education building, and at the end of the hall on your left. Also, children's activity bags are available in the back of the church.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

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The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

Opening Canticle, *Gloria in excelsis* (said by all in unison)

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 sins 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;

it is perverse--
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Remain seated. The psalm will be sung by solists.

The Response: Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

All stand. The children are invited to come forward and process to the children's chapel.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Deonna D. Neal

The Nicene Creed

All stand, saying together:

**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 (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda and Brian, our bishops; and Deonna our priest. **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joseph our President; Kay, our Governor; and Steven, our Mayor. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for all the members of the discernment committee charged with finding our next rector. We also pray for all those serving in the Armed Forces. We pray for our companion parish of Espiritu Santo in Tela, Honduras. We pray for all first responders and all healthcare personnel. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for, _____. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died. Especially, _____. Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The Celebrant says this concluding Collect.

Almighty and Eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People and Celebrant say together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The celebrant will say an offertory sentence. The people sit while the altar is being prepared.

Voluntary

Vocalise

Mark Anthony Cruz after J.S. Bach

All stand to sing.

Doxology

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*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

The People stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and after a period of silence says

People Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together, kneeling as you are able

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand for the retiring procession.

Hymn 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

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Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Servers

Acolytes: Holden Habermacher, Brett Westhauser, Helen Johnston, Thomas Lawlor, Sara Johnston

Lector and Intercessor: Rich Anderson, Nick Prillaman

Eucharistic Ministers: Leale McCall, Kat Dailey, William Haynes

Ushers/Greeters: William Haynes, Dudley Perry, Debbie Schremser, Margaret Ann Selman

Altar Guild: Ashley Hamlett

Flower Delivery Team: Sandy and Stanley Marks, Maria Pacheco, Nancy Buzard

Videographer: Scott Mitchell

Instrumentalists: Robby Gibson, *guitar*; Robert Scott, *flute*; Alexei Romanenko, *cello*; David Simpson, *bassoon*.

Altar Flowers given in memory of: Clifford A. Lanier, Mary Seibels Ball Lanier, Philippa Ball Stratford, Minnie Louise Lanier, Clifford Lanier, Sr., Mary Seibels Lanier Branch

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: George Benner, Elizabeth Via Brown, Delia Cerpa, Mark Chappell, Martha Fitzpatrick, Georgia Holmes, Karen Jarrell, Leslie Little, Christopher Marshall, Richard McCrory, Eddie McDowell, Marilyn Pickett, Shirley Price, Carrie Shaw, Sarah Stone, Fred Tyson.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Ramsey Ashmore, Frances Bryan, Joe Carter, Arthur Femenella, Sr., Frank, Steve Harding, Valerie Kemper, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, James Paine, Lavada Person, Andy Pritchard, Debbie Steindorff.

We pray for one who has died, James Hodges Van Dis., nephew of Chuck Moore.
Rest Eternal, Grant unto him, O Lord. And may Light perpetual shine upon him.

Announcements

Adult Formation Spring 2022: On Grief and Grieving: Finding the Meaning of Grief through the Five Stages of Loss. Deonna continues to lead a class on grief and the grieving process at 9.15 am in the Parish Hall. The young adults are also studying the book, but they meet separately. They meet in the Loft over the kitchen.

Loving Spoonfuls Soup Sales: The St. John's cooking crew is hard at work preparing delicious soups for sale. Soups will be for sale in the parish house after 10:30am service today. Pints: \$6 Quarts: \$12 Proceeds will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

February In-Gathering: We are gathering new and gently used purses, as well as regular size shampoo and conditioner to give to AIM (Aid to inmate Mothers). We will be collecting these items throughout February. Please bring all donations to the church office.

EYC Super Bowl Party: The EYC (7th-12th grades) will meet tonight at 5:30pm on the 3rd floor for a Super Bowl party and Valentine cookie making!

Club 56: Club 56 (5th & 6th grade) will meet on Feb. 27th at 5:30pm at Go Karting Montgomery. We'll ride go-karts, play laser tag and mini golf; don't miss it!! RSVP to sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

St. John's Breakfast Needs Your Help: Calling the men of the church. Do you want to join our band of brothers and help cook Sunday morning breakfast? No experience necessary, just enthusiasm. Richard Bradford leads a lean and mean group of men who prepare Sunday morning breakfast, and they would like to expand their group. For more info, call Richard at 334-201-4431.

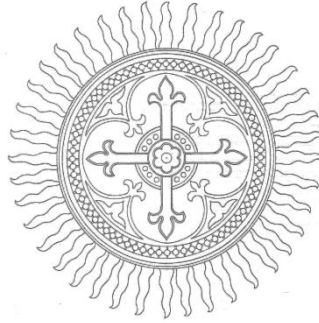
Baptism, Confirmation or Reception: If you are an adult interested in baptism, confirmation or reception, please let Deonna know: deonna@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

Paperless Statements: You can now receive your quarterly statements electronically. You may access them from the My STJ link on the St. John's website. Anyone who does not have an email address in the database will receive a paper copy. Questions? Contact Heather at heather@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

New St. John's Website and App! St. John's website has a fresh new look. Check it out at www.stjohnsmontgomery.org. We also have an app. You can find the app from your device's app store, by searching: St. John's Episcopal Church.

Cursillo: Cursillo weekends are resuming! Cursillo is a 3-day weekend at wonderful, wonderful Camp McDowell during which lay people and clergy share their experiences and perspective on a variety of topics related to the love of God, the Christian life and community. It's an amazing weekend. The 2022 Cursillo weekends are: April 21-24, June 9-12, September 8-11, October 20-23. If you would like to attend, please let the church office know.

Lenten Speaker Series on Mental Health and Spiritual Wellness: On the Wednesday nights in Lent, March 9th through April 6th, starting at 6pm, St. John's will be hosting a speaker series which focuses on mental health and spiritual wellness. We have a great lineup of mental health professionals and spiritual leaders lined up. Please save the dates and tell your friends!



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The Right Reverend Brian N. Prior, *Assisting Bishop*
The Reverend Dr. Deonna D. Neal, *Interim Rector*
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