

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17th, 2021

PRELUDE.....Ann Klein, Music Director

THE ANGELUS

The Angelus is a traditional Christian devotion offered before Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is usually accompanied by the ringing of the church bell (in three sets of three for each versicle, response, and Hail Mary, followed by one set of nine for the concluding prayer). You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.

The first three bells



V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,
R. *And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.

The second three bells

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. *Be it unto me according to your word.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The third three bells

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. *And dwelled among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The nine bells



V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN.....*I, the Lord of sea and sky*



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



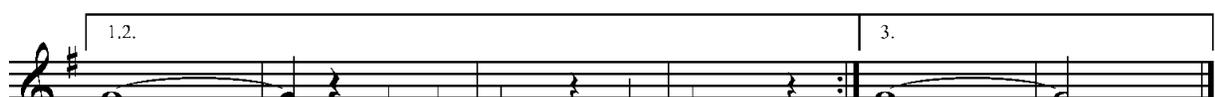
Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my



heart. _____ heart. _____

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE (from *Casa del Sol Morning Prayer*, David Poole)

A - wake, a - wake, your light has come. A -
 G D C D em
 wake, a - wake, my soul, O my soul. A

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING (read by Mary Kate Davidson).....1 Samuel 3:1-20

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the

boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*) *Psalm 139:1-5,13,16-17*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and | **known me**; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from a|**far**.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my | **resting-places** *
and are acquainted with all my | **ways**.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my | **lips**, *
but you, O Lord, know it alto|**gether**.
- 4 You press upon me behind and be|**fore** *
and lay your hand u|**pon me**.
- 5 Such knowledge is too | **wonderful for me**; *
it is so high that I cannot at|**tain to it**.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost | **parts**; *
you knit me together in my mother's | **womb**.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously | **made**; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it | **well**.
- 14 My body was not | **hidden from you**, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the | **earth**.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O | **God**! *
how great is the | **sum of them**!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the | **sand**; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like | **yours**.

THE EPISTLE (read by Charles LaBarre).....1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL..... John 1:43-51



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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

THE SERMON.....The Rev. Matthew Wright

THE NICENE CREED (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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 (*led by Lynn Riley*)

Dear friends in Christ, let us join together our hearts and our minds, offering our prayers to the God of all creation.

We pray for the universal Church in all of its many expressions. In our Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, we pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; for the bishops of this Diocese, Andy, Allen, and Mary; for our priests, Susan and Matthew; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mission of the Church, that Christ's love would reach out through our hearts and hands, bringing transformation, healing, justice, and peace to our world. We pray especially for the work of our Ministry Teams; for our wardens, Sue and Tress; and our vestry members, Lynn, Joe, Sean, Bill, and Claudia. God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation, for the healing of our divisions; for Donald our President and Joe our President-Elect; for our Congress and all those in elected leadership; that as a people we may honor the dignity of every human being, seeking and serving Christ in all persons. God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all creation, for life in all its forms. We pray especially for those who suffer under conditions of war, poverty, and environmental devastation, and we commit ourselves to work for the healing of the world we share. God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community, for the towns of Woodstock, West Hurley, Phoenicia, Saugerties, and Kingston, for our town councils and elected officials, and for the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, that together we may serve the common good. God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer list: Tim & Chrissy, Alex & Kaela, Gary & Marge, Lorraine, Phyllis, Marcus, Eric, Barbara, Trevor, Robin, Bill, James, Theo, Charlotte, Bob, Olive, Doris, Linda, Caleb Francis, Matthew, Charles, Cara, Ford, Patty, Chris, Erica, Paul, Zachary, Heather, Ilfra, Anna & Emmett, Tress, Gini, Amy, and Chloe Rose. God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, especially Allan Duane. May we know with a sure and certain faith that they are held in the Heart of God, and that nothing and no one can fall outside of God's love. God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant then invites all to join in saying

**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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**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 Priest 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may be made.

OFFERTORY CHANT

You are be - loved for God is love, You are be -
- loved of God. You are be - loved for
God is love, for God is love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

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. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Longing now to gather again at your table and to share the meal he shared with us, we pray in union with all your Church:

All join the Celebrant in praying

O Lord, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered for the sake of the world, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you now ourselves, our souls and bodies, with the desire that we may ever be united to you. And since we cannot receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts; cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. Amen.

A brief silence follows.

THE BLESSING.....The Rev. Susan Auchincloss

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....*I have called you by your name*
(see next page)



1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
4. I have giv - en you a name, it is mine;



I have gift - ed you and ask you now to shine.
read it writ - ten in my peo - ple, help them grow.
feel it puls - ing in cre - a - tion's ebb and flow.
I have giv - en you my Spir - it as a sign.



I will not a - ban - don you; all my prom - is - es are
Pour the wa - ter in my name, speak the word your soul can
Like the wo - man reach - ing out, choos - ing faith in spite of
With my won - der in your soul, make my wound - ed chil - dren



true. You are gift - ed, called, and chos - en; you are mine.
claim, of - fer Je - sus' bod - y giv - en long a - go.
doubt, hold the hem of Je - sus' robe, then let it go.
whole; go and tell my prec - ious peo - ple they are mine.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**