

# The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

February 19, 2023

8:45 & 11:00am



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

# St. John in the Wilderness

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## Mission Statement

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in his name.*

## **Welcome and Reminders**

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## **Reminders for Worship**

- Masks are recommended but not required.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

**PRELUDE:** Preludes on “Hyfrydol”

Charles Callahan

**Welcome & Announcements**

Fr. Josh Stephens

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** No. 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

*Wareham*

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair of glo - ry  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Acclamation & Response

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

*People* **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.**

## GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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 Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson:** Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 2

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \*  
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

## Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

**GRADUAL HYMN:** No. 129 Christ upon the mountain peak

*Monsley*

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!  
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

*All remain standing as the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

**The Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Fr. Josh Stephens

*After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.*

**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**

God has called us out of darkness into the glorious Light of the Son. Let us therefore pray that this Light of Christ may shine more and more in our lives, in the Church, and in our world, by saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church and its ministry to the world: for the ministries of our parishioners, our vestry and our staff; for José, our bishop, Josh, our rector, Ian, our curate, and Sandy, our deacon; for all lay and ordained ministers throughout your church in whom the Light of Christ shines.

Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in influence, especially Joseph, our president, for congress, the courts, for state and local officials, and for an end to war and oppression.

Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have not heard the Good News of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forgotten or struggled in their faith.

Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of violence, injustice, and discrimination, for the poor, the hungry, and those who are afraid.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, and those who care for them, for the dying and the bereaved, and for those who need our prayers, especially Joanne, Dottie, Tom and Anna, Gene, Belle, Dana, Jim, Patsy, Jan, Emily, Creighton and Louise, John, Mary, Martha, Gail, Christopher, Marge, and Anna.

*The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the fellowship of the saints: for the saints on earth whose work continues and for those who have died in Christ and are now at rest, especially David Kinsey.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

### **A Prayer for Those Celebrating**

**Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries in February**

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*Included in our prayers are those visited by our Homebound Ministry who have birthdays this month: Traci Tindal and Adam Sherrill.*

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray on your servants who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** 8:45 A Simple Air

Eric Thiman

11:00 Jesus, on the Mountain Peak

Michael Burkhardt

Text by Brian Wren

Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising:  
Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the Prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting:  
Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder:  
Alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of every nation,

hear and heed him, everyone; sing, with earth and all creation,  
Alleluia!

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

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.\_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People* **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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

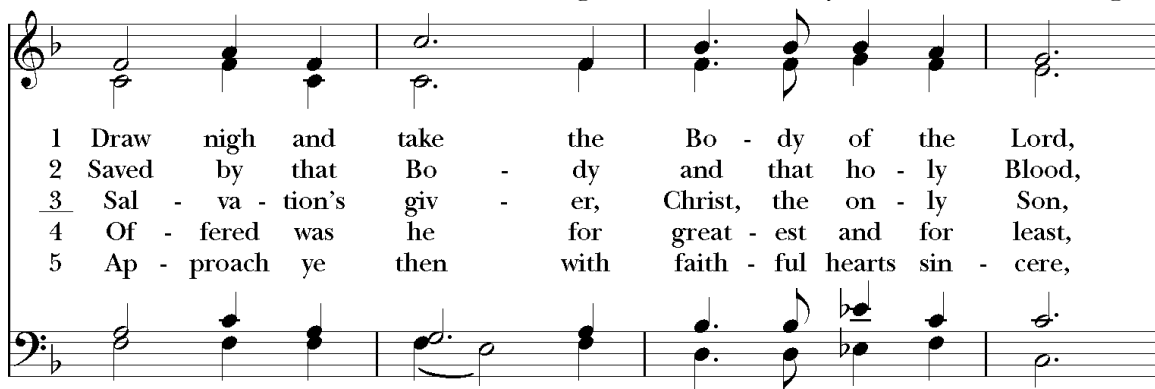
*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. All are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able. If you would rather not receive Communion, you are invited to still come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to indicate for the priest to bless you.*

*If you are receiving Communion, please do one of three things when you kneel: 1.) Most traditionally, place one hand in the palm of the other and receive the Body of Christ which you consume immediately. When the chalice comes around, guide it to your lips and drink directly from the chalice. 2.) To receive Communion in one kind*

(the bread alone), simply receive the bread as described above and when the chalice comes around, cross both arms over your chest. 3.) If you would like to practice intinction, upon arriving at the altar rail, place one arm diagonally across your chest until the priest notices your preference, then put one hand in the palm of the other to receive Communion. The priest will intinct for you and then place the Body and Blood of Christ in the palm of your hands. A gluten-free option is available upon request.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** No. 328 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord Song 46



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with five numbered lines of text. The lyrics are: 1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord, 2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood, 3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son, 4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least, 5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

### **Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts  
 that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's  
 body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

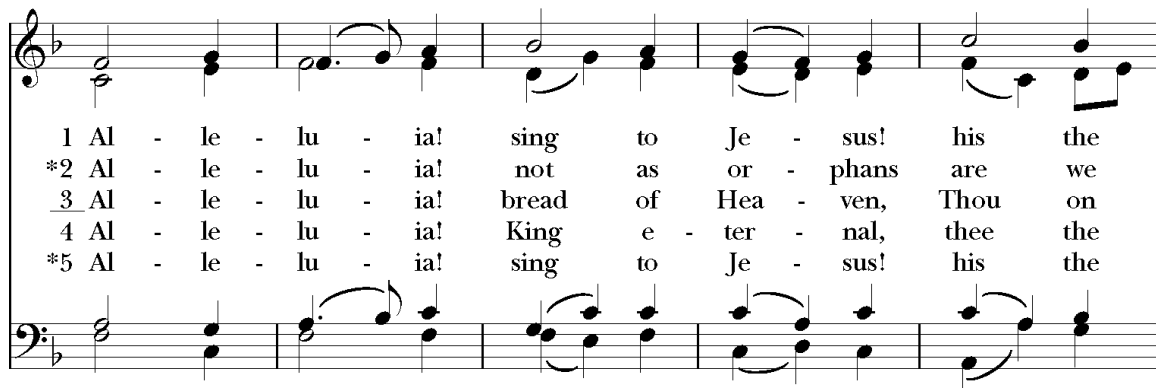


with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

DISMISSAL HYMN: No. 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus

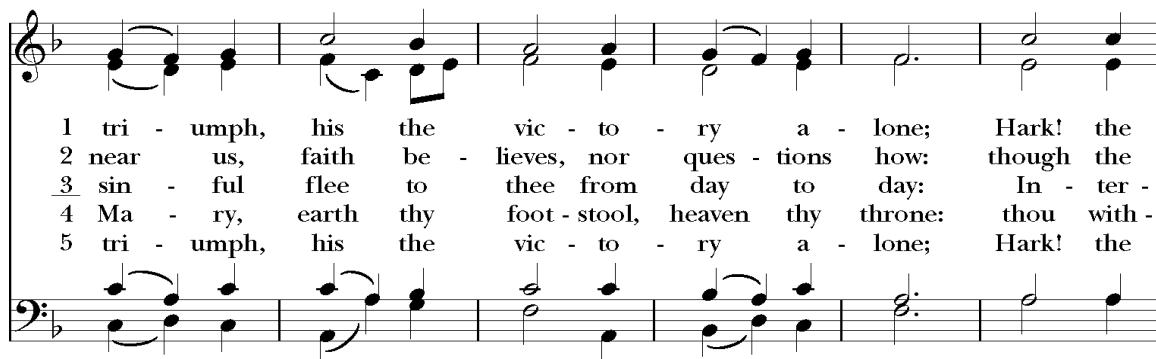
*Hyfrydol*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

## The Dismissal

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Joanne Adams, Dottie Dalzell, Tom and Anna Joiner, Gene Banks, Belle and Dana Welk, Jim Chestnut, Patsy Boehmer, Jan Knapp, Emily Everhope, Creighton and Louise McShane, John Flowers, Mary McCarty, Martha Stevenson, Gail Sanders, Christopher Carlson, Marge Smith, and Anna Kinsey.

**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Duane and Peggy McKibbin, by Bill McKibbin.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors** share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Homebound Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Margaret Barker, Katherine Gee, Michelle Geiser, Lori Griswold, E.R. Haire, Mary McCarty, Beth Miller, and Dick Zecher.

**To our visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

	<b>February 19, 2023</b>		<b>February 26, 2023</b>	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Danielle Pharr Mark Delk	Mark Delk Lori Griswold	Sandra Jeffery	E.R. Haire, Jr.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mary Shelton	Julianna Savage	Margaret Barker	Abby Stephens
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Tanner Jim Spry	Tony Huntsinger Bettie Orr	Bob & Jodi Sundeen	Hilton Swing Tom Savage
<b>Greeters</b>	Bonni Spry Judy Petersen	Carmen & Ned Curtis	Lynne Miller Judy Petersen	Patty Vint
<b>Cart Driver</b>	Marlin Sanders	Tom Savage	Jill Owen	Scott Bell
<b>Videography</b>	N/A	David Christenbury	N/A	Tom Griswold
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cathryn Harrell BJ McKee Michael Jeffery ( <i>Brass</i> )	Lynn & Julianna Savage	Carol Sims Lynne Miller Gibson Sims ( <i>Brass</i> )	Susan Gibbs Lisa Wills
<b>Opening Gatekeeper</b>	BJ McKee & George Grzenda		BJ McKee & George Grzenda	
<b>Closing Gatekeeper</b>	Jerry Holt		Jerry Holt	
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Elaine Howe		Carol Sims	

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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9am-4pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

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### 2024

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Marisa Pharr

Kim Sanders

Clint Adams

### 2025

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Patrice German

Jerry Holt

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